



MEDIA RELEASE

CALLING WA SMALL BUSINESSES – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Nominations are open for the **INDIGENOUS BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025**
proudly supported by **VANESSA ELLIOTT & ASSOCIATES** in the
32nd annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards!

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their achievements, innovation, or dedication in small business? Now's your chance to shine a spotlight on them! The 32nd annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards are open and we're looking for nominees who embody excellence and inspire greatness.

VANESSA ELLIOTT & ASSOCIATES are proud to sponsor the **Indigenous Business of the Year Award - Recognising you and your business as an Indigenous role model in small business.**

Vanessa Elliott, a Member of the Order of Australia, has over 20 years' experience in strategic leadership roles across the mining industry, Indigenous affairs, and public administration. She specialises in sustainable development, ESG deliverables, and change management, with expertise in social impact assessments, land access agreements, and community development.

Vanessa has played a key role in major resource, regional development, and town planning projects throughout Australia, helping organisations achieve successful outcomes through effective policy and systems design.

The Awards provide recognition and encouragement for small business achievements and are open for small businesses, individuals and organisations in Belmont, Perth metropolitan area and across regional Western Australia.

Nominating small businesses can be located anywhere in Western Australia and potential entrants will be able to access a wide range of support in preparing their submission that includes Free Award Entry Submission Kits including Free Webinars, Workshops, and access to Award Mentors who can assist with tips in preparing award submissions to impress the judging panel.

Major sponsors proudly support this year's Awards: the City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc (BEC) and the Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA).

Open to small businesses, individuals, and organisations in Belmont, the Perth metropolitan area and regional WA, the Awards continue to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements in the small business sector. To support potential entrants, a comprehensive range of free resources and assistance is available, including:

- Free Award Entry Submission Kits
- Interactive Webinars and Workshops
- Access to Award Mentors offering expert tips and guidance to help you craft a standout submission that captures the attention of our judging panel.

Whether you are new to the awards or a returning entrant, these tools are designed to help you put your best foot forward and highlight the incredible impact of your business.

Entries close 5pm Tuesday September 23rd and winners 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 29th, 2025.



For more information on how to enter the awards and other categories, please contact awards@belmontbec.com or phone: (08) 9479 3777 or view www.belmontbec.com/awards

Carol Hanlon, Founding CEO of Belmont BEC Inc. and TCFWA Inc and founder of the Belmont & WA Small Business Awards, expressed her continued gratitude at the event saying: "The Awards provide a powerful platform for small businesses to showcase their strengths, attract new opportunities, gain valuable media exposure, and inspire team pride and motivation."

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Belmont BEC is a non-profit community organisation established in 1994, providing training, mentoring, networking, support services and opportunities to over 35,000+ individuals in Belmont, WA, Australia and beyond to start or improve their small business and is a specialist in online business incubation. Belmont BEC has originated a large range of well-known projects and programs for the benefit of its small business clients that have included the annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards, designedge Innovation FESTIVAL, TCF Resource Centre WA, Multicultural Business Support Services, WA Racing Industry Project, Belmont Clothes Library, BPW Business Incubator for Women in Business, Count Me IN Disability Employer Awareness, MY Business Incubator Cyber Security Project and the BEC NATIONAL EXPORT Training & Mentoring Project. www.belmontbec.com www.belmontbec.com/awards www.belmontbec.com/2025innovation www.becnational.com/export www.bpwbusinessincubator.com www.mybusinessincubator.com.au/1001

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