

BIO - ABOUT: MS CAROL HANLON



CURRENT & PAST APPOINTMENTS, MEMBERSHIPS - 1994 TO CURRENT

- Founding Manager, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. - small business advisory support, 1994 to current
- Founder/Manager, Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre WA Inc.- Fashion, TCF Industry support 1998 to current
- National Board Member & Past National President, Australasian Institute Business & Enterprise Facilitators 2007- current
- National Board Member, BEC Australia - national network of Business Enterprise Centres across Australia 2024 - current
- G100, Australia Country Chair, Micro Small & Medium Enterprises - facilitating women & men advocating for gender equality
- Past National Board Member & Past WA State President, Business & Professional Women Western Australia - 2017-2019
- Member of the BPW International Standing Committee Business, Trade & Technology 2021-2027
- Judge, Telstra Best of Business Awards, Australia 2022-2025; Judge, Women Changing the World Awards, UK 2025.
- Convenor, Women Economic Forum, 2019, Perth, Western Australia
- Australian Government Delegate, Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Women in Economy Forum, Vietnam 2017
- Australian Government Delegate, Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Women in Economy Forum, Philippines 2015
- Australian Government Delegate, Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Women in Economy Forum, Indonesia 2013
- Australian Government Delegate, Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Women in Economy Forum, Russia 2012
- Commonwealth Foundation Delegate & 10TH Women's Ministers Affairs Meetings – Dhaka, Bangladesh 2013
- United Nations Commission Status Women CSW 56, CSW 60, CSW63 - BPW International Delegate 2012- 2019
- Past President, Belmont Business & Professional Women's Club - advocacy, support to women locally & globally. 2014-2016
- Past Councillor City of Belmont - elected member local government Councillor 2007 – 2011
- Graduate Australian Institute Company Directors – accredited in governance, business & company directorships, 2008
- Asia Pacific Business Facilitation Accreditation (APEC) – internationally accredited small business counsellor

AWARDS, RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS - 1973 TO CURRENT (AWARDED TO CAROL & PROJECTS)

- 2025** - Carol presented 'MarketFind' Expo 'Opportunities for Fashion & Craft Products in the Australian Market', Bali, Indonesia
- 2025** - Carol awarded 'COSBOA National Small Business Champion' Melbourne Australia
- 2025** - Carol presented BPW Asia Pacific Conference, 'Women Connecting for Change' & "Business, Trade, Technology", Malaysia
- 2025** - Carol hosted UN CSW69 NGO Forum New York 'Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs, Gender & SDGs'
- 2024** - Carol presented at BPW International Congress, Workshop: BPW Business Incubator, Economic Empowerment St Kitts
- 2024** - Carol awarded '**Women of the Decade Award**' Women Economic Forum, & VIP Keynote Speaker, Melbourne Australia
- 2024** - Carol presented 'Investing in ASEAN Countries Rich With Islands & Cultural Heritage' Intertextile Shanghai, China
- 2024** - Carol awarded '**Hall of Fame**' **Bronze, Women Changing the World Awards** & VIP Speaker at Windsor UK
- 2024** - Carol presented 'Fashion Sustainability' at **Global Intercultural Sisterhood Academy**, Taichung, Taiwan
- 2024** - Carol hosted UN CSW68 NGO Forum New York '**Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs, Gender & SDGs**'
- 2023** - Carol hosted UN CSW67 NGO Global Forum '**Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through SDGs**'
- 2022** - Carol named '**Top 50 Small Business Leaders in Australia**', Inside Business Magazine
- 2022** - Carol awarded **Paul Harris Fellow, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**, The Rotary Club of Welshpool WA
- 2022** - Carol hosted UN CSW66 NGO Global Forum '**Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through SDGs**'
- 2022** - Carol recognised '**Global Women for Change**', Women Innovation Entrepreneurship Foundation, India
