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Small business awards now open

NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards, with 23 categories to be awarded at a special presentation night in November.

Chief executive Lyndsey Fitzgerald, whose not-for-profit organisation Jacaranda Community Centre won the Community Spirit Award last year, said the award recognised the high standard her business offered.

"People think small businesses awards are for little businesses, they don't look at the not-for-profit being able to run even though it's caring environment to run on a professional standard," Mrs Fitzgerald said.

"It's important for our government funding... if we've got a government grant or funds then it's taxpayers' money so it's good to be able to show we're able to run a very professional business' finances."

Mrs Fitzgerald said the award made it easier to apply for grants, which assisted Jacaranda in expanding its financial counselling, indigenous family support and tenancy support services.

"I like people to know that Jacaranda is really committed to trying to make it better for the most vulnerable people in the State," she said.

"I'm getting that through to all of my workers - it doesn't matter who the client is, they know they will get excellent services."

To nominate your business before 5pm on Monday, October 2013, visit www.belmontbec.com.



Lyndsey Fitzgerald at the Jacaranda Community Centre.

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