

MEDIA RELEASE

International Women's Day Belmont 2014

Business & Professional Women WA Inc. (BPWWA), Belmont BPW and Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC) and BPW Business Incubator Training & Mentoring Project are once again hosting an International Women's Day Celebration to be held Saturday, March 8th, 2014.

This year, the event will take place at Zushi Bento, 182 Great Eastern Hwy, Ascot (corner Daly St), between 12noon -2pm

Guest speakers will include artist Jana Vodesil-Baruffi. Winner of the 'Most Creative Award' at the recent 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards, Jana Vodesil-Baruffi teaches art on a one to one basis, or in groups at art workshops, retreats and art talks. She also paints for commercial customers as well as providing a venue via her art gallery to help established and upcoming artists showcase their art. Jana's current project 'Permanent Impressions' has used art as a medium to recognise and celebrate the contribution of women in our society. The inspiring portrait collection is now available as a book which includes the life stories of 50 significant women in Western Australia. Jana will be sharing her story at the International Women's Day event and will be available for personal book signings.

Another guest speaker for the 2014 event will be Carina Hoang. Carina won the Karl Farrell Inspiration Award at the 2012 Belmont Small Business Awards. Carina Hoang is a former Vietnamese refugee and award winning author. When she was 16 years old, Carina escaped Vietnam on a wooden boat with her two siblings and 370 other people. She endured violent storms, pirate raids and severely unsanitary conditions to make it to Indonesia, only to find herself stranded on an uninhabited island for almost three months until being rescued by the UNHCR. Carina has published a book titled 'Boat People' which highlights the Vietnamese Exodus, and stories of refugees and survivors. Carina is now a special representative for the United Nations Refugee Agency in Australia.

The 2014 International Women's Day celebrations will also include a BPW WA 'Candle Lighting Ceremony' to celebrate women around the globe. In addition, a raffle will be conducted for TCF Ormoc Sewing Centres, Leyte Province, Philippines who suffered Typhoon Yolanda.

Carol Hanlon, CEO of Belmont BEC & BPW Business Incubator said, "Attendees can look forward to a wonderful opportunity day to share stories, skills and their talents with a range of interesting speakers, artists, designers and the local community".

Tickets are \$35 per head, and incorporate a Japanese & Asian Buffet Lunch (includes wine & soft drinks). To purchase tickets please Book online at www.belmontbec.com/IWD2014 , email events@belmontbec.com or telephone the Belmont Business Enterprise centre on (08) 9479 3777.

For further information on March 8th, International Women's Day Lunch
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