



MEDIA RELEASE

Bernard Ryan is the winner of the Marjorie Charleson WA Racing Industry Award in 27th Belmont & WA Small Business Awards

Bernard Ryan is one of many Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 27th Belmont & WA Small Business Awards on 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.

Bernard Ryan said, "During my time as President, the WA Jockeys Association achieved many goals such as improvements in health and safety for all jockeys and apprentices; equal riding fees for all jockeys; and an insurance and superannuation scheme."

The Marjorie Charleson WA Racing Industry Award is supported by Friends of Belmont BEC.

Hon John McGrath MLA, Member for South Perth said, "Marjorie Charleson was a media & PR trailblazer in 1970's Golden Era of Perth Racing and went onto to establish "Racebreed Australia" magazine in 1998; winning three Belmont Small Business Awards and was inducted into the Awards Hall of Fame. Marjorie has sponsored the WA Racing Industry Award since 2009. In 2017, Marjorie was presented by Racing and Wagering WA a "Lifetime Achievement Award. Unfortunately, Marjorie passed away this August, and she will be very much missed by all. This annual award will continue in her memory."

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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