



Congratulations to **Mental Fitness Champion, Louise Hawton** –  
Winner of **KARL FARRELL INSPIRATION AWARD** at the 30<sup>th</sup> Belmont & Western  
Australian Small Business Awards

In front of an audience of over 400 attendees, **Mental Fitness Champion, Louise Hawton** was one of the many Western Australian small business winners in the 30<sup>th</sup> Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2023 on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Held in the grand ballroom of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, the 'Night of Stars Event' celebrated excellence in business and community achievement.

The welcome address was delivered by City of Belmont Deputy Mayor Cr Deborah Sessions, together with our MC's for the evening, Member for Belmont, Cassie Rowe MLA, and Belmont BEC Inc. Patron Louise Percy. The night's entertainment was provided by Kaylene Taylor, with welcome to country performed by Dadajaal Daniel Garlett.

Many VIP guests were in attendance including; Member for Swan, Zaneta Mascarenhas MP; Member for South Perth, Geoff Baker MLA; Consulate General of Viet Nam in Perth, Consul Thao Vu; Honorary Consul Slovak Republic in WA, Paul Faix; Honorary Consul Republic of Mauritius, Ian Whitaker; Honorary Consul Philippines, Virma Symons; Honorary Consul Sri Lanka WA, Doctor Rosh Jalagge; City of Belmont Councillors Cr Phil Marks, Cr Bernie Ryan, Cr Tamak Vijay, Cr George Sekulla, Cr Natalie Carter; Belmont BEC Chair Jules Lewin; TCFWA, Chair, Irving Lane; Business & Professional Women Australia, National President Jacqueline Graham, BPW WA State President Kate Waters, BPW Perth President Lynne Doyle, BPW Belmont President Deggi Altangerel; Hong Kong Australia Business Association WA, President Winnie Lai Hadad; Philippines Business Council WA, Jenny Ryall; Racing & Wagering WA, Catherine Ferrari; Western Australian Racehorse Owners Association, Mark Luzi; Perth Racing, Ryan Crowley; National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka, Kapila De Silva; Young Afghan Leaders, Chair Maria Aziz; Presidents from Rotary Club Ascot, Rotary Club Belmont, and the Rotary Club Welshpool.

The Designer Showcase Fashion Parade for 2023 featured stunning designs from visiting Filipino designer Eleven S and WA designers Silver Star Designs, Jilaga Designs, Kirrikin and Miss Scarlett with models from Metro Agency.

**Louisa Hawton** is a World class athlete and a professional of two different sports, Skateboarding and Professional Boxing. 'Lulu' is a beacon of inspiration for women worldwide, not simply a world-class athlete; she embodies the extraordinary potential that resides within every woman.

Her accolades include two Boxing World Championships—the illustrious WBO and the prestigious WBC World Championships. This incredible achievement further underscores her boundless spirit and resilience. However, Lulu's influence extends far beyond her athletic prowess. She's a tireless advocate and role model for women and young girls, committed to empowering them to believe in themselves and uncover the pathways to live their best lives. For Lulu, life is an expansive canvas of boundless possibilities, and her motto reverberates with unwavering conviction: "ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!"

This award was supported by **The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia**. Established in Belmont in 1998, the not-for-profit centre has been so successful, that it now receives requests from across Australia and overseas. TCFWA provides specialised fashion business skills, mentoring and supply chain sourcing on and offshore and has been recognised as a leader and role model organisation. Karl Farrell was an inspirational Chair of TCFWA, and this award honours his memory.



CEO Carol Hanlon said, "Celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 is both an amazing and proud achievement for the organisation. Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, our Small Business Awards are an exciting event on the calendar that provides well-earned acknowledgements to those Western Australian businesses striving for excellence in business and community achievements. We sincerely thank the valuable support from our Category Sponsors which make this amazing small business event possible, in particular our Major Sponsor the City of Belmont for their long-term support."

For further details on all winners of the 30<sup>th</sup> Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2023 visit [www.belmontbec.com/awards](http://www.belmontbec.com/awards)

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