

# BELMONT BUSINESS TALK

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## Architects honoured for iconic Belmont building

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*Creating opportunities*







*Celebrating BEC's 20 years – Samantha Rowe MLC, Belmont BEC and TCFWA Director Carol Hanlon and Cassie Rowe Chair Belmont BEC.*



*Anna Dickie from Perth Airport and Julie Mizen from AusIndustry at the BEC celebration.*

## BPW BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROJECT GOES GLOBAL

The Chinese Taipei Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development is collaborating with Australia's Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc (BEC Global), Textile Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre WA (TCF Global) and the BPW Business Incubator Training and Mentoring Program on a pilot study to assist women in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's (APEC) economies to develop their small business skills.

"Our goal for this project is to develop business skills and business growth potential for women in small business internationally," Belmont Business and Professional Women's Club (Belmont BPW) President Carol Hanlon said.

The BPW Business Incubator ONLINE Training and Mentoring APEC Project evolved from the APEC aim to support women's economic empowerment.

The program targets women in Chinese Taipei, Republic of Korea, Chile, the Philippines and Australia and offers twenty hours of online skills training, one hour of mentoring and a certificate of completion.

Women interested in the BPW Business Incubator APEC project can view details at [www.bpwbusinessincubator.com/apec](http://www.bpwbusinessincubator.com/apec)

Information regarding the APEC Multi-Year Project MSCE 03 2013A, please contact Helen Lee, Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development at [helen.lee@wrp.org.tw](mailto:helen.lee@wrp.org.tw)

Further information about the BPW Belmont Club can be found at [www.bpw.com.au/belmont](http://www.bpw.com.au/belmont) or email [belmont@bpw.com.au](mailto:belmont@bpw.com.au)

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## BELMONT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESSES

Established in 1994, the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC) is a non-profit community based organisation which offers one-stop-shop, low cost advisory services and provides small business support through a helpline, mentoring, networking, legal and accounting support and a range of other services.

The Belmont BEC not only services small business owners in Belmont and in Western Australia, but now also across Australia and internationally via online mentoring and training webinars.

The Belmont BEC founding manager is small business advocate Carol Hanlon. She is also founder of Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. (TCFWA), design edge fashion incubator, Belmont Small Business Awards and many other initiatives established since 1994.

Prior to running the BEC, Ms Hanlon's small business background included fashion design, clothing manufacturing, wholesale, retail and export for more than 20 years on the east coast of Australia.

"Every year hundreds of webinars are hosted by Belmont BEC – and many of these informative sessions are offered free or at very low cost to small business owners throughout Australia," Belmont BEC Chair Cassie Rowe said.

"The Belmont BEC is also focussed on ensuring that women, Indigenous people and those living in rural and remote areas of Australia have access to business skills training. Since 1994, the Belmont BEC has assisted more than 24,000 clients," she said.

"Carol Hanlon has been regularly rewarded throughout her career, due to her outstanding contribution to the business community."

"She was named one of the 50 most inspiring women in WA, by Scoop Magazine and in March 2011 was inducted into The Inaugural Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame. Carol is an inspiration to all that she comes in contact with and has an insatiable passion for helping small businesses."

For more information about the BEC please refer to [www.belmontbec.com](http://www.belmontbec.com)

## ABORIGINAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Aboriginal Business Directory WA (ABDWA) now has its own Facebook page, providing a great way for the community to keep updated on news and events relating to Aboriginal small business in Western Australia.

The Directory promotes products and services from Aboriginal businesses in WA to potential buyers in government, private and not-for-profit sectors.

It features more than 200 businesses from across the State and is the most comprehensive list of its kind in Western Australia.

The new Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/aboriginaldirectorywa](http://www.facebook.com/aboriginaldirectorywa)

