



## TCF WA NEWS UPDATE - AUGUST 2025

**32ND BELMONT & WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS 2025**

**Let your business shine brightly**

**Celebrating the 32nd Belmont & WA Small Business Awards**

**NOMINATE NOW**

### 32nd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2025

**REMINDER** nominate yourself, or another deserving WA small business in the 32nd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards to recognise and celebrate achievements in the small business sector. There are 23 Award categories open to small businesses, individuals, and organisations in Belmont, the Perth metropolitan area and across regional Western Australia. Gain exposure for you and your business! **FREE ENTRY**, assistance available preparing your Award Submission. **Table Bookings NOW OPEN**

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**The 21st  
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innovation  
FESTIVAL 2025**

### 21st designedge innovation FESTIVAL 2025

showcases webinars, workshops and forums being staged in Perth Western Australia, nationally and globally ONLINE. Over 90 events will bring together export trade opportunities, cyber security experts, innovators, designers, creatives, global women entrepreneurs, industry and Asian trade networks. All events are FREE to Members of BEC, TCF & BPW.

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### FREE @CyberWardens Level Two:

#### Safe AI for small business Webinar

**Tuesday 26th August, 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM (AWST)**

**Register: <https://cyberwardens.com.au/partner/belmont-bec/>**

#### Cyber Wardens Level Two: Safe AI for small business

The 'Safe AI for Small Business' webinar will teach you and your team how to spot AI-generated scams and build a safer, smarter workplace. With 82% of small businesses experiencing a cyber attack in the past 12 months, now is the time to prioritise your cyber safety. Complete the webinar to receive your official graduate Cyber Wardens certificate - a valuable credential that demonstrates your commitment to security excellence. You will also be eligible to receive FREE Bronze CyberCert certification and go into the draw for a \$250 gift card!



### TCF Fashion & Trade Forum – August 13, 6pm-8pm

Promote your business, make new business contacts and gain new opportunities. Great Guest Speakers and Networking.

**VENUE:** Firehouse Restaurant, Country Comfort, 249-263 Grt Eastern H'wy, Belmont **FREE ENTRY**, Door Prizes, Nibbles Provided

Door Prize – Fashion Manual Happy Hour Drinks, Bar Prices. [BOOKINGS](#)



### FREE EXPORT ASSISTANCE - NOW AVAILABLE!

**TCF AUSTRALIA EXPORT ONLINE Training & Mentoring Project**

Looking to increase your sales? Export your goods or services?

**FREE WEBINARS – August 14th - all times AWST (Perth Time)**

1) Introduction to Exporting: 9.30-11.30am [BOOK](#)

2) Export Guide for Small Business: 12-2pm [BOOK](#)

3) Writing your Export Marketing Plan: 2.30-4.30pm [BOOK](#)

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### Grants and assistance programs in Australia

Find grants, funding, and support programs from across government to help YOUR business grow and succeed! When searching for funding, keep in mind that you'll generally need to meet certain criteria to be eligible, and that, aside from funding assistance, many programs can help your business by building your skills and knowledge. [Do you qualify?](#)



**Welcome to TCF WA member – Howard Smith, Gadean Footwear**  
**BENEFITS OF TCF MEMBERSHIP** – Members can access 30-60 free advisory with an accountant; lawyer; HR specialist; or IP Attorney to discuss your issues. Members also receive free webinars during the designedge innovation festival, free business sundowners, buying mission opportunities, access to mentoring at discounted rates, supply chain linkages. Bronze, Silver & Gold Levels available. Membership is tax deductible.

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**Intertextile Apparel Fabrics, Shanghai China, 2-4 September 2025**

Showcase garment fabric and accessory items displayed in exhibition areas of: Suitings, Shirtings, Jeanswear, Swimwear and Lingerie, Casual wear, Ladieswear, Functional wear and Sportswear, Accessories, Children's, and Infants wear. 240,000 m2 of exhibition space will include over 10 country and region pavilions from France, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Türkiye. [Contact](#).  
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**Centrestage - Asia's Fashion Spotlight, Hong Kong, 3-6 Sept 2025**

The annual Asian fashion extravaganza provides a comprehensive platform for designers and brands to present forward-thinking design collections and showcase the latest fashion. Centrestage (B2B+B2C) has gathered worldwide fashion brands together with influential industry buyers and media. [Interested to Exhibit or Attend](#)



**The London Textile Fair, September 2025**

*Explore, Network, Innovate – TLTF September 2025 is on the Horizon.* From sustainable fabrics to revolutionary textile tech, discover how our exhibitors are defining the future of fashion. Find a rich showcase of fashion fabrics, accessories, print design, vintage archives, and garments at TLTF — where smart materials and innovation meet future-forward fashion.

