

**Couple It winner of Australian Network Management
'Most Innovative Award' in
20th Belmont Small Business Awards**

Couple It 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 Innovative Award' was Wendy Flack from Couple It. Couple It is an underwear release clip for people with limited reach or flexibility. Wendy Flack invented the product after her son had double knee surgery. Her mission is to reach all people who struggle in daily living and make their lives a little easier. Wendy's main clients are pregnant women, patients who have had surgery, people with disabilities and the elderly. Couple IT's key strength is that there are no other products similar to theirs on the market.

Sponsor of the award Droyt Robb from Australian Network Management said. "ANM provides communication services to the SME and home user market. Operating since 2005, ANM has years of experience in delivering technological solutions for home and business users. Specialising in: Mobile phones using both the Telstra and Optus Mobile Networks, Home and business phone services, Home and corporate internet solutions, and VoIP. We congratulate Couple It on their innovative business idea".

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

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