

MEDIA RELEASE

18th Belmont Small Business Awards Now Open For 2011

Businesses shone brightly in Belmont at the launch of the 18th Belmont Small Business Awards on Wednesday 20th of April. This year's awards include more than 23 categories for entrants to consider such as eCommerce, Export, Migrant of the Year and the Environment Award. The event was also the launch of the 2011 designedge Innovation Festival which sees more than 70 events being run in Belmont and across Australia annually - making it one of the largest innovation festivals in the country.

The Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC), a non-profit community organisation that provides business webinars, workshops, mentoring and guidance to persons wishing to start or grow their business across Australia.

Belmont BEC CEO Carol Hanlon said "We are excited to have the 2011 Belmont Small Business Awards Open for entries, and encourage all small businesses throughout Western Australia to take a moment and see if they qualify for any of our 23 award categories. We can offer lots of assistance for small business entrants, including providing weekly information sessions on how to write an Awards submission".

This years' categories also include *eCommerce Web Site Award, Business Woman of the Year, Best New Business Award, Quality Customer Service, Spirit of Australia Award, Export Award* and *Environment Award* to name just a few of the 23 Awards available for entry.

Previous winners have found the awards a fantastic launching pad to bigger and better things and this year's awards will be no different.

Major sponsors of the awards include the City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (BEC), Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc.(TCFWA) Other valuable sponsors include Perth Airport, SBDC, Australia Asia Association, Southern Gazette Community News, Burswood Entertainment, Hanssen Project Management, Westways Colorgrafix, Watering Concepts, Racebreed, Australian Network Management and BPW Australia. This year new sponsors include Sunday Times, HR Virtual Assistant, Small Enterprise Network and National Australia Bank.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2011 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awards2011>

Closing date for entries is 5pm 19th October 2011, and the final 'Night of Stars' event when the winners will be held 10th November 2011, Grand Ballroom, Burswood Entertainment Complex

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