



## **Maxipickers winner of Karl Farrell Inspiration Award In 24<sup>th</sup> Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards**

Maxipickers was one of many Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 24th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards on the 25th October 2017. The winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' in the ballroom of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Winner of the Karl Farrell Inspiration Award, Ruth McWilliam from Kewdale-based, Maxipickers said, "Maxipickers is a locally owned Truck Mounted Elevated Work Platform /Cherry Picker hire business serving Perth and the entire South West of WA. I started the business six years ago and in the past six months the business has grown more than 90 percent. I'm proud to be recognized for my hard work in my small business, and encourage others to enter Awards such as the Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards."

Jasmyn Mumme, Committee Member, of designedge & TCF WA said, "The Designedge Fashion Incubator was developed and hosted by TCFWA and has conducted a range of innovative projects and programs over the past 15 years that include the Designedge Trade Exhibition staged at the Burswood Convention Centre and a retail Designedge Fashion Incubator at Belmont Forum and the well-known designedge Innovation Festival now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. It's a pleasure to be able to present this important award to a worthy winner."

Mayor City of Belmont Phil Marks delivered the Official Welcome and a Message from the WA Small Business Minister Hon Paul Papalia was delivered by Cassie Rowe MLA, Member for Belmont. Many VIPs included Consul (Com) Consulate General of India, Hon Consuls from Sri Lanka and Slovakia. Many representatives from leading national and state organisations included the National President of BPW Australia, Deputy Chair ACCC Small Business and President Hong Kong Business Association.

MC's for the 'Night of Stars' evening included Belmont BEC Patron Louise Percy & Belmont BEC Mentor Harvey Rose. Spirits of the Streets Choir performed a memorable set, Welcome to Country was delivered by Ken & William Hayward from Marra Mooditj Training and the Designer Showcase wowed all attendees was co-ordinated by Aymeric Futol from FA Concept Store and featured Kirrikin, Silver Star Designs, Chaynika, Maison Martin Morel, Green Embassy and Kalini.

Carol Hanlon, Founder of Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards & Founding Manager of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (BEC) said, "The awards provide a fantastic opportunity for small and growing enterprises from Belmont and across Western Australia to be recognised for their achievements"

For further details on all winners of the 24th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2017 visit [www.belmontbec.com/awards](http://www.belmontbec.com/awards)

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