



22nd designedge Innovation FESTIVAL Launches with More Than 150 Events Across Australia and Beyond

The 22nd **designedge Innovation FESTIVAL 2026** was officially launched on July 1st celebrating over 150 events from July to September, offering an exciting line up of forums, webinars, workshops, and networking sessions.

The 2026 Festival will be staged in Belmont, Perth Western Australia, and accessible online nationally and globally, connecting attendees across industries and borders. We welcome everyone to be part of a vibrant community of innovators, designers, creatives, women entrepreneurs, industry experts, cyber security leaders, exporters, and Asian TCF trade networks through a vast range of forums, workshops, webinars, and networking opportunities. Together, we will explore exciting prospects in export trade, digital transformation, and global collaboration. Many events are FREE to access and cover vast range of topics and experts sharing their expertise and insights.

The 2026 FESTIVAL is proudly supported by Belmont BEC, TCFWA, BEC National Export Project, BPW Business Incubator, TCF Australia Export Project, Fortix, City of Belmont, Res-Q IT Services, Optus Business Centre Perth, 1001 Business Tips from 101™, TCF Global, BEC Global, Ebullient Services and Westways, along with our incredible sponsors, supporters and volunteers.

Whether you are looking to grow your business, expand globally, or connect with like-minded professionals, the designedge Innovation FESTIVAL 2026 is your gateway to innovation and opportunity.

CEO of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (BBEC), TCFWA Inc. and Founder of designedge Innovation Festival, Carol Hanlon, expressed her appreciation, "In 2026, we are once again thrilled by the growing interest as our festival continues to attract both local and international voices. We're excited to welcome an inspiring line up of guest speakers who will share their expertise and deliver valuable skill-building opportunities across a diverse range of topics."

Some of our Festival highlights for 2026 include:

- **Innovate to succeed - Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Demystify innovation and provide some practical steps to make it happen within an SME environment. Presenter: John Tedesco
- **Digital Safety in a Dangerous world - Protecting yourself in the Age of Cyber Threats – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Stay safe by securing your mobile privacy, detecting tracking threats early, responding swiftly if targeted, and practicing smart digital habits to avoid hacking. Presenter: Dr Nickson M Karie
- **What Is Imposter syndrome/patterns costing you? – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Imposter patterns, holding back your potential. Reclaim YOU with hypnotherapy: Presenter Maggie Byrne
- **DevelopMental Safety and Wellbeing for the Business Mental Health – Webinar, Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Protecting your mental health as a small business owner. Presenter: Elena Lennox
- **Volunteer with Heart: Small Acts, Big Impact – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Discover how everyday volunteering builds community, purpose, and innovation. Real stories from FAHWA on turning care into connection across WA. Presenter: Aida Oakdon
- **TCF AUSTRALIA EXPORT Project - Introduction to Exporting – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Market Research, Agents, Contracts, Pricing, Incoterms
- **Being Expo Ready – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - How to attract attention, save money and grow regardless, if you are small or a large organisation. Presenter: Wendy D'Sousa
- **SheLeads AI: Responsible & Secure - Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Responsible AI adoption, cyber awareness, and leadership visibility. Presenter: Bhawini Singh

- **BEC Women's Empowerment Forum, LIVE, July 22, 5pm-7pm, Free** - Guest Speakers, Empowerment Topics & Networking. Venue: Belmont, WA.
- **From Avoidance to Alignment: How Introverts Can Navigate Conflict with Ease - Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Transform conflict avoidance into confident, authentic communication and stronger relationships. Presenter: Samantha Di Lena
- **BEC NATIONAL EXPORT Project - Export Guide for Small Business – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** – Finance, FTAs, ATT, Forex, IP, Incoterms, Pricing, Risks, Grants.
- **Stress Management with Ayurveda - Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Assist in managing your stress & living in harmony with nature. Presenter: Vidhu Sharma
- **Pathway to Personal Insight, Healing and Transformation - Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Opening new possibilities through creative process, imagination, and embodied experience. Presenter: Aneta Wnek
- **Belmont Business 'Ask an Expert' - LIVE Sundowner - July 29, 5-7pm, Free** - Guest Speakers - Export Opportunities, Networking. Venue: Belmont, WA
- **Virtual Offices and Co-Working Spaces – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Why more Australian Businesses are choosing virtual offices and co-working spaces. Presenter Rick Bantleman
- **Preparing your Award Submission, Belmont & WA Small Business Awards – LIVE Workshop - July 31, 12noon-1pm, Free** - Tips on preparing your Awards Submission and how to impress the Judges.
- **The Visibility Advantage: Quiet Power Moves for LinkedIn – Webinar Online, Available 24/7, Free** - Learn LinkedIn strategies for professional visibility, using your knowledge and experience to build credibility, creating opportunities. Presenter: Kaye Lirio
- **Empowering Women in Small Business* - Webinar 24/7, \$30 (Free to Members)** - Gain insights into building your business to develop a vision and plan for your future. Presenter: Carol Hanlon
- **How to stand out from the crowd - using your public speaking skills - Webinar** - Spark an emotional connection with your audience using your public speaking skills. Presenter: Rashmi Watel

View all festival events at www.belmontbec.com/2026innovation

TIMEZONE FOR WORKSHOPS, EVENTS: Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) Recorded 24/7
Webinars on request to training@belmontbec.com

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Belmont BEC Inc. is a not-for-profit community organisation established in 1994, providing training, mentoring, networking, support services, and opportunities to over 36,500+ individuals in Belmont, WA, Australia and beyond to start or improve their small business and is a specialist in virtual 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 of 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, BEC National Export Project and BEC Women's Empowerment Project.
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