

2013 Belmont Small Business Award Winners



Environment Award

Sponsor: Telstra Business Centre Belmont
Presented By: Andrew Willoughby, Telstra Business Centre Belmont

WINNER: Durmus Yildiz, Solarmatrix Pty Ltd

Environmental protection is at the core of Solarmatrix's business operations. The founder of Solarmatrix was driven by the need to reduce carbon emissions and build the business on the foundation of 'wanting to provide a clean energy future by making quality solar power affordable and accessible for everyone, everywhere'. In the future Solarmatrix hopes to diversify from solar PV and move into other areas of renewable energy and energy saving technologies.



Volunteer of the Year Award

Sponsor: Perth Airport
Presented By: Anna Dickie, Communications Officer, Perth Airport

WINNER: Esther Roadnight

Esther Roadnight began volunteering more than 39 years ago in the Kalgoorlie/Boulder districts of W.A. Esther has received multiple awards, including being awarded the Order of Australia in January 2008 for her contribution to the community. She sits on various committees and working groups and is actively involved in the Rotary Club of Kalgoorlie, Kalgoorlie Boulder Business Development Centre, Kalgoorlie Courthouse Community Reference Group and Youth Justice Services Group, Goldfields Institute of Technology, and Kalgoorlie PCYC to name but a few!



International Trade Award
Sponsor: Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc.(BEC)
Presented By: Raj Selvendra, Committee Member, Belmont BEC

WINNER: Martine Keenan, Epichem Pty Ltd

Epichem was formed in 2003 to provide services in synthetic and medicinal chemistry to the drug discovery and pharmaceutical industries. With two state-of-the-art laboratories in Perth and Melbourne, Epichem now serves an international clientele ranging from small operations to large multinational pharmaceutical companies. Epichem has achieved this by combining a world class team of highly innovative chemists and a management team committed to customer service.



Enterprise of the Year

Sponsor: Watering Concepts
Presented By: Bev Poor, Managing Director, Watering Concepts

WINNER: Leap Consulting Pty Ltd accepted by Caitlin Harrison and Jamie Clark

Leap Consulting was established in 2004 by an experienced team of IT consultants to empower small and medium business owners with the necessary knowledge to enable them to more effectively use IT to achieve their business goals. Since its inception, Leap has grown from a small team of two, to over twenty staff members. Leap is also exceptionally community focused and proudly support many not for profit organisations.



Business Person of the Year

Sponsor: The Nifnax Review
Presented By: Zeeshan Pasha, Director, The Nifnax Review

WINNER: Andrew Bloom-ASB Marketing Pty Ltd

ASB Marketing in Belmont has been supplying small, medium and large businesses alike with a vast range of quality branded promotional merchandise for the past 21 years. ASB Marketing was recently awarded an Australian Promotional Product Association award for promotional excellence for their new website.



Westpac Judges Award
Sponsor: Westpac Belmont
Presented By: Dan Petkov, Branch Manager, Westpac Belmont

WINNER: Greenhouse International

Craig Benporath, owner of Greenhouse International is a qualified mechanical engineer, with an MBA in strategic management. Craig's company Greenhouse International specialises in energy saving solutions, and provides cost effective LED lighting options to help save his clients' money and improve their lives. The Greenhouse International free online energy calculator is an example of how Craig helps businesses and consumers make educated decisions to maximise their savings and returns with their lighting decisions.



Janice McEwan & Glenys Godfrey MLA



Samantha Rowe MLC & Raj Selvendra



Belmont BEC, Secretary Louis Geneste, Belmont BEC, Chair, Cassie Rowe



Barry Rowe, Cr Margie Bass, Robin Garrett, Deputy Mayor Robert Rossi