

Epichem Announced as Winner of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre 'International Trade Award' in 20th Belmont Small Business Awards

Epichem was one of 24 Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 20th 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 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 'International Trade Award' was Epichem. Epichem was formed in 2003 to provide services in synthetic and medicinal chemistry to the drug discovery and pharmaceutical industries. With two state-of-the-art laboratories in Perth and Melbourne, Epichem now serves an international clientele ranging from small operations to large multinational pharmaceutical companies. Epichem has achieved this by combining a world class team of highly innovative chemists and a management team committed to customer service.

Sponsor of the award Raj Selvendra, Committee Member of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) said, "Belmont BEC established the Belmont Small Business Awards in 1994 and this is now the 20th annual awards program which has recognised business excellence of many hundreds of small businesses over these years. Exporting goods or services around the world is a challenge for small business owners to continue searching for new markets and clients in this fast changing global economy. Although it is now easier for a small business to quickly tap into online buyers, but to stay ahead and cope with the multiple demands of export, various time zones, hemispheres and cultures requires a dedicated and skilled small business owner. Congratulations to Epichem on their win."

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

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