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Star Studded Launch for Small Business Awards

The 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards will be officially launched on Wednesday 22nd July, 2009 at the City of Belmont Civic Centre.

The launch of the awards will feature entertainment and a showcase of Multicultural Fashion, including the *African Dream Project*, *TCF Ormoc Community Sewing Project* and *Indigenous Textile Displays and the Follow Your Dream Model Troupe*. Guest Speaker Deputy Chair Small Business ACCC, Prof. Michael Schaper will provide an update in regards small business issues.

The Small Business awards are organised by the Belmont BEC, a non-profit community association that provides business counselling and guidance to persons wishing to start or grow their business.

The Small Business Awards, which have been running since 1994, provide a great opportunity for small and growing enterprises to be recognised for the hard work they do in putting their business ideas into practice, and celebrates the creativity, energy and achievements of Belmont and WA Small Business.

This year sees more than twenty award categories open to local & WA businesses. Some of the categories include *Business Migrant of the Year*, *Business Woman of the Year*, *Indigenous Business of the Year*, *Best Marketing Award*, *Spirit of Australia Award*, and *Business Management Award*.

Previous winners have found the awards a fantastic launching pad to bigger and better things and this year's awards will be no different.

Major sponsors of the awards include the City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) and the Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. (TCFWA). Other valuable sponsors include Perth Airport, Belmont Forum, Perth Racing, Southern Gazette Community News, Perth Fashion Festival, and Assured Ascot Quays Apartments.

Belmont BEC can provide assistance to firms in the preparation of submissions for their entry into the 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2009 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awards2009>

Closing date for entries is 5pm Wednesday, September 30th 2009.

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