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## 19<sup>th</sup> Belmont Small Business Awards Now Open!

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Belmont Small Business Awards are now open for small businesses to enter until 5pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

This year's awards include 22 categories for entrants to consider such as Best New Business, Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, eCommerce, Indigenous Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur Award.

The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non profit community based organisation established, in 1994. The Belmont BEC offers 'one stop shop, low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support with a helpline, mentoring, networking, legal and accounting services and a range of other services.

Belmont BEC CEO Carol Hanlon said "The Awards provide recognition to local businesses not only in Belmont but across Western Australia. Weekly Information sessions are held about the awards and we can appoint a mentor to assist a business with getting their submission together".

Sponsors of this years' awards include City of Belmont, Perth Airport, Australian Asian Association of W.A., Belmont BEC, TCFWA, Crown Perth, Australian Network Management, designedge Fashion Incubator, Southern Gazette, Westways Colorgrafix, Belmont Forum, Hanssen Project Management, Small Business Development Corporation, National Australia Bank, Watering Concepts, Racebreed Australia, Business & Professional Women W.A. and the Sunday Times.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2012 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony in November call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website <a href="http://www.belmontbec.com/awards">http://www.belmontbec.com/awards</a>

The final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held on the 15th November 2012 in the Grand Ballroom, Burswood Entertainment Complex.

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