

**Australian Employment Force Pty Ltd winner of The Australian Asian
Association of WA 'Business Migrant of the Year Award'
In 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards**

Australian Employment Force Pty Ltd was one of many Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards on the 22nd 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 'Business Migrant of the Year Award' was Australian Employment Force Pty Ltd. Australian Employment Force is a retailer and service provider. Their key products are mobile phone accessories, phone repairs, beauty, food and car washes. They have more than 80 shops which are located in more than 30 towns and cities throughout WA. They have also expanded into Queensland and the Northern Territory. In 10 years the business has grown from 5 to 500 employees. Business owner Khoi Vo is a migrant from Vietnam, and is proud to have enriched the multicultural community of WA.

Vice President of The Australian Asian Association of WA, Mr Mel Fialho, said, "The Australian Asian Association is one of Western Australia's premier ethnic conglomerate bodies, providing rent free accommodation to 17 of their ethnic conglomerate associations from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe in their current building on Stirling Street. The building is used for services by the Chilean and Nepalese Consuls and the also some services of the Filipino Embassy. This building has a major and a minor function centre which are in constant use. The Australian Asian Association provides a range of services to their clients including Training, Legal Advice, Immigration Advice and Case Management, Welfare, Emergency Relief, Aged Care under the Community Aged Care Packages and Health and Community Care and an Ethnic Secretariat that provides amongst its many services, help to new and emerging groups in preparing their constitutions and registration. Our congratulations to Australian Employment Force on their success."

For further details on all winners of the 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards 2015 visit www.belmontbec.com/awards

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