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Stunning landscapes an artist's inspiration

HER outback adventures have provided ample inspiration for renowned glass artist Jill Yelland to create stunning pieces that grace the collections, walls and shelves of leaders across the globe.

The East Perth resident, who relocated her Design Mergers studio to Belmont earlier this year, was named Business Person of the Year at the Belmont Small Business Enterprise Awards last Wednesday.

After training in design in Australia and Switzerland, Ms Yelland worked in advertising and printmaking before discovering glass.

Since 2003 she has been refining her unique style, developing bold, colourful designs based on the landscapes of the Kimberley and South-West.

"I was looking for something that would be different and yet I could still use to create texture and bright colours," she said.

"I research the pieces either



Jill Yelland draws her artistic inspiration from the WA landscape. Picture: Justin Benson-Cooper

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by going there or reading about the place and I take a lot of photographs. Then I look at the purpose and try to develop it from there in a different way."

Her company, Design Mergers, creates unique artworks

for corporate gifts, wall hangings and sculptures.

The State Government and Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi have commissioned her work, along with BHP Billiton, Woodside Energy and the Water Corporation.