



*Celebrating 20 years of service
and support for the small
business community*

MEDIA RELEASE

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Celebrates 20 Years Assisting Small Businesses

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC) is a non-profit community based organisation established, which was established in May of 1994. The Belmont BEC offers 'one stop shop, low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support with a helpline, mentoring, networking, legal and accounting support and a range of other services. The Belmont BEC not only services small business owners in Western Australia, but is able to deliver its services across Australia and beyond due to its innovation use of providing online mentoring and training via webinar.

The Belmont BEC founding manager was small business advocate Carol Hanlon. She is also founder of Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. (TCFWA), designedge fashion incubator, Belmont Small Business Awards and many other initiatives established since 1994. Prior to running the BEC, Ms Hanlon's small business background included fashion design, clothing manufacturing, wholesale, retail and export for over twenty years on the east coast of Australia.

Cassie Rowe, Chair of the Belmont BEC said, "Every year hundreds of webinars are hosted by Belmont BEC – and many of these informative sessions are offered free or at very low cost to small business owners throughout Australia. The Belmont BEC has also focussed on ensuring that women, Indigenous and those living in rural and remote areas of Australia have access to business skills training. Since 1994, the Belmont BEC has assisted more than 24,000 clients."

"Carol Hanlon has been regularly rewarded throughout her career, due to her outstanding contribution to the business community. She was named one of the fifty most inspiring women in WA, by Scoop Magazine and in March 2011 was inducted into The Inaugural Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame. Carol is an inspiration to all that she comes in contact with and has an insatiable passion for helping small businesses." Cassie said.

Carol Hanlon, CEO of Belmont BEC said, "My goal for the Belmont BEC is to keep being innovative and keep being a small business support centre that delivers online business training and mentoring to small businesses all over Australia. Happy birthday to us!"

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