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Belmont BEC News update

February, 2015

Hi ,

Happy New Year of the Goat



NEWSFLASH



Carol Hanlon to present at UNCSW59 NGO Events, **'Empowering Women in Business'** Forum, New York, March 10th

Like to Empower Women in Small Business in developing countries?

Sponsor a BPW Business Incubator Online Training & Mentoring

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Advice from the Experts



Starting a Business, business management; Business Planning, financial specialist; Marketing and promoting your business; Strategic planning, global supply chains and opportunities; **Contact us** for bookings and rates.

Scholarship in your country of interest! Thanks to Elisa Doro, Goldfish Toyshop, Berry, NSW who has sponsored 10 BPW Training Scholarships for Women in Madagascar. **Contact us** to discuss your women in business sponsored scholarships.

Congratulations to our APEC BPW Business Incubator 'Online' Business Scholarship Graduates

Women in small business across 5 economies of Chinese Taipei, Republic of Korea, The Philippines, Chile and Australia have just completed their extensive small business training and mentoring with Belmont BEC & BEC Global with support from APEC Multi-Year Project MSCE 03 2013A and The Chinese Taipei Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development. View www.bpwbusinessincubator.com/apec

Sponsorship Opportunities 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards 2015

Opportunity to get involved as a sponsor for this year's small business awards and profile your business to many thousands of small businesses across WA. Due to launch April with the final presentation of winners to held at the Ballroom, Perth Convention Exhibition Centre October. **Contact us** View 2014 award winners www.belmontbec.com/awards

Speaker, Events and Sponsorship Opportunities 11th designedge Innovation Festival, 2015

Like to present an innovative topic, stage an event or be an official sponsor of our 11th annual designedge Innovation Festival. Launch Mid April to end of May **Contact us** View 2014 festival events www.belmontbec.com/2014innovation

ACCC issues an invoice email scam warning



The scam involves scammers pretending to be legitimate suppliers advising changes to payment arrangements. Scammers hack into vendor/supplier email accounts and send you an email, supposedly



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from a vendor, requesting a wire transfer to a new or different bank account. For tips on how to protect your business, visit the [SCAMwatch website](#) and read [SCAMwatch radar](#)

\$20,000 Innovation Vouchers Program

The Innovation Vouchers Program can provide financial assistance of up to \$20,000 to eligible small-to-medium enterprises to access professional skills, services or knowledge to enable them to advance their innovation or commercialisation activity in Western Australia. Applications close on 27 February 2015. [Visit Here](#)



Skills Shortages & Barriers to Employment

The Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council is undertaking research on behalf of the WA Government for input into the WA State Priority Occupation List (SPOL). The State Priority Occupation List is an annually produced list of jobs that are in high demand or considered industry-critical in Western Australia. your feedback is required re: existing or potential skill shortages and barriers to employment and training within your various industries. Metro Meeting: 8.30am-12noon, Tues, 3 March 2015, [Contact Us](#) for further details

Can't attend the meeting – participate in the online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TCFAI>

Call Me! - Like to include your voice & message in a PhD Australian Artist Media Installation

This media installation has already shown in Australia and Vienna and due to exhibit in Budapest mid 2015

Phone 0352442440 and leave your message – recite a poem, tell a story, leave a message. Like to know more visit [here](#) or www.rachelhanlon.com



You are invited to join Friends of Belmont BEC

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Welcome to our newest Friends of Belmont BEC Members - Charles Ryder, White Chalk Road; Sharron Hawkins, MZ Finance & Business Services; Arnaud Michel, Core Kinetics Physiotherapy; Jaz Caisley, Computer Consultant Professionals; Lee Ginty, Computermate; Donald Yates, Columbus Group; Sheryll L Fisher, Outback Initiatives; Kim Barrett, Kboss International; Aneesha Varghese, Smart Financials; Donna Vincent, Hard Hat Bookkeepers.

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Guest Speakers:

Micheal Keil, MichaelKeil.com -
Tips on real estate investment in 2015

Donna DiBartolomeo, Volunteer Task Force - *The Benefits of Volunteering*

Ingrid Cumming, Kart Koort

Wiern - *Understanding Aboriginal Culture*

Colin Atkinson, CA Management Services - *Business Knowledge & Software Expo, *Attendees will receive entry tickets to the Business Expo* Door Prizes. Bookings

Essential: www.belmontbec.com/events



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Trends @ MY Green Incubator



Monthly Energy Tip - Make a plan to be energy efficient every month of the year with our monthly energy-saving tips.

February

With rising temperatures we are also experiencing rising electricity costs. Cooling is vital for creating productive working environments. However minimising costs are essential for profitability.

1. Be aware of what your cooling is costing you.

The size (KW) of the unit will not enable you to work out accurately the usage due to the duty cycle, or the actual drawing time.

An energy monitor or even a special monitoring socket can give you accurate readings.

2. There may be times where evaporative cooling or fans can be used which will draw far less energy

3. Blinds and shades are useful to block direct sunlight

4. Closed doors and windows and use of air curtains will assist in the efficiency of air conditioners.

5. Do not waist costs cooling rooms not being utilised, or that are unoccupied for long periods.

6. Avoid using lights that create a lot of heat, these are also using more energy to run.

Contact us for Free Fact Sheet, Live Webinar, Recording or Free Mentor to help you lower your energy costs - www.tcfaustralia.com/energyproject

Save \$\$ Money – Reduce energy usage in your business

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Like to speak to our Solar Mentor Expert?

Register: www.tcfaustralia.com/tcfaenergyform

Tips from Computer Consultants Professionals

When you communicate around the world it's easy to lose track of time! www.worldtimebuddy.com is the best site for matching timezone information I've ever found. www.ccp.com.au

Website Tips from FX Digital

Do you like reading the same book over and over again? If your website doesn't include a blog this is exactly what you are asking your audience to do. Every business website should incorporate a

blog, and every business should post regular blog posts if they want to succeed online. www.websitedesigns.com.au

International Women's Day, Lunch, Belmont, 12-3pm, March 8

Join 50+ women celebrating women around the globe. Guest Speakers Minister Hon Helen Morton MLC and Hon Samantha Rowe, MLC Bookings www.belmontbec.com/events

NEWS

Short-term Office Hire, Meeting Rooms and Training Room available in Belmont - [Contact us](#)

Have you made 20% of energy savings in your business? Complete our survey and go in the draw to win a carton of Margaret River Red Wine <http://www.tcfaustralia.com/energysavingsurvey>

Access to IBISWorld Industry Business Forecast Reports IBISWorld - industry research & forecast reports on over 500 industries, Belmont BEC members can view IBIS reports at no cost at our office. (IBIS reports valued at \$1,295) [Contact us](#)

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***Tips on Saving Energy in Your Business**
Manufacturing Pitfalls
Italian Fashion Media - How to get noticed
What Buyers Are Really Looking For
Quality Apparel Manufacturing

*** Webinar Recordings marked* are FREE to attend.**

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