

MEDIA RELEASE

Perth Airport Supports Volunteer of the Year and Indigenous Business of the Year Awards 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 28th October 2013.

Perth Airport has given support to the Awards this year and is sponsoring both the Volunteer of the Year Award, and the Indigenous Business of the Year Awards. 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, Online Business, Environment Award 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.

Fiona Lander, Executive General Manager Corporate Affairs and Organisation Development said, "Perth Airport has been a long term supporter of the Belmont Small Business Awards, and we are thrilled to be able to support the Indigenous Business of the Year Award and the Volunteer of the Year Award. We would like to congratulate last year's winners – Deadly Divas Clothing, and Peter Jarman from Meals on Wheels.

Deadly Diva's Clothing who took out the prize for Indigenous Business of the Year and is 100% owned and operated by Alisha Nelson and Tahn Donovan. Alisha is Nyikina Yawuru, of the Northwest and Tahn is Wardandi, of the Southwest. The girls have pooled their resources and mustered up the support of their loved ones to help them realise a dream to celebrate the beauty and grace of Aboriginal people through a clothing label, Deadly Divas Clothing. The fashion label is designed for every day and every woman, and for the woman who has time to pack, but not necessarily iron. Deadly Diva's Clothing designs - looking deadly has never been so easy!

Peter Jarman was named Volunteer of the Year, and is a Meal's on Wheels volunteer. He has been volunteering with the organization since 1993. He loves assisting people with limited mobility and contributing to the Belmont Community. Peter is responsible for training all new Meals on Wheels volunteers in the City of Belmont, volunteers his time with the organization about 2.5 days per week and is currently 85 years of age.

"I look forward to meeting this year's winners, 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", Fiona 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 awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awards>

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

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