

**Artist Jana Vodesil-Baruffi winner of TCFWA
'Most Creative Award' in
20th Belmont Small Business Awards**

Artist, Jana Vodesil-Baruffi 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 'Most Creative Award' was Jana Vodesil-Baruffi. Jana Vodesil-Baruffi teaches art on a one to one basis, or in groups at art workshops, retreats and art talks. She also paints for commercial customers as well as providing a venue via her art gallery to help established and upcoming artists showcase their art. Jana's current project 'Permanent Impressions' has used art as a medium to recognise and celebrate the contribution of women in our society. The inspiring portrait collection is now available as a book which includes the life stories of 50 significant women in Western Australia.

Sponsor of the award Jules Lewin, Chair of the Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA) said, "TCFWA provides a valuable resource for the fashion & TCFL industries. Since being established in Belmont in 1998, the centre has been so successful, that it now receives requests from across Australia and overseas. Some of these have been from major trade organisations and designers wishing to be involved in its opportunities and projects. Providing specialised fashion business skills, mentoring and supply chain sourcing on and off shore are just some of the areas TCFWA has been recognised for as a leader and role model organisation. We would sincerely like to congratulate Jana Vodesil-Baruffi on her deserved win."

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

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