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## BPW NEWS UPDATE - NOVEMBER, 2025



### CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS & FINALISTS

**32nd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards, 2025**  
 Congratulations to all our Winners & Finalists in 32nd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2025, an exciting night celebrating business excellence and community achievements.

[Winners Media Release](#) [Award Program](#)

Photos, Videos, PerthNow Awards Feature can be viewed on Awards web site in coming weeks



### The top 50 small business leaders of 2025!

**Congratulations to Cyber presenter Dr Nickson Karie, NMCYBER**

Discover the definitive list of Australia's Top 50 Small Business Leaders, showcasing the resilience and ingenuity defining the modern business community. This report shines a light on the Top 50 Small Business Leaders, whose journeys are a powerful testament to the grit, ingenuity, and community focus of entrepreneurs today. Download the full report to gain insight into the strategies, successes, and commitment to social impact demonstrated by this year's honourees....[here](#).



### Global Sourcing Expo Australia, Melbourne, 18-20 November

The Global Sourcing Expo is a must-attend event for industry professionals associated with buying and global sourcing of apparel, textiles, home, and giftware products. This is an opportunity for buyers to learn about sourcing options for their business, and to network with different countries and suppliers. [www.globalsourcingexpo.com.au](http://www.globalsourcingexpo.com.au)



### FREE EXPORT & IMPORT WORKSHOPS at Global Sourcing Expo, Melbourne

**BOOK NOW, 19th November** delivered by Kumar Peiris, TCF Australia also includes Free Access Pass to Global Sourcing Expo [Introduction to Exporting & Importing, 10.30am-12noon, 19th November](#) [Export & Import Guide for Small Business 2pm-3.30pm, 19th November](#)



### Belmont Business 'Ask an Export Expert' Sundowner

**26th November, 6pm-8pm - [BOOKINGS](#)**

Promote your business, make new trade and 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; Happy Hour Drinks, Bar Prices.



### FREE EXPORT ASSISTANCE for you and your staff!

**BEC NATIONAL EXPORT ONLINE Training & Mentoring Project**  
**Looking to increase your sales? Export your goods or services?**

**FREE WEBINARS - 27th November** - all times AWST (Perth Time)

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

- 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](#)

Can't make the date? [Request a Recording](#)

Register for [FREE ONLINE Export Mentor](#)

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## Using AI to Find and Engage Local Customers



12 November 2025 Online  
2 - 4 PM (AWST)



REGISTER HERE  
[bit.ly/localcustomers-ai](https://bit.ly/localcustomers-ai)

1. **AI Market Research:** Discover customer needs and competitor insights in mins
2. **Content Creation:** Use AI to draft blogs, posts, and scripts for Perth audiences
3. **Mastering Prompts:** Write clear instructions to guide tools like ChatGPT, Canva
4. **Hands-On:** Create a week's social content in 30-min

### Registration

Enter code: **BEC-AI2025**  
to register

### Choose your Plan

Standard Price  
Per Workshop  
**\$85** +GST  
Series Package Price  
Per 4 Workshops  
**\$295** +GST

#### Collaborators



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## From Clicks to Customers Driving Sales and Loyalty with AI



19 November 2025 Online  
2 - 4 PM (AWST)



REGISTER HERE  
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1. **AI Customer Service:** Set up simple chatbots to handle questions anytime
2. **Personalisation at Scale:** Use AI for tailored offers, recommendations, and follow-ups
3. **Building Loyalty:** Boost reviews, manage programs, and reward advocates
4. **Live Demo:** Create a personalised re-engagement email sequence

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## LIVE! WEBINAR - AI for Small Business: Save 10 Hours in Just 1 Hour, \$50" 20th Nov, Thursday, 12noon – 1pm AWST Perth

Presented by Angie Draca

Through this webinar you will gain insight into:

- \*Learn 3-5 core AI tools that instantly save you hours each week
- \*Walk away with a cheat sheet of 10 ready-to-use AI shortcuts.
- \*Turn ideas into polished content and workflows in minutes—not hours
- \*One-hour online training: practical, stress-free, no experience required.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

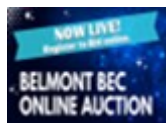


### Quote of the month

Everyone has an invisible sign hanging from their neck saying,  
"Make me feel important".

Never forget this message when working with people.

**Mary Kay Ash** (1918 – 2001) - American businesswoman and founder of multi-level marketing company Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc.



