

## **Philomena Masters from Dramatic Glass Designs Winner of Karl Farrell Inspiration Award in 21st Belmont Small Business Awards**

Philomena Masters 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.

Philomena Masters won the 'Karl Farrell Inspiration Award' in the 2014 Belmont Small Business Awards. Philomena Masters discovered Art Therapy in hospital after ill health in 1997. She has since studied under many international artists, and held her first solo exhibition in 2009. Via her business, Dramatic Glass Designs, Philomena runs regular workshops for attendees of all ages to encourage them to try something different. Philomena has been thrilled to learn that her glass creations are now gracing homes in different countries around the world and several pieces have been selected by Government Departments for corporate gifts.

The sponsor of the 'Karl Farrell Inspiration' award was Designedge Fashion Incubator. Karl Farrell was an inspirational Chairman of TCFWA and this special award honours his memory. The Designedge Fashion Incubator established by TCFWA has provided retail and virtual showrooms and assisted over 1,000 designers through co-ordination of trade exhibitions and promotional opportunities since 2003. TCF Global is secretariat of the International Fashion Incubator Network and conducted the 4th International Fashion Incubator Conference ONLINE with speakers from USA, Canada & Bangladesh.

Five multi award winning businesses 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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