

**Andrew Erkins from Digit Books winner of Business News  
'Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award'  
In 22<sup>nd</sup> Belmont Small Business Awards**

Andrew Erkins from Digit Books was one of many Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2015. The winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' in the Ballroom of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The awards provide a fantastic opportunity for small and growing enterprises from Belmont and across Western Australia to be recognised for their achievements.

To start proceedings, a Welcome to Country was given by Ingrid Cumming from Kart Koort Wiern. Chair of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre, Jules Lewin gave the official welcome, and then WA State Manager, Dianne May, from the Department of Industry delivered a message on behalf of The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer, Minister Small Business and Assistant Treasurer. The Mayor of the City of Belmont, Cr Phil Marks also gave an update on business in Belmont. MC's for the evening were Past Chair of Belmont BEC Tim Hammond and TCF WA Vice Chair Jasmyn Mumme. Attendees on the night enjoyed a WA Designer Showcase which was supported by Silverstar Designs (designer Margaret Sylvester), Ava (designer Petra Vanessie and Holly Barker Millinery), Breathless (designer Helen Rimpas), and Arcaro Couture (designer Angelina Arcaro). Thank you to all models and Danique De Kat from the Metro Modelling and Dance Academy in Cockburn.

Winner of the 'Young Entrepreneur Award' was Andrew Erkins from Digit Books. Andrew Erkins is co-founder of Digit Books. Digit Books are an award winning business providing quality bookkeeping services via Xero. Andrew's role has been to establish and to be caretaker of the company vision, to guide business, and to develop and promote and engage their audience. Andrew has helped Digit Books achieve sales conversion rates of 90 percent, and increase revenue 128 percent since 2014.

Presenter of the award Kim Phan from Business News said, "Our aim at Business News is to be the best news and information service, providing the insights, connection and opportunities of doing business in the nation's most successful economy. We achieve this through an editorial team that is committed to delivering quality and trusted news and information and engaging with the full range of business sectors in the WA economy via print and digital platforms. We are fully supportive of WA entrepreneurs and congratulations to Andrew on his win".

For further details on all winners of the 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards 2015 visit [www.belmontbec.com/awards](http://www.belmontbec.com/awards)

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