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BUSINESS

Environment award

A SMALL business support organisation that took part in a United Nations forum in New York earlier this year has won a City of Belmont energy efficiency award.

The Belmont-based Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA won for its on-line energy efficiency training and mentoring project.

From 2012 to 2015, it targeted 1000 fashion and textile, clothing and footwear, and associated industries through online forums, mentoring, fact sheets, webinars and speaker sessions.

Chief executive Carol Hanlon said the centre has provided a range of services to small businesses in the sector.

"The project facilitated the ability for businesses to reduce energy use, create cost efficiencies and investigate new green business opportunities," Ms Hanlon said.

It also showcased sustainability practices for small businesses during a United Nations non-government organisation forum in New York in March.



Carol Hanlon and Irving Lane with their environmental awards. Picture: Marie Nirme

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Ms Hanlon said the award recognised the benefit of the centre's innovative online training and mentoring.

Two other Belmont businesses, Hero Engineering and Food Rescue, also received awards.

Hero Engineering has implemented several energy efficiency initiatives including installation of double glazing, replacement of fluorescent lights with LEDs and installa-

tion of a voltage optimiser.

Food Rescue collects a large quantity of fresh fruit and vegetables from supermarkets for distribution to charities.

It is planning new initiatives including trialling an Orca on-site digester for food waste.

Belmont Mayor Phil Marks said the winners were setting a good example of how to operate in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way.