**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Belmont Forum supports the 24th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards!**

The Awards provide recognition and encouragement for small business achievements and will be open for small businesses, individuals and organisations in Belmont and from across Western Australia from the 27th of April until 5pm, 26th of September, 2017.

Belmont Forum will support Best Retail Business Award. To be eligible to enter this award category, businesses must be located within the City of Belmont and need to highlight their retailing achievements.

Belmont Forum Centre Manager, Alexandra McAuliffe said, “Belmont Forum is fast becoming the area’s new meeting place and evolving to meet the community’s needs – and it all looks very stylish! Part of the new look is the new dining precinct along Belmont Avenue, what a great place to meet family and friends.

“We are very proud to be a long term supporter of the Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards, and in particular the Best Retail Business Award.” Alexandra said.

Belmont BEC CEO and Founder of the Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards Carol Hanlon said “The Awards are open to small businesses both within the Belmont area and across the state with 26 categories available for entrants to consider. This is the 24th year we have held our Small Business Awards and it is exciting to see the awards grow each year to provide recognition to those striving for business excellence and acknowledging community achievements”

Potential entrants will be able to access a wide range of support in preparing their submission that includes Free Award Entry Kits, Workshops, Webinars and access to Award Mentors who can assist with tips in preparing award submissions to impress the judging panel.

Winners of this year’s 24th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2017 ’will be announced at the ‘Night of Stars’ event that will take place in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on Wednesday, October 25th, 6pm - 8.30pm.

For more information on how to enter the awards and other categories, please contact awards@belmontbec.com or phone: (08) 9479 3777 or visit [www.belmontbec.com/awards](http://www.belmontbec.com/awards)

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