Hear from the organisers – details and watch the video – [here](#).



**72nd Bangkok Gems & Jewellery Fair, Thailand**

Bangkok Gems & Jewellery Fair, or 'Bangkok Gems,' is a top tier gems and jewellery trade fair in the global marketplace. Spanning four decades and garnering major accolades, Bangkok Gems is the place to be, for both traders and enthusiasts alike. Whether your aim is to trade your wares and enlarge your network or to fulfill your jewellery passion and find your dreams, let Bangkok Gems take you there. Details [here](#).



**40th IAF World Fashion Convention, Oct 24–25, 2025, Indonesia**

Join us for the 40th IAF World Fashion Convention, a landmark event bringing together the brightest minds and most influential leaders in the global apparel and textile industry. IAF is proud to collaborate with the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) to deliver an unparalleled industry-wide platform for learning, networking, collaboration, and inspiration. [Register](#).



**Asia-Pacific Textile and Apparel Supply Chain**

Step into the spotlight at APTEXPO 2025, Asia's premier showcase for textile and apparel innovation. Positioned at the heart of the industry's transformation, this is your gateway to forging powerful connections and scaling new heights. Details and enquiries [here](#).



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**Sponsorship VIATT: ASEAN's platform for the entire textile value chain 26-18 February 2026, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

Vietnam International Trade Fair for Apparel, Textiles and Textile Technologies (VIATT) is the region's most comprehensive trade fair covering the full textile value chain: Apparel Fabrics & Fashion, Home & Contract Textiles, and Technical Textiles & Technologies. [Contact](#)  
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**Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles, March 11-13, 2026**

Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles is Asia's leading home textile event at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre (Shanghai). It is a dynamic platform for industry professionals to source and to gain

design inspirations through the conveniently structured product displays. In 2025, 370 exhibitors and 25,000 visitors joined the event – [Contact](#) (\*Accommodation sponsorship to approved TCF buyers)



### **Fashion industry challenges in 2025: How brands can overcome sustainability, supply chain, and innovation hurdles**

In 2025, the fashion industry is navigating a new wave of complexity. Key issues include sustainability and greenwashing, as regulatory pressures and consumer watchdogs intensify scrutiny on eco-claims. Supply chain disruptions persist due to climate change, demanding agile strategies such as nearshoring and the use of advanced technologies. Read the detailed article [here](#).



### **The designer's forecast: What will be fashion's biggest trend in 2026?**

With each passing year, fashion evolves in new and unexpected ways. As we move closer to 2026, industry insiders and top designers are already predicting the next big trends. From futuristic fabrics to nostalgic revivals, this article explores the fashion movements that will define the year. [Tips](#).



### **Entries for Fashion Queensland's Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University scholarship - NOW OPEN**

With a shared passion for seeing emerging fashion designers and entrepreneurs flourish, teamed with Billy Blue College of Design for the fourth year, to create the opportunity of a lifetime. Re-introducing the Emerging Fashion Design Scholarship. This scholarship offers one lucky student wanting to study fashion in Queensland in 2026, 50% off your tuition fees\* and mentorship through Fashion Queensland. Details and entry form [here](#).



### **TCF WA, TCF Australia and TCF Global Mentors and Business Advisors**

Discuss your business issues and concerns with your confidential advisor and develop your action plan for success. [Book by the Hour: Online or Phone](#)



### **Are you an exporter or global trade advisor?**

**1001 Business Tips from 101™ Exporters & Global Trade Advisor Experts** - would you like to be featured in our new eBook with your 10 tips for Exporters and Global Trade Advisors? Each expert will be allocated two pages. Participation includes additional promotional opportunities as an expert and you may also be invited as a presenter in future 1001 Business Tips Online Forums. Interested to share your expertise and gain exposure? **Contact** [Carol Hanlon](#)



### **Quote of the month.**

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.

