

## MEDIA RELEASE

### The Sunday Times Sponsor Enterprise of the Year 2012

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Belmont Small Business Awards commenced recently and The Sunday Times has once again given support to the Awards and is sponsoring the Enterprise of the Year award.

Last year, The Sunday Times supported the Environment Award, and that was won by Eco Pallets. Eco Pallets provide new and used 100% recyclable plastic pallets of various sizes and applications as an alternative to wooden pallets. They also supply bundled pallets for the safe storage and transport of chemicals drums and collapsible plastic containers for use in storage, transport and display. The company offer a buy back scheme on their new pallets. Once the pallets have been used, Eco Pallets will buy them back for a reduced price, and then sell them as second hand pallets.

This year's awards include a total of 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. For most awards, businesses do not need to be located in the Belmont district.

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC) CEO and founder of the Awards Carol Hanlon said "We are glad to have The Sunday Times on board as a sponsor of the awards, and look forward to encouraging Western Australian businesses to enter the Enterprise of the Year Awards. If businesses need some extra help in getting their awards submission together, please contact us to attend a complimentary information session".

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.

The Awards are open for small businesses across Western Australia until 5pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

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](mailto:awards@belmontbec.com) or visit the website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awards>

The final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held on the 15th November 2012 in the Grand Ballroom, Burswood Entertainment Complex.

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