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Carol Hanlon Elected New President of BPW Belmont

Belmont small business advocate Carol Hanlon has been elected to become President of the Belmont Business and Professional Women's Club (Belmont BPW). Carol also held this important post between 2009 and 2011.

BPW Belmont is a highly effective club, with a focus on empowering women and youth, both at a local and a global level. Monthly networking and dinner meetings are held to enable networking, fellowship and skills development with a range of quality guest speakers.

Annual BPW Belmont events include a buffet lunch for the International Women's Day Celebration every March, during which women from diverse backgrounds or those belonging to the local community gather to hear inspiring Guest Speakers. Other annual events include the collection of canned goods for Christmas food hampers distributed to needy families through the Jacaranda Community Centre, as well as Primary School Scholarships to assist female students graduating from primary to secondary education.

Carol Hanlon President of Belmont BPW said, "I am thrilled to be elected President again and look forward to encouraging other local women to join. We are very active in international projects. For example, we support sister clubs from around the world. After Typhoon Yolanda devastated the Leyte Province in the Philippines we assisted the collection of replacement items to assist with reestablishing the TCF Ormoc Sewing Centres which provide employment to many Filipinos and also donated \$600 to the BPW Ormoc club to assist with rebuilding the lives of women after the Typhoon disaster"

In 2010, Ms Hanlon represented Belmont BPW at the United Nations - Commission on the Status of Women. BPW International has General Consultative Status at ECOSOC United Nations which provides a voice not only for Australian women, but for the women in over 99 countries in the world where BPW is located.

Belmont BPW meets monthly for meeting and networking and bimonthly for a casual dinner, guest speaker or other activity. BPW Membership is open to all women who would like to share their skills. talents and fellowship for the benefit of women, their community, locally, nationally and internationally.

In addition to her role as Belmont BPW President, Ms Hanlon is also Founder and CEO of TCF Australia (including the TCF Australia ONLINE Energy Efficiency Training & Mentoring Project), and the Founding Manager of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. Her other current projects includes MY Business Incubator (providing ONLINE support to small business across Western Australia), the BPW Business Incubator (providing ONLINE support to women in business nationally) Carol is also National President of the Australasian Institute Enterprise Facilitators promoting professional standards in business counselling & facilitation.

Further information on BPW Belmont can be found at www.bpw.com.au/belmont or Email belmont@bpw.com.au

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