



MEDIA RELEASE

Ayurveda for Wellness is the winner of the Business Migrant of the Year Award in 27th Belmont & WA Small Business Awards

Ayurveda for Wellness is one of many Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 27th Belmont & WA Small Business Awards on the Thursday the 27th of November 2020. The winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' in the ballroom of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre with over 320 attending.

The welcome address was delivered by City of Belmont Cr Bernard Ryan. VIP guests included Consul General India, Dantu Charandasi & Comm Consul of India, Dinesh Bhardwaj; Hon Consul of the Republic of Mauritius, Ian Whitaker, Hon Consul Slovakia, Paul Faix; Member for South Perth, Hon John McGrath, MLA; City of Belmont, Deputy Mayor Cr George Sekulla, Cr Jenny Davis, Cr Bernard Ryan; City of Cockburn, Cr Chontelle Stone; EMRC Chair Cr Jai Wilson; The Australian Asian Association of WA, President Marlene Burnaby; Hong Kong Business Association WA President Winnie Lai Hadad; Business & Professional Women WA President Carol Hanlon; Belmont BEC Chair Jules Lewin and TCF WA Chair Irving Lane welcomed many WA State and Club Presidents who attended the presentation awards night.

Entertainment was provided by singers Kaylene Taylor, Charndee Kaur and David Lazaro 'Expedition The Musical Journey' with Ken Haywood presenting the Welcome to Country. The WA Designer Showcase wowed all attendees with design talent from Jonte, Kirrikin, Pretty Fly Accessories, MummActiv, SilverStar and CIZZY Bridal Australia with models supplied from Metro Modelling and Dance Academy. MC's for the 'Night of Stars' evening included Belmont BEC Patron Louise Percy & Past Belmont BEC Board Member Hannah Beazley.

Winner of the Business Migrant of the Year Award is Ayurveda for Wellness. Before Dr Vidhu Sharma finished her schooling in India, she knew her path was medicine. She studied hard, but success wasn't easy and didn't come overnight. Today she is a well-respected Ayurveda Doctor and runs her business Ayurveda for Wellness, where she treats her patients with ancient medical therapies to promote relaxation and wellbeing. She has also been recognised for her achievements by others in receiving the Community Citizen of the Year Award in January 2020.

Dr Vidhu Sharma said, "I studied, trained and practiced in India before moving overseas with a vision to spread the name of Ayurveda in the whole world so that human beings can benefit from the goodness of this esteemed science that dates back to thousands of years and is consolidated by immense literature in support of its principles."

The Business Migrant of the Year Award is supported by Australian Asian Association of WA which was represented by Mel Fialho, Board Member, and TCF WA representing MY Fashion Incubator Migrant Small Business Project, represented by Kumar Peiris, Board Member, both expressed their delight to support the Migrant of the Year Award. The AAA was founded in 1956, to represent the emerging ethnic communities of the time. The current building provides office space to many of Western Australia's ethnic community groups. There are 3 Consul Offices housed in the building, the Filipino, Nepalese and Chilean consulates. The Association also has branch offices in Gosnells. The AAA is one of the pioneers with ethnic aged care and today proudly helps seniors with three Federal and State-run programmes like the CHSP, the HSP and the Disability Care.

MY Fashion Incubator Migrant Small Business Project provided training & mentoring skills to assist migrants in WA to start, grow or improve their small business in Western Australia through a range



of online webinars, workshops, forums, networking opportunities tailored with individual business mentoring.

Carol Hanlon, Founder of Belmont BEC and the Belmont & WA Small Business Awards said, “The awards provide a fantastic opportunity for small and growing enterprises from Belmont and across Western Australia to be recognised for their achievements.

Ms Hanlon said, “This is the 27th year we have held our Small Business Awards and it is exciting to see the awards grow each year to provide recognition to those in Western Australia striving for business excellence and acknowledging community achievements. We sincerely thank the valuable support from our Category Sponsors which make this amazing small business event possible. In particular to the City of Belmont for their long-term support”.

For further details on all winners of the 27th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2020 visit www.belmontbec.com/awards

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