## BELMONT BEC ONLINE AUCTION - CLEARANCE BIDS INVITED

**Looking for Xmas Gifts** - Diamond watch, sports memorabilia, online business development books and heaps more fabulous offers. All proceeds assist BEC & TCF provide support services to small businesses. [www.becauction.com](https://www.becauction.com)



## The Most Profitable Businesses in Australia 2026

Looking to start a business or buy an existing one in Australia in 2026? Find out the best and most profitable sectors to consider in your search. This guide explores some business sectors poised to be the most profitable for Australian entrepreneurs in 2026, covering why each sector is booming and offering practical tips to help you decide what's best for you ... make informed decisions on the next big step to take on your entrepreneurial journey. [Learn how.](#)



## 50 small business ideas to start in 2026: low investment - high potential

Business owners and entrepreneurs have something to look forward to in terms of new ventures. When it comes to making a start, it might be overwhelming, and even those businesses that will succeed in 2026 may feel overwhelmed. Although no one can predict the economic conditions of 2026, there are major business considerations that should

be taken into account by business owners before they venture into a business that will withstand the test of time...[like this](#).



### Welcome to Friends of Belmont BEC - Petch Folvig, Little IT Co

**BENEFITS OF BEC MEMBERSHIP** - Members can access 30-60mins free advisory with an accountant; lawyer; HR specialist; or IP Attorney to discuss your issues. Members also receive free webinars during the designed 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. [Join](#)  
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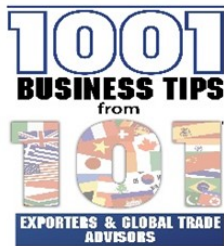


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### Grants and assistance programs in Australia

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?](#)



### Are you an exporter? in logistics? or global trade advisor?

#### 1001 Business Tips from 101™ Exporters and Global Trade Advisor Experts

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](#)



### Opportunities for businesses at Perth's Vietnamese Spring Festival

The festival serves as a platform for Vietnamese companies to introduce their products and services to Aussie consumers, international students, and the Vietnamese community. Vietnamese businesses showcase a variety of items, from traditional handicrafts to modern consumer goods, while also networking with potential partners and distributors to expand their market presence. Email contact for details [here](#).



### Can you Help?

#### Christmas Hamper Collections - non-perishable food items

Belmont BEC, TCFWA & BPW Belmont are assisting Jacaranda Community Centre, 146 Epsom Ave. Belmont with their community collection for non-perishable food items to assist in making 400 Christmas hampers for those in need. Hamper items: tinned ham, rice, pasta, jelly, custard, soft drink, anything festive, toys or small gift for disadvantaged women. **Drop your donations off at Jacaranda or at Belmont BEC office, Cloverdale before Nov 21st.**



### Starick Corporate Breakfast Fundraiser- December 10, 2025

Join us during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. Annual Corporate Breakfast Fundraiser. The event will be presented by ex-ABC Radio presenter Di Darmody, and will feature a guest speaker panel, the Spirit of Starick Awards, raffle prizes and a delicious gourmet plated breakfast. All funds raised support our work with women and children directly impacted by family and domestic violence.

[Information](#).



### Design-A-Bag Competition 2026 is open for submissions

Design-A-Bag (DAB) Online Competition, the leather bag designing event for designers and design students worldwide, is pleased to announce the opening of submissions for the 2026 edition. Organised by Fashion Access since 2007, this annual competition aims to foster creativity and highlight the talent of bag designers from diverse backgrounds. The competition offers participants the opportunity to



showcase their unique and innovative creations to a global audience of industry professionals. [Details](#).



**The Cyber Sushi** (serving up the cold facts, with some phish bytes) Featured in this issue: Investment Scams Are Getting Smarter  
Cyber Month 2025 - Celebrating 21 Years of Cyber Awareness  
Behind the Mask: New and Trending Scams  
"How can you tell if a website is real or fake?" [Learn more.](#)



### The Yellow Ribbon Project

The Yellow Ribbon Project for Second Chances Australia has launched HER Community - a free women's empowerment program created to support women in remote, regional, and lower socio-economic communities across Western Australia. HER stands for Hope, Empowerment, and Resourcefulness, which are the heart of every workshop. Each workshop runs for 1.5 hours and may be held as a breakfast, lunch, or evening gathering, depending on the location. [Website.](#)



Another tip by **Felix Zevkli**, -from the now published -

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

**Add Captcha to your website.** There are several variants of Captcha out there, but the idea is the same between plugins and methods: force any site visitor who tries to fill out a form to first prove they're human. While it was once a troublesome and inconvenient option, Captcha has improved greatly in recent years. Plus, it protects all kinds of forms on your site, so it does double duty by helping to stop hackers and prevent spam.



### Interesting statistics related to women in business

Explore key statistics on women in business, highlighting their growing participation, challenges, and impact on the global economy. Understand the evolving roles of women entrepreneurs and leaders. [Here.](#)



### 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 visit BPW International [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org) or contact [Carol Hanlon](#).



