

MEDIA RELEASE

Southern Gazette Supports Community Spirit 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 28th October 2013.

Southern Gazette has given support to the Awards this year and is sponsoring the Community Spirit 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.

Nathan Wayne, Sales Manager from Community Newspapers said, "The Southern Gazette newspaper has been a long term supporter of the Belmont Small Business Awards, and we are thrilled to be able to support the Community Spirit Award. We would like to congratulate last year's winners – Jacaranda Community Centre.

Jacaranda Community Centre is a grassroots community organization that provides financial counselling, family support and court support programs to residents of the City of Belmont that are underprivileged and in hardship. The programs focus on education, improving lifestyle and fostering inclusiveness in the community. Jacaranda is currently working with around 1,600 families and approximately 80% of those are Indigenous.

"The Southern Gazette offers its readers the latest local news, opinions and advertisements, choosing to purchase from local businesses close to home. We look forward to rewarding a local Belmont based organisation for their work in the community. 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", Nathan 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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