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...to the latest edition of The Dirt Digger...2021 is already proving itself to be action-packed!

This issue, we'll be featuring:

- 12d Technical Forum 2021 update
- Innovation Awards deadline extended
- 12d Synergy case study: Byrne Consulting
- COVID-19 update

We look forward to hearing any <u>feedback</u> or news you might have!

Regards,

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12d Tech Forum 2021

As promised, here are the full details for our biggest online event yet...the <u>12d Tech Forum 2021</u>!

When: **Tuesday 19th-Thursday 21st October 2021** Where: Virtual event (connect from anywhere) Price: Free (Industry Pass), up to A\$149 +GST

From grads to seasoned pros and executives, the **12d Tech Forum** is an open training opportunity where you'll learn everything from perspective-shattering innovations to time-saving tidbits - and everyone is welcome!

To tailor the event to your training experience, you'll be able to access two different event passes:

Training Pass: PAID - Full Event and 12 Months On-Demand Access

Industry Pass: FREE - Restricted Keynote Access

From now until 11:59PM on 31st July, we'll be offering special Early Bird pricing of A\$99 +GST (34% OFF) for the complete Training Pass. Don't miss out! Purchase now.

We also have additional discounts for bulk ticketing

purchases (up to 44% off) so your entire team can attend the event. To learn more and take advantage of the Early Bird pricing, click <u>here</u>.

The event will be available both live and on-demand, so it doesn't have to take people 'out of the office' for 3 days. All content from the event will be available to watch on-demand for 12 months after the event from within the platform, and can be watched as part of staff learning and development out of hours – anywhere, anytime.

The **12d Tech Forum** will host 40+ hours of sessions, from inspiring industry keynotes and project case studies, to actionable training content. With talks tailored for engineering & construction professionals - not just 12d operators.

We're aiming for this online event to be as close to the real thing as possible, including spaces to network online for those who can be there live, Open doors, build relationships and meet like-minded individuals through virtual networking with the 12d community, industry leaders and the founders & developers of 12d software.

You'll be able to deep-dive into 100+ technical training sessions with a mixture of content for beginner, intermediate and super users. There'll be five 'Birds of a Feather' streams of Design, Survey, Water, Data Management, and Training. Learn actionable skills and knowledge to take your projects to the next level.

So don't miss out on being among the first to hear about the exclusive announcements and see the new features coming in 12d Model 15 and 12d Synergy 5. Receive a rare insight into the future development of 12d software from the founders themselves!

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12d Innovation Awards 2021

We've also extended the deadline for our 2021 Innovation Awards, to align with the new event dates. You've now got until 11:59pm on Sunday 15th August to complete all entries.

Thank you to those who've already submitted your entries! If you need to make changes to those, let us know, or if you have more ideas, keep 'em coming!

PLEASE NOTE: We have personally reached out by email to all those from whom we received entries; if you didn't receive this email, we may not have your entry, so please resend to innovation@12d.com.

sharing inefficiencies.

12d Synergy solved this. We were able to quickly and easily adapt to the COVID workplace restrictions, enabling efficient operations across remote locations and home offices."

Automated Quality Control

12d Synergy enabled Byrne to integrate their offices into a common data environment. This gave them a secure network with a digital audit trail of any updates and changes from all their data: everything from CAD files to Word documents. 12d Synergy's enforced folder structures and file naming also enabled Byrne to implement and retain standardised



Byrne Consultants' Complete Business Solution

Byrne Consultants is an Australian civil engineering consultancy with 40 staff across their Darwin and Gold Coast offices. Founded fifteen years ago, Byrne manage a large range of projects from small rural roads to major highway upgrades. They handle everything from concept

design to detailed design, and support contractors in the construction administration space.

Byrne faced the challenge of

managing and sharing data across their Darwin and Gold Coast offices; over 3400km in distance.

Their large datasets - particularly CAD and 12d Model projects - restricted their ability to efficiently collaborate across both offices.

