

**Event Assist winner of Hanssen Project Management  
'Spirit of Australia Award' in  
20th Belmont Small Business Awards**

Event Assist 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

Attendees on the night enjoyed a WA Designer Showcase which was supported by Atelier Zuhai 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 'Spirit of Australia Award' was Event Assist Inc. Event Assist is an all-volunteer non-profit group that assists communities with grant applications and community events management. The main aim of the group is to boost the regional economy and build social capital in hinterland areas of the Peel Region through "Events Tourism". The future of the Peel Region owes a great deal to this simple but innovative and creative initiative, which helps create jobs in hospitality, tourism and support services..

Presenter of the award Gerry Hanssen, Managing Director of Hanssen Project Management said, "Hanssen Project Management specialise in the construction of high-rise residential and commercial apartments in Perth and the North West. We believe in making a difference in the community and providing opportunities for every person to reach their full potential. We are proud to sponsor the Spirit of Australia Award, and our sincere congratulations go to Event Assist."

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

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