

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **20th Belmont Small Business Awards Finalists Announced**

The 20th Belmont Small Business Awards recently closed and Finalists in the 23 categories have now been contacted. Finalists have been invited to attend the 'Night of Stars' event on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 in the Grand Ballroom at Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre where the winners will be announced. The 'Night of Stars' event attracts more than 400 small business leaders including federal, state and local government VIP's and national representatives.

This year's award categories included Spirit of Australia, Young Entrepreneur, Best New Business, Indigenous Business and Business Migrant of the Year. The awards were free to enter, and small businesses could enter their own business or nominate another business they felt deserved one of the prestigious awards.

The Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC), a non-profit community organisation that provides ONLINE business webinars, workshops, mentoring and guidance to persons wishing to start or grow their business both within the Belmont region, statewide and nationally.

The Belmont Small Business Awards attract a wide coverage of media interest and corporate support and has been held in high esteem within the local community for their integrity and creditability with judging, quality submissions and the recognition the awards bring to businesses that strive for business excellence.

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre CEO and founder of the Belmont Small Business Awards Carol Hanlon said, "Previous winners have found the awards a fantastic launching pad to bigger and better things and this year's awards will be no different. We were thrilled with the number of entries this year, and the commitment of small businesses to enter the awards".

Major sponsors of 2013 awards are the City of Belmont, Belmont BEC, and TCF WA. Other sponsors include Perth Airport, Telstra Business Centre, Small Business Development Corporation, Southern Gazette, The Australian Asian Association Business News, Sheila Magazine, Belmont Forum, Nifnex, Watering Concepts, BPW WA, BPW Business Incubator, Hanssen Project Management, Australian Network Management, MY Business Incubator, Westways Colorgrafix, Racebreed Australia, Westpac Bank, TCF Australia ENERGY EFFICIENCY Project, Friends of Belmont BEC and Designedge Fashion Incubator.

For more information on booking tickets for the 'Night of Stars' on November 28<sup>th</sup>, please call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email [awards@belmontbec.com](mailto:awards@belmontbec.com) or buy tickets from website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awardtickets> (purchase 1 or 2 tickets or a table of 8).

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