## Belmont Small Business Awards Celebrate 21 Years of Highlighting Small Businesses in Western Australia

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners of the 2014 Belmont Small Business Awards. This is the 21st year that the business awards have run, and they provide a fantastic opportunity for small and growing enterprises from Belmont and across Western Australia to be recognised for their achievements.

More than 25 awards were presented to entrants of the awards, and winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' in the Grand Ballroom, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth on 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2014. Those awarded included:

- SPIRIT OF AUSTRALIA AWARD A.P.S. Rewinds & Sales
- COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD Anglicare Op Shop Belmont
- VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Bianca MacDonald
- ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR Compu-stor
- BEST RETAIL BUSINESS helloworld Belmont Shopping Centre WA
- BEST NEW BUSINESS Shingle Inn Belmont Forum
- INTERNATIONAL TRADE AWARD Supercrane Engineered Lifting Technology

Previous winners have found the awards a fantastic launching pad to bigger and better things and this year's awards will be no different. Five businesses were also inducted into the Belmont Small Business Awards Hall of Fame.

Carol Hanlon, Manager of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre said, "What a thrill to be celebrating 21 years of business excellence in Belmont and across Western Australia. I'd like to thank all of our judges, sponsors, staff and particularly our volunteers that helped out on the night".

Attendees on the night enjoyed a WA Designer Showcase which was supported by Alpha Models, Ingrid Hocking Couture, Jonte, House of Skye, Convict Bags, Debbie Kelly Millinery, and Acesso-Ride. In addition, entertainer Miss Poppy performed on the night. This year's MC's were Belmont BEC Patron Louise Percy and Chair Cassie Rowe. AusIndustry WA Assistant State Manager delivered a message from The Hon Bruce Billson MP, Minister for Small Business and City of Belmont Mayor Cr Phil Marks provided an update on business in Belmont.

This year a special announcement by Carol Hanlon was the Belmont BEC & TCFWA's innovative new small business projects being a range of books on '1,001 Business Tips™ from 101 Entrepreneurs' – insights from those who have been there and done it! This book series will also include 1001 Tips from 'Women in Business' and 'Fashion Designers'.

Major sponsors of the awards include the City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (BEC), and the Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. (TCFWA). Other valuable sponsors include, Perth Airport, Small Business Development Corporation, The Australian Asian Association of WA, Business News, Southern Gazette, Belmont Forum, Nifnex, Watering Concepts, Hanssen Project Management, FX Digital, Computer Consultant Professionals, Westways Visual Communication, Racebreed Australia, Greenhouse International, My Business Incubator, TCF Australia, designedge Fashion Incubator, BEC Global, My Business Incubator, TCF Australia ONLINE Energy Efficiency Training & Mentoring Project, Business & Professional Women of Western Australia & BPW Business Incubator Training & Mentoring Project.

Full List of 2014 Winners (photos available on request)

MOST CREATIVE AWARD - : Accesso-Ride

BEST MARKETING AWARD - Creative Fruition

ONLINE BUSINESS AWARD - White Chalk Road

KARL FARRELL INSPIRATION AWARD - Philomena Masters, Dramatic Glass Designs

ENVIRONMENT AWARD - The Green Stamp Program

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD - Bianca MacDonald

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AWARD - Claremont Drapers

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD - Anglicare Op Shop Belmont

BEST RETAIL BUSINESS - helloworld Belmont Shopping Centre WA
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARD – Ally Fashion
SPIRIT OF AUSTRALIA AWARD – A.P.S. Rewinds & Sales
INDIGENOUS BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD - Kart Koort Wiern
BEST NEW BUSINESS - Shingle Inn Belmont Forum
HOME BASED BUSINESS AWARD - Mini Care Mates
YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD - Ami McDonald, La Paleta
BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD - Bianca Chater, Talent Co. Dance &
Entertainment
OUTSTANDING PERSONAL BRAND AWARD - Michael Keil, michaelkeil.com
FASHION INDUSTRY AWARD – Pierrot's Hair Studio
WA RACING INDUSTRY AWARD – Gannon's
MOST INNOVATIVE ENTERPRISE - OdaTech
BUSINESS MIGRANT OF THE YEAR AWARD - Jamie Vine Liberty Executive Office

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ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR - Compu-Stor

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR - Andrew Herrmann, Access 1 Security Systems JUDGES AWARD - Res-Q

2014 Hall of Fame Inductees included OdaTech Pty Ltd, Express-Link Pty Ltd A.P.S. Rewinds & Sales, Compu-Stor and Perth Expo Hire & Furniture Group

All finalists, winners and profiles can be viewed online at www.belmontbec.com/awards

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