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19th Belmont Small Business Awards Launch April 16th, 2012

The 19th annual Belmont Small Business Awards will launch on Monday the 16th of April at the Civic Centre, City of Belmont, WA between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

This year's awards include 22 categories for entrants to consider such as Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, eCommerce, Indigenous Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur Award. The event is also the launch of the 2012 designedge Innovation Festival which will include 77 events – the largest number to date. The designedge Innovation Festival will run from April 16th to May 31st, 2012.

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, low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support with a helpline, mentoring, networking, legal and accounting services and a range of other services.

Belmont BEC CEO Carol Hanlon said "We are excited to be launching our 19th Awards. Businesses entering can access complimentary help with their awards submission by attending one of our popular 'ONLINE' Information sessions. A lot of our categories do not require that businesses are necessarily head-officed in Belmont".

Sponsors of this years' awards include City of Belmont, Perth Airport, Australian Asian Association of W.A., Belmont BEC, TCFWA, Australian Network Management, designedge Fashion Incubator, Southern Gazette, Westways Colorgrafix, Daniels Printing Craftsmen, Belmont Forum, MY business Incubator, Hanssen Project Management, Small Business Development Corporation, National Australia Bank, Watering Concepts, Perth Fashion Week, Racebreed Australia, Business & Professional Women W.A., Burswood Entertainment Complex and the Sunday Times.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2012 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony in November call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awards>

Closing date for entries is 5pm Monday 15th October 2012, and the final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be held 15th November 2012, Grand Ballroom, Burswood Entertainment Complex.

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