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Belmont Business Women's Club President Carol Hanlon to Attend Prestigious United Nations Event in New York

Ms Carol Hanlon, President of Belmont Business Professional Women (Belmont BPW) will be representing local women at the upcoming fifty-fourth session of the United Nations – Commission on the Status of Women to be held from the 1st to the 12th of March 2010 in New York.

The Commission on the Status of Women will undertake a fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

Emphasis will be placed on the sharing of experiences and good practices, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new challenges, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals, Member States representatives of non-governmental organisations (NGO's) and of United Nations entities that will participate in the session.

Ms Hanlon will have the opportunity to attend a series of parallel events which will provide additional opportunities or information exchange and networking.

Carol said, "I am proud to be representing Belmont BPW, which is such an honour. BPW is one of the 5 member groups in the world that has advisory input into the United Nations Status of Women which provides a voice not only for Australian women, but for the women in over 90 countries in the world where BPW is located".

BPW Belmont was chartered in March 2006, meets monthly for networking, and bi-monthly for a casual dinner, guest speaker or other activity. BPW Membership is open to women who would like to share their skills, talents and fellowship for the benefit of women, their community, locally, nationally and internationally.

Belmont BPW co-ordinates an extensive list of innovative and creative programs and projects for the benefit of its members and those it seeks to support that include networking events, mentoring, youth projects, micro enterprise, scholarships and the celebration of women around the globe.

Whilst in New York, Ms Hanlon will visit the offices of Info Dev / World Bank, where she has been invited to join the Info Development Global Committee on Women's Business Incubation after recently attending the 3rd Global Forum Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Brazil in October 2009.

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