



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Friends of Belmont BEC support the 28th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards!**

The Awards provide recognition and encouragement for small business achievements and will be open for small businesses, individuals and organisations in Belmont, Perth metropolitan area and across regional Western Australia from June 30th until the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.

More than 97% of all businesses in WA are small businesses  
(<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/about/small-business-sector/facts-and-statistics-2020>)  
and this sector is of key importance as WA moves through unprecedented times.

Belmont BEC in conjunction with its extensive Perth Metropolitan business network and business alliances has over past years delivered 'Count Me IN' Disability Employment Awareness information to over 3,000 business participants across Belmont, Perth Metropolitan region with the aim to assist employers in 'Breaking Down the Barriers' on considering disability employment.

"As a former small business owner and executive in the non-profit sector, I know that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is incredibly important. I applaud those businesses that are embracing practices that have a positive impact on our community as a whole – whether that's environmentally, socially or economically. I particularly applaud those West Australian businesses who are making a positive social impact by adopting inclusive recruitment and retention policies so that the many people living with disability in our community find valued employment and purpose. Friends of Belmont BEC is proud to sponsor the Corporate Social Responsibility Award at this year's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Belmont and Western Australian Business Awards", said Hannah Beazley, MLA Member for Victoria Park. Sponsor Award Message <https://vimeo.com/569238676>

Friends of Belmont BEC who rallied together to provide donor support for Corporate Social Responsibility Award also included Cassie Rowe MLA, Member for Belmont, Geoff Baker MLA, Member for South Perth and Samantha Rowe, MLC, Member for East Metropolitan Region, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services.

To be eligible to enter this award category, the small business can be located either within the City of Belmont or greater Western Australia. Potential entrants for the Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards will be able to access a wide range of support in preparing their submission that includes Free Award Entry Kits, Award Workshops, Webinars, and access to Award Mentors who can assist with tips in preparing award submissions to impress the judging panel.

Winners will be announced at the 'Night of Stars' event that will take place in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 6pm - 8.30pm.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards are supported by major sponsors City of Belmont and the Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA and coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc.

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

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