



MEDIA RELEASE
SecondBite winner of the Community Spirit Award in
27th Belmont & WA Small Business Awards

SecondBite was 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.

SecondBite is one of Australia's largest food rescue charities. They have taken two big problems, wasted food and hungry families, and created a solution through working with farmers, manufacturers, retailers and thousands of charity partners. In the 19/20 financial year alone, SecondBite rescued over 26 million kilograms of food nationally. They are doing their part to help the more than 5 million Australians who experience food insecurity over a year.

Winner of the Community Spirit Award, Lyndon Neilson from SecondBite said, "We collect and distribute wasted food to over 1,000 community food programs across Australia and supply all food completely free of charge."

The Community Spirit Award is supported by Southern Gazette.

Andrew Clark, from Southern Gazette, said, "We are thrilled to support the Community Spirit Award. Community News is a long-standing and highly trusted voice across the Perth community. Established in 1985, community news has been working with each community across Perth for over 30 years campaigning, informing and connecting. In addition to their 13 printed weekly newspapers, their online and social media following is growing at over 100% year on year. In addition to this Community News has also just launched a completely new range of digital product, Community Connect Discover to help you get found online. Wherever and whenever your customer is looking, Community News can help you be found."

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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