**MEDIA RELEASE**

**The Australian Asian Association of WA 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 Australian Asian Association of WA will support the Migrant Business of the Year Award. Entrants can be located anywhere from Perth metropolitan area and regional Western Australia.

The Australian Asian Association of WA provides a range of services to their clients including Training, Legal Advice, Immigration Advice and Case Management, Welfare, Emergency Relief, Aged Care and an Ethnic Secretariat.

Vice President Mel Fialho from the Australian Asian Association of WA said, “We are proud to be the premier ethnic conglomerate body in WA that provides rent free accommodation to 17 of our ethnic conglomerate. In turn we want to give back to the migrant community and are long term supporters of the Belmont & WA Small Business Awards.”

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](http://www.belmontbec.com/awards)

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