

MEDIA RELEASE

Southern Gazette Supports Community Spirit

The 19th annual Belmont Small Business Awards are once again underway and open for small businesses across Western Australia until 5pm Monday 15th October 2012.

The Southern Gazette has given support to the Awards again this year and is sponsoring the Community Spirit Award. Last year the Community Newspapers Community Spirit Award was won by Climbing Vine Theatre Company.

Climbing Vine is one of Perth's most unique performance companies, producing high quality shows and training young people in both theatre and film. Climbing Vine is the ONLY theatre company in WA that produces only original works, meaning all of their productions are world premieres and unique to local culture. Climbing Vine has recently introduced a new City of Belmont Theatre Scholarship, enabling one young local person to take up their Horizon Theatre Program free of charge. The company promote a strict drug, smoke and alcohol free environment for young people, and the performance programs offer participants a sense of belonging, achievement and self-esteem.

This year's Belmont Small Business Awards include a total of 22 categories for entrants to consider such as Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, eCommerce, Indigenous Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur Award.

To enter the Community Spirit Award, the business or organisation must be located in the City of Belmont.

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC) CEO and founder of the Awards Carol Hanlon said, "We are glad to have the Southern Gazette on board as a sponsor of the awards, and look forward to encouraging Belmont businesses to enter the Community Spirit Award category. If businesses need some extra help in getting their awards submission together, they can contact us to attend a complimentary information session".

The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non profit community based organisation established, in 1994. The Belmont BEC offers 'one stop shop, low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support with a helpline, mentoring, networking, legal and accounting services and a range of other services.

The Awards are open for small businesses across Western Australia until 5pm Monday 15th October 2012.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2012 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 final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held on the 15th November 2012 in the Grand Ballroom, Crown Perth.

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