- 2021** - Carol hosted UN CSW65 NGO Global Forum '**Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs showcasing SDGs**'
- 2019** - Carol presented Keynote speaker at Fashion Summit, Hong Kong on Sustainable, Responsible Design & Consumption
- 2019** - Carol awarded '**Women of the Decade Award in Entrepreneurship & Innovation**' at Women Economic Forum, Perth WA
- 2019** - Carol led Australian Delegation to Women Economic Forum, New Delhi, and presented at 2 sessions
- 2019** - Carol hosted UN CSW 63 NGO Forum New York '**Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through SDGs**'
- 2018** - Carol presented on sustainable fashion design at the inaugural **India Design Confluence**, Ahmedabad, India
- 2018** - Belmont BEC awarded **Best Metropolitan BEC in Australia**
- 2018** - Carol presented at **Origins Africa, Kenya** on 'Preparing for Trade Fairs & Buyer Requirements'
- 2018** - Carol presented 2 sessions at Women Economic Forum, Birmingham, UK
- 2018** - Carol awarded '**Exceptional Women of Excellence Award**' at Women Economic Forum, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2018** - Carol hosted UN CSW 62 NGO Forum New York on 'Economic Empowerment of Rural Women Entrepreneurs'
- 2017** - Carol presented at BPW Danube Net Businesswomen Forum, 'Women in Digital Economy' Vienna, Austria
- 2017** - Carol presented Economic Empowerment of Women Workshops, Karaj & Tehran, Iran
- 2017** - Carol Hanlon awarded '**Iconic Women Creating a Better World for All Award**' at Women in Economy Forum, India
- 2017** - Carol Hanlon hosted UN CSW 61 NGO Forum New York on 'Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs'
- 2016** - TCFWA awarded the **City of Belmont Environment Award** for TCF Australia Energy Efficiency Project
- 2016** - TCFWA awarded National Finalist in Business Excellence Award Hong Kong Business Association Awards
- 2016** - Carol Hanlon presented at BPW Asia Pacific Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2016** - Carol Hanlon hosted UN CSW 60 NGO Forum New York o 'Empowering Women in Business Online Training & Mentoring'
- 2015** - Carol facilitated co-ordinated & presented a TCF Global Designer Panel Intertextile Apparel Textiles, Shanghai, China
- 2015** - Carol presented at BPW East Asia Conference, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia – Empowering Women in Business
- 2015** - **Carol announced as Australia's Icon in ICONOGRAPH: An Exhibition of Women Icons of APEC, Philippines.**
- 2015** - Carol presented at Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Women in the Economy Forum, Philippines
- 2015** - TCFWA awarded the **Business Excellence Award** at the Hong Kong Australia Business Association - WA Awards
- 2015** - Carol Hanlon announced national winner - '**Empowering women in a community or organisation in Australia**'
- 2015** - Carol Hanlon hosted NGO Forum New York UN CSW59 on 'Empowering Women in Business' & 'Migrant Women in Asia'
- 2014** - Carol was key speaker 2014 Chinese Taipei APEC Conference: Utilizing ICTs to Empower Women Entrepreneurs, Taiwan
- 2014** - Carol presented at BPW International Congress, South Korea
- 2014** - Carol named '100 Most Influential' Perth Small Businesses Community'
- 2013** - Carol featured Permanent Impressions Exhibition 'A Celebration of Women' a project by artist Jana Vodesil-Baruffi
- 2013** - **Carol featured '50 Western Australian Women of Success' for achievement in business**
- 2012** - Carol hosted UN CSW56 NGO Forum 'Empowering Creative Rural Women through Enterprise development'
- 2011** - Carol was Convenor of the 3rd International Fashion Incubators Conference, Perth Australia.
- 2011** - Carol presented at BPW International Congress, Finland
- 2011** - New York – Carol presented 2 Sessions at NGO Forums during United Nations, Commission Status of Women (CSW55)
- 2011** - **Carol inducted Inaugural WA Women's Hall of Fame - one of WA's top 100 women**
- 2010** - Carol awarded City of Perth Convention Scholarship Award
- 2009** - Carol presented at the 2nd International Fashion Incubators Conference, Atlanta, USA

