

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Spirit of the Streets Choir Performing Live at the 2015 Belmont Small Business Awards**

Finalists in the 2015 Belmont Small Business Awards, the 'Spirit of the Streets Choir' have kindly donated their time to perform at final 'Night of Stars' award presentation evening on the 22nd of October at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non-profit community based organisation established, in 1994.

The Spirit of the Streets Choir was started in 2007 on the wings of the successful Choir of Hard Knocks. Lead by Bernard Carney, membership was mainly Big Issue Magazine vendors. Today, with over 70 members, the self-proclaimed rough and ready crew is more inclusive and represents groups of people who are at risk of becoming socially isolated. The message carried in their songs invokes a spirit of unity, acceptance and inclusion.

Carol Hanlon Founder and Manager of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre and the Belmont Small Business Awards said, "We are thrilled that 29 singers from the Spirit of the Streets Choir will perform at this year's awards presentation evening. They will undoubtedly enthral the audience, including finalists and winners of all our Awards".

The Choir also have a major event coming up on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October at Perth Town Hall where they will join with the hilarious Spooky Men of the West, in an uplifting afternoon of serious and silly song that will move the audience to laughter and tears.

Bernard Carney, Managing Director of Spirit of the Streets choir said, "We are honoured to be a finalist in the 2015 Belmont Small Business Awards, and the opportunity to perform at the Awards is fantastic. We are also looking forward to our special performance at the Perth Town Hall with Spooky Men of the West on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of October, and encourage Perth to support us".

For more information on the Awards please contact [awards@belmontbec.com](mailto:awards@belmontbec.com). For more information on the Spirit of the Streets Choir, please contact Bernard Carney Mobile 0412 119 640

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