

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **21st Belmont Small Business Awards Open for Entries**

The 21st annual Belmont Small Business Awards were officially launched at the City of Belmont Civic Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The Awards are now open for entries from small businesses across Western Australia until 5pm Tuesday 30 September 2014.

This year's awards include 24 categories for entrants to consider such as

- Outstanding Personal Brand Award (NEW)
- Best Retail Business
- Best Marketing Award
- Best New Business
- Indigenous Business of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Young Entrepreneur Award
- Community Spirit Award

The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non profit community based organisation established, in 1994. The Belmont BEC offers 'one stop shop, no cost or low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support with a helpline, mentoring, networking, legal and accounting services and a range of other services.

Belmont BEC CEO Carol Hanlon said "The Awards are open to businesses across Western Australia, with not all categories requiring entrants to have their businesses in Belmont. We are proudly running the Awards for the 21<sup>st</sup> year, and look forward to meeting and liaising with hundreds of small businesses again this year."

The launch event included a WA Designer parade by Alpha Models featuring Green Embassy, Jonte and Betty Tran, savouries were provided by Catergirls (Esther Foundation). The event will also launched the Belmont BEC's 10<sup>th</sup> Designedge innovation festival with 50 webinars, forums and events running across Western Australia.

Major sponsors of the 2014 awards include City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) and Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre WA Inc. (TCFWA). 2014 Supporting Sponsors include Small Business Development Corporation, Perth Airport, Belmont Forum, Southern Gazette, Business News, The Australian Asian Association of WA, Hanssen Project Management, Watering Concepts, The Nifnex Review, Westways Visual Communication, Racebreed Australia, Business & Professional Women WA, BPW Business Incubator, BEC Global, TCF Australia, Greenhouse International, , designedge Fashion Incubator, Friends of Belmont BEC, TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project and My Business Incubator.

Businesses wishing to enter the awards can attend Free Information Sessions on 'How to Prepare Award Submissions, Free Award Entry Kits and Submission Mentors are also available to provide guidance. Email Belmont BEC at [awards@belmontbec.com](mailto:awards@belmontbec.com) or phone 9479 3777 to arrange assistance with your entry.

Closing date for entries is 5pm Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, and the final “Night of Stars” event when the winners will be announced will be held Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.  
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