**MEDIA RELEASE**

**The Southern Gazette supports the 24th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards!**

The Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards provide recognition and encouragement for small business achievements and will be open for small businesses, individuals and organisations in Belmont and from across Western Australia from the 27th of April until 5pm, 26th of September, 2017.

The Southern Gazette will support the Community Spirit Award. To be eligible to enter this award category, businesses must be located within the City of Belmont and the Award is focussed on recognising an organisation or business’s community contribution to benefit others.

The Southern Gazette has been a trusted source of local news, sport, entertainment, real estate and motoring content for over 30 years.

Nathan Wayne from The Southern Gazette said, “Our goal is to inspire, entertain and inform local readers about all that is happening in their community in print, online and across their device of choice. We are committed to the community, and are excited to support the Community Spirit Award.”

The Awards are co-ordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) which is a not-for-profit community based organisation that was established, in 1994, to assist in the growth and development of small business.

Belmont BEC CEO and Founder of the Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards Carol Hanlon said “The Awards are open to small businesses both within the Belmont area and across the state with 26 categories available for entrants to consider. This is the 24th year we have held our Small Business Awards and it is exciting to see the awards grow each year to provide recognition to those striving for business excellence and acknowledging community achievements”

Potential entrants will be able to access a wide range of support in preparing their submission that includes Free Award Entry Kits, Workshops, Webinars and access to Award Mentors who can assist with tips in preparing award submissions to impress the judging panel.

Winners of this year’s 24th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2017 ’will be announced at the ‘Night of Stars’ event that will take place in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on Wednesday, October 25th, 6pm - 8.30pm.

For more information on how to enter the awards and other categories, please contact awards@belmontbec.com or phone: (08) 9479 3777 or visit www.belmontbec.com/awards

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