## Business & Professional Women W.A. Supports Business Woman of the Year Award 2013

The 20th annual Belmont Small Business Awards are well underway, and nominations and entries are open until 5pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Business & Professional Women W.A. has given support to the Awards again this year and is sponsoring the Business Woman of the Year Award. This year's Belmont Small Business Awards include a total of 23 categories for entrants to consider such as Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, eCommerce, Indigenous Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur Award.

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.

Jasmyn Mumme, WA State President, Business & Professional Women (BPW) said, "I am excited to support small businesses throughout Western Australia, and would like to congratulate last year's winner of the Business Woman of the Year Award – Sheila Magazine.

Sheila is an independent, glossy women's fashion and lifestyle publication created to showcase West Australian products, producers, creative and businesses. Sheila is produced by a very small team, but the quality of the product is in line with magazines produced by big publishers. Sheila is the only West Australian independently published magazine to secure distribution in Woolworths, and this has enabled cover sales to triple.

"I look forward to meeting this year's winner, and would like to encourage all businesses in Western Australia to see if they qualify for any of the 23 award categories. The Belmont Small Business Awards are free to enter, and the Belmont BEC can offer lots of assistance for small business entrants, including providing weekly information sessions on how to write an Awards submission", Kate Waters said.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony in November call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email <u>awards@belmontbec.com</u> or visit the website <u>http://www.belmontbec.com/awards</u>

The "Night of Stars" event, where winners will be announced, is going be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of November in the Grand Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre in the Grand Ballroom.

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