

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 President, Australasian Institute Business & Enterprise Facilitators 2026
- 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)

- 2026 - Carol hosted UN CSW70 NGO Forum, New York '**Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs, Gender & SDGs**'
- 2026 - Carol presented at **Women Economic Forum, Columbia University, New York and Cornell University, New York**
- 2026 - Carol presented **VIATT, Vietnam Textile Industry Forum 'Reciprocal Tariff Policies affecting Australian Exports'**
- 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 '**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, 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 Women's Empowerment Project – providing skills development to women in WA through webinars and forums 2026-2027
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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