



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Perth Airport supports the 25th 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.

Perth Airport will support two awards, the Indigenous Business of the Year Award and the Volunteer of the Year Award.

To be eligible to enter the Indigenous Business of the Year category, businesses can be located anywhere in Western Australia and need to highlight their actions as an Indigenous role model in small business. Gemma Hunter 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”.

To be eligible to enter the Volunteer of the Year category, businesses can be located anywhere in Western Australia and must highlight their efforts in volunteering their skills and talents.

Gemma Hunter from Perth Airport said, “As the gateway to Western Australia which sees 14 million passengers travel through the international and domestic terminals each year, Perth Airport’s own Ambassador Program is vital to ensure that passengers and visitors to the airport are provided with information, assistance and a great customer experience. The airport recognises the invaluable contribution that volunteers, like the Gold Coats, make to the community, and is excited to congratulate the winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award and all entrants in the category.”

Belmont BEC 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 25th 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. Entries are open until 5pm September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Winners of this year’s 25th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2018 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 24th, 6pm - 8.30pm.

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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