

Local Businesses Rewarded at 2010 Belmont Small Business Awards

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners of the 2010 Belmont Small Business Awards.

The Business Awards have been running since 1994 and provide a fantastic opportunity for small and growing enterprises to be recognised for their achievements.

This year saw more than twenty awards presented to winners in areas such as eCommerce, Marketing, Community Spirit, Export, Indigenous and Environmental achievements.

Winners were showcased at the Night of Stars Event at Burswood Entertainment Complex on Tuesday, 19 October 2010.

Carol Hanlon, Manager of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) said, "Every year I am more amazed and impressed by the quality of entries we receive from small businesses and I'd also like to thank the judges this year who had the near impossible task of selecting the winners."

Entertainment was plentiful with the soulful singing of Miss Poppy and the designedge Fashion Incubator Parade. The parade featured Kaninda Designs, Rayannes Design, Behind the Monkey and Hue Le Designs. Models were from Louise Evans Modelling.

2010 sponsors of the Belmont Small Business Awards included the City of Belmont, Perth Airport, Belmont Forum, Westpac, Burswood Entertainment Complex, Hanssen Project Management, Small Business Development Corporation, Racebreed Australia, Business and Professional Women WA, Australian Asian Association of WA, Watering Concepts, Australian Network Management, Westways Colorgrafix, Southern Gazette, Create Enterprises, Belmont BEC, Friends of Belmont BEC, TCF WA, TCF Australia Online Training and Mentoring Project and designedge Fashion Incubator.

The following award winning businesses are based in Belmont.

BEST NEW BUSINESS: Vizzy Kidz

We would all agree that children are the busiest little people on the planet, so much so, no matter how much we supervise them, they still manage to disappear from our sight occasionally! Vizzy Vest provides parents with an easy visual identification of their children. The colourful vests are available in a funky range of 3D designs and are perfect for both girls and boys. With distributors across Australia the business is now expanding globally.

This award was sponsored by the City of Belmont - the City of Opportunity.

eCOMMERCE WEBSITE AWARD: Team Evolution

Team Evolution aim to make life easier through technology. They create and deliver modern, professional and technically sound online solutions in the areas of website design and scalable web applications. Team Evolution, owned by Gary and Nikki Hanley, are passionate about providing a vast range of eCommerce products and provide website solutions to many small and large businesses around the globe utilising online technologies.

BEST MARKETING AWARD: Whistler's Chocolate Co.

Whistler's Chocolate Co. set out with a simple vision – to produce quality handmade chocolates that are simply irresistible. The West Australian business is family owned and has become synonymous for products such as traditional Rocky Road, Chocolate Licorice and Peanut Brittle.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Trevor Knuckey, St Vincent de Paul Society

Trevor is a driving force in improving the lives of indigenous youth. He began volunteering with St Vincent de Paul Society of WA in 1990 and was recently elected as Regional President for the Swan Region. Trevor has been instrumental in the success of a program called



Jody Mackey, Vizzy Kidz and Jay Hardison, City of Belmont (sponsor).



Carol Hanlon, TCF Australia Online Training & Mentoring Project (sponsor) and Jason Street (on behalf of Gary Hanley), Team Evolution.



Ian Sargent, Whistler's Chocolate Co. and Neil Cranny, Westways Colorgrafix (sponsor).



John Knox, Friends of Belmont BEC (sponsor) and Trevor Knuckey, St Vincent de Paul Society.

Breakfast Club with Moorditj Noongar Community College which provides healthy breakfasts for students. Trevor's future endeavours include establishing 'The Medjugorje Centre' which will distribute holy water and raise money for services to educate indigenous youth.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD: Jade Lewis, Jade Lewis & Friends

Jade Lewis & Friends started in 2004 with a vision to help build drug free Australian communities. Business owner Jade herself, overcame a heroin addiction in 1999. Jade Lewis & Friends offers a number of programs and services such as a 'Just Say No' presentation - a presentation aimed at assisting parents and a 'Step UP' program at Bandyup Women's Prison. Jade has currently delivered over 700 presentations and has authored two books which are in over 650 schools.

BEST RETAIL BUSINESS: Belmont Discount Drug Store

Belmont Discount Drug Store has been owned and managed by Sydney Aquino for the past nine years. In addition to traditional medicines, it also offers other ancillary products and services. The store has undergone a major makeover in the past two years and is a bright, inviting and exciting pharmacy that will service the Belmont, Redcliffe and surrounding areas.

HOME BASED BUSINESS AWARD: Alan Richardson, Local Strata Services

Alan Richardson has been operating his successful home based company, Local Strata Services, for the past 16 years. Servicing more than 500 property owners, the business is focused on providing sound administrative, secretarial and maintenance services with a focus on fast and efficient service. Outside of the business, Alan is heavily involved with many activities in the local community including being the Branch President of the City of Belmont RSL.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD: Josephine Beecroft, Raine & Horne Belmont

Josephine bought her business three years ago. Josephine saw potential in the business and believed with a new business plan and younger approach the business could grow. Since then, Josephine has won many awards in the industry, including being named Australia's Top Property Manager in the Raine & Horne annual awards two years running.

to its client base. Since 1999, the current owners of the business have grown the business five-fold. Atlas Linen focuses heavily on quality assurance and as such has developed procedures to comply with the requirements of large clients such as Chevron and the Compass Group. In addition, Atlas Linen is now a preferred service provider to all major airlines and the armed forces.

For further information about these annual awards, please contact Carol Hanlon, CEO, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre on 9479 3777 or refer to www.belmontbec.com



Jade Lewis, Jade Lewis & Friends and Christine Sutherland, Southern Gazette (sponsor).



Sydney Aquino, Belmont Discount Drug Store and Jill Goodwin, Belmont Forum (sponsor).



Josephine Beecroft, Raine & Horne Belmont and Louis Geneste, Belmont BEC (sponsor).



Alan Richardson, Local Strata Services and Janene Troy, Small Business Development Corporation (sponsor).

WA RACING INDUSTRY AWARD: Saddlery Wholesalers

Saddlery Wholesalers was registered as a company in 1969 when Mary Gracie wanted to import a small consignment of saddlery from India. Mary has long been involved in racing and breeding horses with the crowning glory being the Group 1 Railway Stakes winner, El Presidente, successful in the 2007 event. Mary Gracie has led Saddlery Wholesalers to become a multimillion dollar business and the organisation always supports Australian manufacturers where possible.

ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR: Atlas Linen Service

Atlas Linen Service located in Belmont provides laundry services and linen management solutions to a broad customer base in the form of processing 'Customers Own Goods' and a 'Hire and Launder' service



Mary Gracie, Saddlery Wholesalers and John McGrath, Racebreed Australia (sponsor).



Georgiana Lenzo, Atlas Linen Service and Beverley Poor, Watering Concepts (sponsor).