

**Jade Lewis & Friends Inc winner of Designedge Fashion Incubator  
'Karl Farrell Inspiration Award'  
In 22<sup>nd</sup> Belmont Small Business Awards**

Jade Lewis & Friends Inc 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 'Karl Farrell Inspiration Award' was Jade Lewis & Friends Inc. Despite being an International medal winning little athletics champion at 15, Jade was unfortunately lured into the drug scene until she was 22. However, in 2004 Jade started Jade Lewis and Friends with a vision to help build drug free Australian communities. She has now delivered over 900 school and community presentations, authored two books and began the Yellow Ribbon Project for Second Chances campaign. This provides an innovative approach to the long-term rehabilitation of female offenders, ex-offenders and those at risk. With no starting budget Jade has raised over \$1m in funding to help her run her programs.

Sasha Rushe Farrell presented the award on behalf of designedge Fashion Incubator and said, "Karl Farrell was an inspirational Chairman of TCFWA and this special award honours his memory. The Designedge Fashion Incubator established by TCFWA has provided retail and virtual showrooms and has assisted over 1,000 designers through co-ordination of trade exhibitions and promotional opportunities since 2003. TCF is also secretariat of the International Fashion Incubator Network and is currently in discussions to host the 5th International Fashion Incubator Conference to be held at Magic, Las Vegas in USA which is the largest fashion trade exhibition in the world. Well done Jade on achieving so much on your amazing journey through life".

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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