*Dale Carnegie (1888-1955) American writer/teacher - author of **How to Win Friends and Influence People**, a bestseller that remains popular today.*



### **Embrace business sustainability on a budget**

In today's business landscape, sustainability is no longer a 'nice to have'. It's a must. Consumers expect it; regulators are beginning to require it, and future-focused businesses know it's the right thing to do. But for small businesses with tight budgets and limited resources, sustainability can feel out of reach. This article breaks down exactly how small businesses can take meaningful steps towards sustainability without breaking the bank – [here](#).



### **Top 50 easy side hustle ideas you can start now**

Discover how to make extra money with this massive list of side hustle ideas and turn your passion or hobby into a profitable side business. A side hustle is all about earning extra income to help you hit your financial goals faster. It's not about picking up another part-time job. It's about turning your hobbies, passions, or skills into a money-making gig you can do in your spare time – whether it's evenings, weekends, or between classes. [Like this](#).





### BPW network - taking action for women's equality

BPW (Business & Professional Women) members advocate for issues that affect women around the world today. BPW operates in over 120 countries globally and has consultative status with United Nations Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC). If you wish to connect with like-minded women in Australia visit [www.bpw.com.au](http://www.bpw.com.au) or globally BPW International [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org) or contact [Carol Hanlon](#)



### Some Tips using Microsoft Word

Type 2610 then hold Alt and X to get ☐ / 2611 to get ☑ / 2612 gets ☒ Hold Alt and type 25 for ↓ / type 26 for → / type 27 for ← / type 24 for ↑ Hold Shift Alt and D for the date / Hold Shift Alt and T for the time. Type 2709 and hold Alt and X for ☒ Type 2706 and hold Alt and X for ☑ To create a duplicate of a file on the desktop – Hold Ctrl / click on the file and drag / then click F2 to rename the file.



### Which one is right for you - Sole trader? Partnership?

**Company? Trust?** There are 4 main structures you can choose for your business. The structure you choose will also affect obligations and registrations. [Learn more](#).



### Achieving tangible results with generative AI

Gen AI has moved beyond the hype and is starting to transform organizations of all sizes. Companies are already maximizing the value of gen AI on AWS. In this eBook, learn how 9 leading organizations are using this breakthrough technology to improve customer experience, boost employee productivity, and optimize processes. Register to receive this eBook [here](#).



Another tip by **Sanjay Sharma** -from the now published -

### '1001 Business Tips from 101™ Cyber Security Experts

**Be alert** - Social Engineering attempts are one of the biggest threats to your business's health. A single phishing attempt can result in huge loss. Phishing emails even look legitimate as they are coming from the legitimate or trusted vendors such as Microsoft, banking, or your internet providers. These emails include attachments or sometimes ask for Personal Identifiable Information (PII). So, always scan for email attachments and take a moment while responding to such emails. Your proactive response can prevent many cyber-attacks.



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### Cyber safety for small and medium business owners

Cyber-crime remains a constant and disruptive threat. Cyber criminals are evolving to take advantage of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, which lowers the complexity required for their operations. Business email compromise and fraud were among the most frequently self-reported cyber-crimes affecting businesses and individuals in Australia. Ransomware and data theft extortion also remained a widespread and costly threat. [Learn more](#).



### Inside Small Business Winter Newsletter

The Winter issue of Inside Small Business is out now. This issue tackles the thorny issue of outsourcing marketing. Plus, don't miss the conversation with cover star Eugene Cheng, who has made some unusual decisions in his scaling journey. Download from [here](#).



### How to protect against scams and identity theft

Tax scammers may compromise victims' accounts in several ways, including direct hacking where login details, possibly obtained in third-party data breaches, are exploited. How to protect yourself and your business [here](#).



### Tax Time toolkit for small business

Information to help small businesses at tax time and all year round. [Here](#).