2008 & 2004 – Best National BEC Manager Award: Business Enterprise Centres Australia
2007 - Carol named in City of Perth - 100 Champions of Western Australian – WA Week List
 2007 - Belmont Business & Professional Women's Club: Most Inspirational Member
2006 - WA Citizen of Year Awards – Commerce & Industry Category, Finalist
 2004 - WA Small Business Minister – Certificate 10 years of service to Small Business
 2001 - National Community Link Volunteer Awards – Certificate of Commendation
 2000 - Australian Micro Small Business Awards - Certificate of Recognition
 1999 - City of Belmont Opportunity Award – Contribution to Small Business, Belmont BEC
1998 - Telstra Business Women's Award – Public Sector, Finalist
 1998 - Community Services Industry Awards – Focus on Innovation, Belmont Clothes Library Finalist
 1994 - Department of Commerce & Trade – Certificate of Recognition
 1986 - Geelong Business Excellence Award for Manufacturing – awarded to Carol Hanlon Fashion Studio

PAST & CURRENT COMMUNITY PROJECTS - ESTABLISHED BY CAROL, 1994 TO CURRENT

BEC National EXPORT Training & Mentoring Project - developing export skills development fashion & TCF business 2022-2027
TCF Australia EXPORT Training & Mentoring Project - developing export skills development of small business 2022-2027
BEC Volunteer Empowerment Project - providing skills development to volunteers through training, forums, mentoring 2025
TCF Access Asia Project - uncover TCF export & import opportunities within Asia for WA's TCF small businesses 2023
BPW Business Incubator 'Women in Business' Training & Mentoring Project - skills development for women in WA 2022-23
BPW Lebanon Women's Micro Sewing Project - coordinating with BPW Australia container of sewing machines, textiles to Beirut
MY Business Incubator CYBER SECURITY Training & Mentoring Project - assisting sme's to improve cyber security awareness
MY Fashion Incubator Migrant Small Business Training & Mentoring Project-assisting migrants to grow their fashion business
MY Business Incubator Count Me IN Project - assist employers to break down barriers employing people with disabilities, 2019
BPW Business Incubator ONLINE Retirement Income Planning for Women assisting women to plan for retirement 2016-2017
TCF Australia ONLINE Energy Efficiency Training & Mentoring Project - energy efficient information 2012-2015
BPW Business Incubator Online Training & Mentoring Project, APEC Multi-Year Project MSCE 03 2013A, Stage 2 – providing training & mentoring to women in 5 countries, Chinese Taipei, Republic of Korea, The Philippines, Chile and Australia – 2014-2015
MY Business Incubator, ONLINE support to small business across Western Australia, 2013-2014
BPW Business Incubator, Founder and Project Manager, ONLINE support to women in business nationally, 2013-2014
MY Business Incubator Natural Disaster Assistance Training & Mentoring Project – business natural disasters 2011-2012
Conference Convenor – 3rd International Fashion Incubator Conference, Perth, September 2011
TCF Australia Online Training & Mentoring Project – co-ordinating eCommerce training & mentoring nationally 2010 – 2011
Past Chair, Belmont Community Bank Project – establishing Belmont Community Bank Project 2010-2011
Conference Convenor, National Small Business Development Conference, Perth, October 2007
Designedge Training & Mentoring Project – assists fashion & jewellery designers re business and e-commerce 2007-2008
Multicultural Women's Sewing Project – assisting women to start a home-based sewing business - 2007 to current
TCF Global – creating international networks for emerging fashion designers & village communities - 2007 to current
TCF Global Community Sewing Project, Ormoc Philippines-collection donated sewing equip. sewing centres 2007 - current
WA Racing Industry Business Development Project – local racing industry business mentoring & forums – 2007-2008
TCF Australia Business Skills project – delivering business workshops, mentoring, forums 2006 – 2007
Belmont Business Development Project – local small business skills analysis project 2006
Women in Business Mentoring – business mentoring services at Everywoman Expo 2006 to current
Belmont Business Mentor Program – connecting local businesses and mentors 2005-2006
Past National Board Member, BEC Australia Inc – representing 110 small business centres across Australia 2005-2009
Small Business Centre Belmont - assisting people to start a business or develop an existing business – 2005 to current
Tsunami Sri Lanka Collection – coordination with BPW WA two containers of donated household items for Sri Lanka – 2005
designedge Innovation FESTIVAL – workshops, events, displays, showing inventors, innovation & technology - 2005 to current
Designedge fashion Incubator – showcase of emerging designers to showcase their talent & designs - 2005 to current
TCFWA Buying Missions – assisting small business to visit Hong Kong trade exhibitions 2004 to current
Indigenous Textile Fashion Industry projects – assisting to develop an indigenous textile fashion industry 2004 to current
Creative Women Regional & Isolated Australia project – delivering business workshops, mentoring, forums 2004 to 2006
Designedge Trade Exhibition – staging a trade exhibition and bringing in international buyers 2003
Indigenous Modelling Training & Grooming projects – develop skills and talents of local indigenous youth - 2000 to current
Belmont Business Sundowners– local business networking events 2000 – current
WA Youth Showcase – highlighting the skills and talents of young entrepreneurs at major public events - 2000 to 2002
City of Opportunity Perth Royal Show Fashion Parades – showcase emerging talents designers & models – 1999 to 2002
Business Workshops for Youth – provide information & inspiration to students to consider self-employment – 1998 to current
Australian Designer Showcase – assist designers to showcase their designs at national & international events 1998 to current
Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA Inc (TCFWA) – industry assoc. assisting TCFL industry - 1998 to current
Multicultural Business Support Services – providing specialised support, business workshops, mentoring - 1998 to current
Belmont Clothes Library – a free lending library of garments for unemployed to attend job interviews - 1996 to current
Belmont Business Residential Survey – researching the establishment of a business enterprise residential zone - 1995
Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc – assisting people to start a business or grow an existing business - 1994 to current
Belmont & WA Small Business Awards – to provide recognition for small business excellence & achievement - 1994 to current
International Trade Display Centre – research establishment of trade display centre, Business Park, Perth Airport 1994-1995

CAROL HANLON BACKGROUND - BUSINESS, AWARDS, COMMUNITY PROJECTS 1973-1993

Fashion Designer/Clothing Manufacturer/Wholesaler/Retailer - Small Business Owner, Geelong Victoria 1973 – 1993
Business Manager Racing Stables, Geelong Victoria 1974 – 1993
President & Member Quota International Club of South Barwon, Geelong Victoria 1983-1993 re speech & hearing impaired
District Governor Quota International Inc., Victoria 1985 – 1986
Victorian Govt - Community of Community Service Clubs – Council Member, 1987
Geelong Small Business Award – Manufacturing Category under 20 employees – 1986
Major Fashion Show Events, Geelong, Melbourne, Sydney, 1978 – 1992
National Convenor, Quota International Australian Bicentennial Young Women's Community Service Award 1986-1988
TCF Awareness Week, Geelong Victoria. Founder/project manager, coordinator - 1992
Numerous Community Awards, Certificates & Recognition - Quota, Zonta, Jaycees, Australian Bicentennial - 1978-1993
Carol relocated to Western Australia 1993

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