

MEDIA RELEASE

21st Belmont Small Business Awards Launch!

The 21st annual Belmont Small Business Awards will officially launch at the City of Belmont Civic Centre on the 8th May 2014 between 6pm and 8pm. The Awards will be open for small businesses across Western Australia to enter until 5pm Tuesday September 30th, 2014

This year's awards include 24 categories for entrants to consider such as

- Best New Business
- Home-Based Business Award
- Indigenous Business of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Young Entrepreneur Award
- Community Spirit Award
- Business Migrant of the Year
- Best Retail Business
- Enterprise of the Year Award
- Outstanding Personal Brand Award
- Fashion Industry Award

The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non profit community based organisation established, in 1994. The Belmont BEC offers 'one stop shop, no cost or low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support through 'online' training and mentoring, networking events and an extensive range of specialised and innovative projects and small business support programs.

Belmont BEC CEO Carol Hanlon said "The Awards are open to businesses across Western Australia, with not all categories requiring entrants to have their businesses located in Belmont. We are proudly running the Awards for the 21st year, and look forward to meeting and liaising with hundreds of small businesses again this year."

The launch event will include a WA Designer parade by Alpha Models and savouries provided by Catergirls (Esther Foundation). The event will also include the official launch of 10th **designedge** Innovation Festival.

Major sponsors of the 21st awards include City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) and Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre WA Inc. (TCFWA). 2014 Supporting Sponsors include Perth Airport, Small Business Development Corporation, Belmont Forum, Southern Gazette, The Australian Asian Association of WA, Hanssen Project Management, Business News, Watering Concepts, Racebreed Australia, Greenhouse International, Nifnex, Westways Visual Communication, TCF Australia, Business & Professional Women WA, BPW Business Incubator, BEC Global, **designedge** Fashion Incubator, Friends of Belmont BEC and TCF Australia ENERGY EFFICIENCY Project and My Business Incubator.

Businesses wishing to enter the awards can access Free Information Sessions on 'How to Prepare Award Submissions, Free Award Entry Kits and Submission Mentors are available. Email Belmont BEC at awards@belmontbec.com or phone 9479 3777 to arrange assistance with your entry.

Closing date for entries is 5pm Tuesday 30th September 2014, and the final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held Thursday October 31st 2014 in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

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