## **MTA Mobile Travel Agents winner of** Small Business Development Corporation 'Home based Business Award' In 20th Belmont Small Business Awards

MTA Mobile Travel Agents were one of 24 Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 20<sup>th</sup> Belmont Small Business Awards. The winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' Grand Ballroom, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth on November 28th.

Attendees on the night enjoyed a WA Designer Showcase which was supported by Atelier Zuhal and Green Embassy, Morgan Marks and Joan Dellavalle. In addition, entertainer Miss Poppy performed on the night. This year's MC's were Cassie Rowe. Chair Belmont BEC & Louis Geneste Secretary Belmont BEC. Glenys Godfrey, MLA, Member for Belmont gave an update on small business in WA and Dianne May, WA State Manager of AusIndustry presented a message from The Hon Bruce Billson MP, Small Business Minister.

This year a special raffle was conducted to help people in the Philippines that has been recently been devastated by Typhoon Yolanda. The Belmont BEC & TCFWA gathered more than \$10,000 worth of gift prizes which were drawn on the night, and the proceeds will be directed towards the rebuilding of the TCF Ormoc Sewing Centres and the TCF ESVU Centre of Entrepreneurship, Leyte Province, Philippines.

Winner of the 'Home Based Business Award' was MTA Mobile Travel Agents. MTA Mobile Travel Agents bring the world of travel to their clients - literally. They have revolutionised the traditional Australian Travel Agency model by offering mobile travel consultants to their clients' nationally. They pride themselves on the depth of knowledge and industry experience of each and every one of their MTA Travel Experts. This, coupled with their big agency buying power, ensures that their customers receive the best value deals tailored to their specific travel needs.

Presenter of the award Jacky Finlayson, Executive Director, Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) said, "Since 1984, the SBDC has provided independent information, guidance and advice to small business operators around the State. The SBDC works directly with small business operators and with industry and business associations to exchange information and provide support and assistance to their members. Through a range of services and programs, the SBDC is dedicated to the development and growth of the small business sector. SBDC are proud to sponsor the 2013 Belmont Business Awards which recognise and acknowledge the very significant contribution made by small businesses to our economy and our community. In particular, well done to our category award winner MTA Mobile Travel Agents".

For further details on all winners of the 20<sup>th</sup> Belmont Small Business Awards 2013 visit www.belmontbec.com/awards

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