

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **AWARDS NIGHT RECOGNISES THE BUSINESS WORLD'S STARS OF TOMORROW**

The 2007 Belmont Small Business Awards were held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October in the Astral Ballroom at the Burswood Entertainment Complex in a 'Night of the Stars' themed cocktail party.

Over 350 guests attended the event to celebrate and recognise the small businesses in the Belmont area and Western Australia who have achieved excellence in the last 12 months.

Twenty award categories included the *Best New Business award, the Community Spirit award, Best Retail Business, Best Staff Training, Export Award, Best Marketing and the Young Entrepreneur award.*

The annual Belmont Small Business awards are organised by the Belmont BEC – Small Business Centre Belmont, a non-profit community association which provides business counselling and guidance to persons wishing to start a new venture or improve and expand their existing business.

Belmont BEC Manager Carol Hanlon says the awards, which have been running since 1994, provide a great opportunity for up-and-coming small enterprises to be recognised for the hard work they do in putting their business ideas into practice.

"Previous winners have found the awards to be a fantastic launching pad to bigger and better things and I believe the deserving winner's of this year's award categories will find they will open up new opportunities for their business as well," Ms Hanlon said.

By all accounts the night was a great success with everyone who attended having an enjoyable night in the opulent Astral Ballroom at Burswood, highlights of the night included the Common Ground Indigenous Dance Troupe and Maali Models featuring Kooley Swimwear.

"Burswood Entertainment Complex has been an invaluable supporter of the Belmont Small Business Awards and on behalf of the Belmont BEC and I wish to thank them for their contribution this year," Ms Hanlon said.

Other valuable sponsors of the awards were Australia Post, Australia Asia Association, Belmont Forum, City of Belmont, Communicare Family and Employment Services, Concert Corporate Productions, Curtin Business School, Edith Cowan University, Hanssen Project Management, Indigenous Business Australia, Optima Press, Perth Airport, Rotary Club of Belmont, Small Business Development Corporation, Southern Gazette, Watering Concepts, TCFWA, Watermark and Westpac.

The awards night coincided with the official launch of the WA Racing Industry Business Development Project and the TCF Australia Business Growth Project. which were officially launched by the deputy premier Eric Ripper and senator Alan Eggleston respectively.

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