## ASBFEO - Small Business News

Welcome to a new financial year. New year, but clearly a number of small business challenges are still with us and weighing heavily on the minds of small businesspeople. Cashflow pressures, high input costs, discerning customers very keen on value, really tight margins ... There are early signs some headwinds are abating but there is still an ongoing need for bold actions to put wind in the sails of small and family businesses. [Learn more.](#)



## Work and mental health

Good work helps mental health and wellbeing. It can contribute to your daily activity. Your sense of purpose. Your income. And your social connection. But poor working conditions can harm your mental health and wellbeing. Work can come in many different forms. But mentally healthy workplaces generally have a few things in common. [Helpful hints.](#)



## How to calculate retail price: formula and best practices

Setting the right retail price is one of the most critical decisions for any business. Price too high, and you risk losing customers; price too low, and you might not cover your costs. But how do you strike the perfect balance? This article breaks down the retail price calculation process, explores the best pricing strategies, and shares tips to optimise your pricing for maximum profit. Whether you're a small business owner or a seasoned retailer, this guide will help you master the art of pricing. [Like this.](#)



## 10 tips to build a data foundation for generative AI

With generative AI, data practices can no longer be an afterthought—they must be central to how you innovate and operate. To maximize the potential of differentiated applications, you need to establish access to high-quality, well-governed data. Discover 10 essential tips for building a flexible, scalable data foundation that will power your generative AI initiatives and drive innovation. Register for e-book [here.](#)



## Simplify data integration and unlock insights faster

Are your data integration efforts bogged down by complex, time-consuming ETL pipelines? Discover how AWS is making data integration easier to help you unlock the full value of your data, faster. Easily connect and secure your data from every source, by breaking down manual data integration barriers. Download eBook [here.](#)



## The Cyber Sushi

**Article s-** \*Another "World's Biggest" Data Breach – Here's What Actually Matters. The Small Business Cyber Threat Update \*In Their Words: IDCARE \*Client Stories. \*New and Trending scams Is it safe to bank online? [Click.](#)



## Choosing the best pricing strategy for your business

It can feel like a never-ending quest to figure out how to price your products or services. However, if you're running a small business, you are in an excellent position to be flexible. There is no one-size-fits-all pricing strategy that should be employed, and there is no requirement to stick to the same strategy every time. A guide to choosing the right pricing strategy for your business is [here.](#)



## Does running your own business affect your personal life?

For many budding entrepreneurs, quitting the corporate rat race to start a business is a long-cherished dream. But the reality of self-employment can be a serious shock, especially if you haven't done your homework. Aside from the success or failure of your enterprise, starting your own business has major implications for your personal life. [The reality.](#)



## Unfair contract term explainer: automatic rollover or renewal clause

If you run a small business, it's important to check any contracts you offer or enter for unfair contract terms. The ACCC's enforcement and compliance priorities for 2025-26 include unfair contract terms in consumer and small business contracts, with a focus on harmful cancellation terms, including those associated with automatic renewals, early termination fee clauses and non-cancellation clauses. [Learn more.](#)



## Yearly review tips for employees and managers

Most organisations assess their employees' productivity and behaviour at least once or twice a year. There are different types of performance evaluations, including a self-evaluation, a 360-feedback review, and a year-end review. This article covers everything about year-end reviews and how to implement one to see the highest boost in performance for your team! [Tips.](#)



### Facilitation Focus Newsletter

Topics include – What is conflict resolution? Are there benefits in multitasking? Does your company have a toxic work culture? the role of business facilitation in personal and professional development. ....and more [here](#).



### Web App Development – A complete guide for businesses

Web app development has become pivotal in providing a robust online presence for business success. They help in creating a personalised user experience for enhancing business growth and efficiency by dynamically tailoring to specific user needs. Developing a successful web app requires careful planning and execution. This comprehensive guide shows everything about web app development, its benefits for business and its various types. [Here](#).



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*Our special thanks to Storage King Perth Airport for their great support in sponsoring storage of textiles and sewing machines donated for our next community village sewing projects.*



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**Live and Recorded Webinar for Online - Anytime - Fast Track your Training**

**Members receive one FREE webinar below during August - [Contact us](#)**

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