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Belmont Small Business Awards Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The 20th annual Belmont Small Business Awards are now open for small businesses to enter until 5pm Monday, October 28th, 2013.

The Awards were officially launched on the 17th of April 2013 at the City of Belmont Civic Centre, by Mayor Phil Marks, City of Belmont. This year's awards include 23 categories for entrants to consider such as Best New Business, Spirit of Australia, Environment Award, Home-Based Business Award, Indigenous Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur Award.

The Belmont Small Business Awards attract a wide coverage of media interest and corporate support and has been held in high esteem within the local community for their integrity and creditability with judging, quality submissions and the recognition the awards bring to businesses that strive for business excellence. The 'Night of Stars' Awards presentation will be held at the Ballroom, Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre, Perth in November, the event attracts 400 small business leaders including federal, state and local government VIP's and national representatives.

CEO of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC), and founder of the Awards Carol Hanlon said, "We are excited to be launching the Belmont Small Business Awards for the 20th year, and thank all previous businesses who have entered, and supported the Awards. The Awards provide recognition to local businesses not only in Belmont but across Western Australia."

Major sponsors of 2013 awards are the City of Belmont, Belmont BEC, and TCF WA. Other sponsors include Perth Airport, Telstra Business Centre, Small Business Development Corporation, Southern Gazette, The Australian Asian Association Business News, Sheila Magazine, Belmont Forum, Nifnex, Watering Concepts, BPW WA, BPW Business Incubator, Hanssen Project Management, Australian Network Management, MY Business Incubator, Westways Colorgrafix, Racebreed Australia, TCF Australia Energy Efficiency, Friends of Belmont BEC and Designedge Fashion Incubator.

Businesses wishing to enter the awards can access complimentary 'ONLINE' Information Sessions on 'How to Prepare Award Submissions'; Free Award Entry Kits and submission guidance is also available. Please contact Belmont BEC on 9479 3777 or email awards@belmontbec.com to arrange assistance with entries. More information can also be downloaded from www.belmontbec.com/awards

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About Belmont BEC

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC) is a non-profit community based organisation that was established in 1994, to assist in the growth and development of small business. Over the years it has originated a large range of well-known projects and programs for the benefit of its small business clients that have included Belmont Small Business Awards, Designedge Innovation Festival, Multicultural Business Support Services, WA Racing Industry Project, Belmont Clothes Library and the Belmont BEC is also an industry specialist on creative industry, fashion and TCFL industries.

The centre provides low cost and no cost training for small businesses across Australia via workshops, webinars and one to one mentoring. Belmont BEC is partially funded by the Australian government and also receives support from sponsors, supporters and volunteers.