

## **Kart Koort Wiern winner of Perth Airport's 'Indigenous Business of the Year Award' in 21st Belmont Small Business Awards**

Kart Koort Wiern was one of more than 25 Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 21st Belmont Small Business Awards. The winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' Grand Ballroom, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth on October 31<sup>st</sup> with over 340 attending. This year's MC's were Belmont BEC Patron Louise Percy and Chair Cassie Rowe. Mayor Cr Phil Marks gave a business update on the City of Belmont and AusIndustry WA Assistant State Manager Julie Mizen presented a message from The Hon Bruce Billson MP, Small Business Minister.

Kart Koort Wiern won the 'Indigenous Business of the Year Award' in the 2014 Belmont Small Business Awards. The name Kart Koort Wiern or 'Head', 'Heart' and 'Spirit' is based on the local Whadjuk Nyungar language. Kart Koort Wiern provides Consultancy, Research and Training Programs based around Inclusion and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement. Founder and CEO of Kart Koort Wiern Ingrid Cumming has overcome major struggles in her life, and is an inspiration to others. She has worked in many areas including Indigenous media, marketing, health, the arts and anthropological research. Ingrid has a Bachelor of Arts in Australian Indigenous Studies and would like to be the first Aboriginal Women Prime Minister in Australia.

The sponsor of the 'Indigenous Business of the Year Award' was Perth Airport. Perth Airport has proudly sponsored the Indigenous Business of the Year Award since 2008. They acknowledge the connection that the local Indigenous community has to the land on which the airport estate is located, and recognise these connections in many ways. Perth Airport was also very pleased to be able to provide additional support to last year's winner of this award, Murlpirrmarra Connection, for their Metropolitan Tennis Program. Perth Airport would like to congratulate the winning Indigenous Business of the Year and all entrants in this category.

Five multi award winning business were also inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Belmont Small Business Awards. Attendees on the night enjoyed a WA Designer Showcase which was supported by House of Skye, Accesso-ride, Convict Bags, Jonte, Debbie Kelly Millinery and Ingrid Hocking Couture. Alpha Models showcased their talented development Models with hair styling provided by Pierrots and makeup by SC Make-Up Artistry. In addition, entertainer Miss Poppy performed on the night.

For further details on all winners of the 21st Belmont Small Business Awards 2014 visit [www.belmontbec.com/awards](http://www.belmontbec.com/awards)

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