

Belmont's best

AN Ascot company set up just more than three months ago was named Enterprise of the Year at the Belmont Small Business Awards on October 24.

QFS Australia was created to provide consultancy, training and recruitment to the mining industry.

The awards night was attended by more than 200 local business operators and staff and was held in the Burswood Resort Casino ballroom.

QFS Australia directors Brett Quinn, John Stevens and Richard Farrell held extensive research to create a successful business model.

The business is already on target for a \$1.5 million turnover in its first year of operation.

QFS Australia also won the best new business award.

The awards were presented by non-profit Belmont Business Enterprise Centre, which provides business counselling and guidance.

Belmont BEC manager Carol Hanlon said the 2005 awards were the best since their inception 12 years ago.



Enterprise of the year winners Brett Quinn (left) and Richard Farrell (second from right) with Belmont Forum owner Stan Perron and Rotary Club of Belmont president Geoff Lovell.

"Burswood Resort approached us with an offer to support local businesses and to stage the event and on the night it was obvious the new venue has added tremendous prestige to the awards," she said.

Ms Hanlon also praised Curtin University School of Management students for helping local businesses prepare their awards nominations.

Belmont Forum-based Here's

Luck Lottery Centre was inducted into the Belmont Small Business Hall of Fame during the awards.

The perpetual plaque was presented to owner Raj Selvendra, who also won the best marketing award.

Michelle Miller, of Rivers of Silk, was named "business woman of the year" and Jan Teasdale, of Cloverdale, "volunteer of the year".

Many winners at awards night

Most innovative enterprise award: PDA Products (Peter Dresen and Paul Pietsch), of Belmont.

Best new business: QFS Australia (Brett Quinn and Richard Farrell), Ascot.

Quality customer service: Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre (Jamie Hohapata).

Best retail business: Belmont Flight Centre (Richard Jenkis).

Community spirit award: Baskerville Metcalf Funeral Directors (Robyn and Michael Metcalf), Belmont.

Volunteer of the year: Jan E. Teadsale, Cloverdale.

Best staff training award: Express Link Pty Ltd (Mark Thalman), Welshpool.

Business woman of the year: Michelle Miller, Rivers of Silk, Margaret River.

Best marketing award: Here's Luck Lottery Centre (Raj Selvendra), Belmont Forum.

Home-based business award: Chocolate Attraction (Helen and Peter Axton), Sorrento.

Achiever award: Margaret Farrell of fashion exporter Sukimoo.

Environment award: Atlas Linen Service (Georgina Lenzo), Belmont.

Export award: PDA products (Peter Dresen and Paul Pietsch).

Tourist award: Assured Ascot Quays Apartment Hotel (Nervinia Davenport).

Judges' award: Australian Water Saver 2000 (Joe Iovine), Cloverdale.

Enterprise of the year: QFS Australia (Brett Quinn and Richard Farrell), Ascot.