

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Perth Airport are supporting the Indigenous Business of the Year Award in the 2016 Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards

The 23rd annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards are underway, and nominations and entries are open until 5pm Tuesday 27th September.

Perth Airport are sponsoring the Indigenous Business of the Year Award in the 2016 Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards.

This year's Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards include a total of 23 categories for entrants to consider such as Best New Business, Business Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Spirit of Australia, and Business Migrant of the Year Award.

Duanne Ginger from Perth Airport said, "Perth Airport is proud to continue its support of the Indigenous Business of the Year Award. As custodians of the land on which the airport is located, Perth Airport recognises the importance of the area to the Noongar people and values its ongoing partnership with the local Indigenous community,"

"I look forward to meeting this year's Indigenous Business of the Year Award winner, and would like to encourage all businesses in Western Australia to enter the awards if they qualify for any of the 23 award categories,"

"The Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards are free to enter, and the Belmont BEC can offer lots of assistance for small business entrants, including providing free online information sessions on How to prepare an Awards submission." Mr Ginger said.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2016 Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony in October call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email [awards@belmontbec.com](mailto:awards@belmontbec.com) or visit the website <http://www.belmontbec.com/awards>

The final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held 6pm October 26th at the Ballroom, Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

#### About Belmont BEC

The Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non-profit community based organisation established, in 1994, to assist in the start-up, growth and development of small business. Over the years it has originated a large range of well-known projects and programs for the benefit of its small business clients that have included Belmont Small Business Awards, designedge Innovation Festival, TCF WA, Multicultural Business Support Services, WA Racing Industry Project, BPW Business Incubator for Women in Business and the Belmont BEC is also an industry specialist on creative industry, fashion and TCFL industries.

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