### 2026 fashion trends: the future of style

As we look beyond the current season, the 2026 fashion trends are already taking shape. Fuelled by rapid innovation, climate-conscious design, and digitally driven aesthetics, the fashion forecast for 2026 reveals an industry in transformation. If you're asking what's next in future fashion trends, from materials to mindset, this report breaks it all down. From forward-looking silhouettes to sustainability-led systems, here's what you can expect in fashion forecast 2026. [Like this.](#)



### Websites that you may find useful

- \* **To remove image background** from photos 100% automatically in 3 seconds with zero clicks and free! [Here.](#)
- \* **Create a beautiful resume** quickly with the help of artificial intelligence and customisable templates. Impress your future employer. [Here.](#)
- \* **Your one-stop visual studio.** Create stunning images and cinematic videos with AI - fast, effortless, and professional. [Here.](#)
- \* **You have a PDF to edit.** SimplePDF makes it easy. Upload any PDF to get started or explore business plans. [Here.](#)
- \* **Your ultimate source** for free design resources. [Here.](#)



### Spring Edition of Inside Small Business

Don't miss this series of articles relevant to every small business, including the Top 50 Small Business Leaders. Plus articles on minimum wage and superannuation increases, ATO after small businesses, dealing with rising rents, 'growth killers', designing a website, how to delegate, and much more [here.](#)



### Future-proofing Australian retail

As innovation accelerates across the retail industry, Australian businesses face both exciting opportunities and complex challenges. From AI-powered smart stores to carbon-negative fashion, the future of retail is being shaped by innovation, sustainability, and shifting consumer expectations. [Learn more.](#)



#### 4 steps to understanding your ESG credentials

Globally, momentum is building for mandatory sustainability reporting, with environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors becoming increasingly important for businesses to enhance their reputation, attract investors, and align with societal expectations. While the immediate focus for mandatory reporting is on large organisations, smaller entities are not necessarily off the hook. You can begin on your sustainability journey [here](#).



#### Cyber health check tool

This free tool helps you to do a basic cybersecurity assessment. It is for individuals, small businesses, and not-for-profits who want to improve their cybersecurity but aren't sure what to do. It will take less than 5 minutes to complete, and your assessment is anonymous. Access [here](#).



#### Free cash flow forecast template

Download a free cash flow forecast template for your business. Fill in the form to get a free cash flow forecast template as an editable PDF. They'll also link you to a guide on how to use it. [Here](#).



#### 9 tips on how to use TikTok for business

TikTok is more than just a place where Gen Z dances to viral soundbites. TikTok's high engagement rates appeal to businesses that want to grow audiences with new types of social media content. Create a website for your business and promote the URL in your TikTok account bio to direct engaged viewers to your portfolio, product pages, affiliate links, and more. This post looks at top tips and ideas for businesses to gain traction on TikTok. [Here](#).



#### Side hustle tax Australia: your complete guide to staying ATO compliant

If you're one of the 48% of Australians juggling a side hustle alongside your main gig, you're not alone in wondering how the Australian Taxation Office views your extra income streams. The truth is, the tax landscape for side hustles has become more complex than a prog rock composition, with digital tracking systems now monitoring every transaction and new compliance requirements that can catch even savvy entrepreneurs off guard. [Learn more](#).



#### National Women's Conference - February 25-26, 2026

Join us for a day filled with concurrent sessions, breakfast, and lunch. Be part of an all-star lineup of speakers, ranging from female executives and entrepreneurs to financial experts. Nominate a deserving candidate for the Top 100 Women in Business Award. [Website](#).



#### Microsoft tips

**To lock your computer** - Windows logo key + A. Locking your screen prevents people from accessing your device when you're away.

**To minimise**: Windows logo key + M.

**To move the cursor to the end of a document** – Ctrl and End.

**To undo what's just been typed or altered**, select Ctrl + Z.

**To cut selected text, images, and tables**, use Ctrl + X.

**To zoom in** – Ctrl +

**To zoom back** Ctrl -



#### A guide to choosing the right hardware and software for small businesses

This in-depth guide explores the key factors to consider when choosing the right hardware and software for your small business, including evaluating your current and future needs, compatibility, scalability, and security. Consider partnering with an experienced IT support provider who can provide tailored guidance and recommendations to make the process simpler and more cost-effective while ensuring your business has the tools and infrastructure it needs to thrive in the digital age.

[Article](#).



#### Quick tricks in Excel

\* To add more rows in an Excel spreadsheet, click on the row above where you want to add more rows, then hold Alt I and R. To keep adding more rows, each time you press the F4 key, it will add another row – easy!

\* If you have several columns of names and want them combined into one column, try this – in the top cell of the column to feature all the names, type =TOCOL / open parenthesis ( / highlight all the names in the columns / close the parenthesis) – DONE!



### Windows 10 is no longer supported by Microsoft - options

You CAN keep using Windows 10, even beyond October 2025, with Microsoft's Extended Security Updates (ESU) program. This video shows you step-by-step how to enrol your Windows 10 PC, the different options available, and what this means if your device isn't eligible for Windows 11. Learn how to extend the life of your Windows 10 device and keep it secure with extended updates. [Here](#). PLUS - Small businesses face heightened risk of phishing, fraud, and malware once Microsoft ceases support for its Windows 10 operating system – [here](#).



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