## Hanssen Supports Spirit of Australia Award in 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards

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.

Hanssen has given support to the Awards this year and is sponsoring the Spirit of Australia Award. This year's Belmont Small Business Awards include a total of 23 categories for entrants to consider such as Enterprise of the Year, Business Migrant of the Year, Environment Award, 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.

Gerry Hanssen, Managing Director of Hanssen Project Management said, "Hanssen has been a long term supporter of the Belmont Small Business Awards, and we are excited to support the Spirit of Australia Award. We believe in making a difference in the community and providing opportunities for every person to reach their full potential. I would like to congratulate last year's award winner Foodbank WA".

Foodbank is a charitable organisation which sources donated and surplus food from the food and grocery industry to distribute to welfare and community agencies that provide food assistance to people in need. Starting in Belmont in the '90's, The Foodbank WA network now extends from the state head office in Perth into regional centres in Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Peel. Foodbank WA plays a major role in reducing waste and helping the environment, and its vision is "An Australia Without Hunger".

"I would like to encourage all businesses in Western Australia to see if they qualify for any of the 23 award categories, including the Spirit of Australia Award. 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", Gerry 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 at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre in the Grand Ballroom.

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