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Businesses set to walk the red carpet for 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards

In true Oscars style, the "Night of Stars" award presentation for the 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards will be held on Wednesday October 14 at the Reading Cinemas in Belmont.

The 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards celebrates the creativity, energy and achievements of Belmont and Western Australian Small Businesses and this year sees more than twenty award categories open to local businesses.

The awards, which have been running since 1994, provide a great opportunity for small and growing enterprises to be recognised for the hard work they do in putting their business ideas into practice.

Previous winners have found the awards a fantastic launching pad to bigger and better things and this year's awards will be no different. Award categories include *Business Migrant of the Year*, *Business Woman of the Year*, *Indigenous Business of the Year*, *Best Marketing Award*, *Spirit of Australia Award*, and *Business Management Award*.

The Small Business awards are organised by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) a non-profit community association which provides business counselling and guidance to persons wishing to start a new business or grow an existing business.

Belmont BEC can provide assistance to firms in the preparation of submissions for their entry into the 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards.

This year there are a number of exciting new sponsors including Perth Fashion Festival, and Assured Ascot Quays Apartment Hotel.

Major sponsors of the awards include City of Belmont, Belmont BEC, and the Textile, Clothing, and Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. (TCFWA). Other valuable sponsors include Belmont Forum, Perth Airport, Curtin Business School, Perth Racing, Westpac, Australia Asian Association, Communicare Family & Employment Services, SBDC, BPW WA, Hanssen Project Management, Westways Colorgraphix, Watering Concepts, Create Enterprises, Frontrunner Solutions, Australian Network Management and The Southern Gazette Community New.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards or to book to attend the lavish event, call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awards2009> Closing date for entries is 5pm Wednesday, September 30th 2009.

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