**MEDIA RELEASE**

**TCFWA 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.

This year the Textile, Clothing, Leather and Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA) will support the Most Creative Award. To be eligible to enter this award category, businesses can be located anywhere in WA and highlight the creativity utilised in their business, its products or services.

The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. provides a valuable resource for the fashion & TCFL industries. Since established in Belmont in 1998, the not-for-profit centre has been so successful, that it now receives requests from across Australia and overseas.

Irving Lane, Chair TCFWA said, “TCFWA provides specialised fashion business skills, mentoring and supply chain sourcing on and off shore and has been recognised as a leader and role model organisation. We are thrilled to encourage creative small businesses from across all industry sectors to consider nominating into the Awards and be recognised for their creativity.”

At the Awards launch on the 27th of April 2017, Mr Futol co-ordinated the fashion parade which included womens’ and menswear sourced from Europe for the FA Concept Store. Labels included Silverstar Designs, Concrete Ambition, FA Concept Store Designer Collective, Sad Jane, Jonté Designs, Lush Pearls, Elle et Lui Designer shoes. Music was provided by Stripes and models and makeup were supplied by Inspiring Design and Maeva’s Nails & Beauty.

The Awards are co-ordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) which is a not-for-profit community based organisation that was established, in 1994, to assist in the growth and development of small business.

Belmont BEC & TCFWA CEO and Founder of the Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards Carol Hanlon said “The Awards are open to small businesses 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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