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## WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED WITH WORDS OF WISDOM

INSPIRATIONAL women shared stories at an event celebrating International Women's Day in Belmont last week.

Those in attendance heard the story of a woman who turned her life around after battling drug addiction, thoughts from three Aboriginal women who were founding members of the Jacaranda Community Centre and the story behind last year's Belmont Business Woman of the Year.

The lunchtime event included a fashion parade, the launch of an online training program, a candle-lighting ceremony and guest speakers.

Belmont MLA Eric Ripper listed increasing female representation in Parliament, creating a welcoming environment in the workplace for women with children and reducing unfair judgments made of women as further steps needed to create gender equality.

The event was co-ordinated by the Belmont BEC, Belmont Business and Professional Women, Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA and the City of Belmont.

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre CEO Carol Hanlon, one of the event's organisers.

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