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Small business sector in WA embrace Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards

Small business represents around 97 per cent of all businesses in Western Australia. The 23rd annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards are underway, and WA small business owners from around the state are invited to highlight their businesses in their awards submissions.

Entries into the 23rd annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards will be open until 5pm Tuesday 27th September.

This year's Awards also include a total of 23 categories for entrants to consider such as Best New Business, Business Person of the Year, Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, Business Migrant of the Year, and Young Entrepreneur Award.

Carol Hanlon, Founder of the Awards and CEO of Belmont BEC said, "The Awards are open to businesses both within the Belmont area, and statewide, and entering awards offers an opportunity for small businesses to promote themselves and evaluate their business from a variety of perspectives."

"Establishing yourself as an award-winning organisation is a great way to motivate your staff, improve relationships with customers and suppliers and strengthen your position in the industry,"

"The Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards are free to enter, and the Belmont BEC can offer lots of assistance for small business entrants, including providing free online information sessions on How to prepare an Awards submission." Ms Hanlon said.

Businesses wishing to enter the awards can access Free Information Sessions on 'How to Prepare Award Submissions, Free Award Entry Kits and Submission Mentors. Contact Belmont BEC on awards@belmontbec.com or phone 9479 3777 or visit www.belmontbec.com/awards

Major sponsors of the 2016 awards include City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) and Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre WA Inc. (TCFWA). 2016 Supporting Sponsors include Aaragon Construction Management, Australian Asian Association of WA, BEC Global, Belmont Forum, Belmont Rotary, Business News, Business & Professional Women WA, Hanssen Project Management, Infinite IT, Mustera Property Group, National Australia Bank, Perth Airport, Racebreed Australia, Southern Gazette, TCF Global, Telstra Business Centre Belmont, Watering Concepts, WA Treeworks, Westways Visual Communication and Worldwide Printing Solutions.

The final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held 6pm October 26th at the Ballroom, Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre. To book tickets for the event please contact Belmont BEC.

About Belmont BEC

The Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a not-for-profit community based Association established, in 1994, to assist in the start-up, growth and development of small business. Over the years it has originated a large range of well-known projects and programs for the benefit of its small business clients that have included

Belmont Small Business Awards, Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre (TCFWA) designedge Innovation Festival, Multicultural Business Support Services, WA Racing Industry Project, BPW Business Incubator for Women in Business and the Belmont BEC is also an industry specialist on creative industry, fashion and TCFL industries.

Please deliver finalised Awards submissions to Belmont BEC at 3/216 Belmont Ave, Cloverdale (NEW ADDRESS)

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