They adopted a user-dependent system to manually file and track their data, but this quickly became challenging at the expense of productive and profitable workflows.

As Byrne Consultants' Senior Civil Draftsperson, Kerrie Signorini, explains: "Working across the two offices was challenging with a number of data QA protocols between both their offices to avoid duplicated, misnamed and misplaced documents.

Collaborative Mobility

Previously, Byrne's staff members were unable to work flexibly or remotely.

12d Synergy streamlined their multi-office collaboration, giving their team the freedom to work seamlessly in the field, on the road, or from home. This also gave Byrne staff the freedom to balance their work-life and family commitments.

As Kerrie explains: "Having two young children, 12d Synergy makes it far easier to work between the

office and home. When we travel up to the Darwin office, we can log straight into the system and start working right away."

Full CAD Workflow Management

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Without a controlled data environment, Byrne's engineering professionals were at risk of issuing duplicate drawings with outdated data. 12d Synergy transformed Byrne's drawing management by enforcing drafting standards and enabling Xref tracking and audit trails. They were able to integrate their multi-office workflows knowing who is working on each drawing, and when, and importantly, track drawing version history.

Automated Title Block Management

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12d Synergy's Title Block Manager has enabled Byrne to automatically update CAD attributes without

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opening any DWGs. This has supercharged Byrne's CAD drawing productivity.

"12d Synergy has saved me a lot of time, particularly editing the attributes of over 200+ drawings, which can be done without opening CAD whatsoever," Kerrie says.



Complete Workflow Solution

12d Synergy's complete integration of CAD, 12d Model, Email and Microsoft Office gave Byrne the 'total' solution. 12d Synergy handles every kilobyte of their project data, enabling the workflows of each office to be streamlined into one place.

Competitive Industry Advantage

When multi-million dollar projects, partnerships and opportunities arise, Byrne has the competitive edge by integrating their data with partnering consultants that already use 12d Synergy.

"A number of the larger consultants use 12d Synergy. It gives us a competitive advantage by easily integrating with their systems and providing people that understand 12d Synergy," Byrne Principal Phillip Weightman explains.

Full CAD Management

With 12d Synergy, Byrne's CAD library and standards are centrally accessible and managed - streamlined across their remote offices. This enables them to productively work on their CAD drawings with more automation and less risk.

As Kerrie explains, "controlling CAD with 12d Synergy enables us to confidently manage our CAD drawing production in a more efficient and smarter way."

"Would I recommend 12d Synergy? Absolutely. It'll transform your business. I've worked with a number of organisations that are quite large in infrastructure and size, and they all have various document management

systems... there hasn't been one system that's handled everything as well as 12d Synergy."

Phillip Weightman, Byrne Principal

COVID-19 update

Many members of the 12d Solutions team are still working remotely -

we're meeting in person at our offices from time to time, but, like so many people worldwide, 2020 has really changed the way we work, even into 2021. The health and safety of our team obviously remains top priority.



Due to positive feedback, we've also maintained a primarily online format for our training. Some face-toface courses have been running in select areas, but the online format is allowing 12d Users in our farthest reaches of the globe an increased opportunity to be involved in many levels of training like never before.

The 12d Synergy team has been back in their office, but with split teams to foster social distancing, and some staff doing a combination of working from home and attending the office. This not only helps with social distancing but also assists with work-life balance.

Our Australian team has thus far stayed safe from the virus itself, but recently one of our 12d family at our reseller in India was hospitalised with it. He's thankfully recovering now, but our thoughts remain with him and all others affected worldwide.

If you're still working from home, just a reminder that there are no 12d Solutions licence restrictions when doing so. Standalone 12d Model dongles can be used anywhere and anytime, and there's no restriction to accessing network licences from outside the office.

As such, there is no restriction on using a VPN, or opening up a port to access your 12d Model network licences from home. If your IT department is unclear on how to proceed, please <u>contact your local Support</u> <u>team</u> to discuss how we can help.

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