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City of Belmont Supports Best New Business Award in 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards

The 20th annual Belmont Small Business Awards are well underway, and nominations and entries are open until 5pm Monday 28th October 2013.

The City of Belmont has once again offered support to the Awards this year and is sponsoring the Best New Business Award. This year's Belmont Small Business Awards include a total of 23 categories for entrants to consider such as Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, Best Retail Business, Community Spirit Award, Indigenous Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

The Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC), a non-profit community organisation that provides business webinars, workshops, mentoring and guidance to persons wishing to start or grow their business across Australia.

Mayor of the City of Belmont Phil Marks said, "We are proud to be long term supporters of the Belmont Small Business Awards and are once again pleased to support the Best New Business Award, which recognises new businesses that set up within the City of Belmont."

Last year's winner of the award was Welsh Real Estate. Cloverdale based Robin Welsh fell in love with Real Estate when he bought his first home at 18. He then went on to purchase 4 properties by the time he was 20, and by 24 had bought and sold more houses than most people twice his age. Welsh Real Estate now provide real estate sales and property management services in the City of Belmont, and he has recently launched a settlement agency called iSettlements. The company had only been trading 10 months when it won the 2012 award, but now has 8 staff members and is looking forward to a bright future.

"I look forward to meeting this year's winner, and would like to encourage all businesses in Western Australia to see if they qualify for any of the 23 award categories. The Belmont Small Business Awards are free to enter, and the Belmont BEC can offer lots of assistance for small business entrants, including providing weekly information sessions on how to write an Awards submission", Mayor Phil Marks said.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony in November call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website www.belmontbec.com/awards

The "Night of Stars" event, where winners will be announced, is going to be held on Thursday 28th of November at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

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