Celebrating 33years of Small Business Excellence –
THE MARJORIE CHARLESON WA RACING AWARD

The 33rd Annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards officially launched on July 1st, 2026. The Awards were founded in 1994 by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) and continue to celebrate the achievements of small business and entrepreneurs across Western Australia.

With a welcome offered by City of Belmont Mayor Robert Rossi, VIP's attending also included Consulate General of India Perth, Consul Mr Kumar; City of Belmont Cr Bernie Ryan, Cr Khandoker Abedin; Belmont BEC Patron Louise Percy, Belmont BEC & TCF WA, Vice Chair Kumar Peiris; BPW Belmont President Deggi Altangerel; BPW Australia Past President Jasmyn Mumme; National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka, Kapila De Silva; APM, Jessica Ballard; Bronwen Sciortino; Downs Accounting, Graham Downs; EBullient Services, Anup Ghimire; former MLA South Perth, John McGrath; Optus Business Centre Perth North and South, Nag Vankayatapati; PerthNow/Seven West Media Andrew Clark; Philippines Business Association, Jenny Rose Ryall; Res-Q IT Services, Nick Shmakov; Yura-Ngaba, Vanessa Elliott; Entertainment for the evening was provided by Kaylene Taylor.

Major sponsors proudly support this year's Awards: the City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc (BEC) and the Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA).

Carol Hanlon, Founding CEO of Belmont BEC and founder of the Belmont & WA Small Business Awards, expressed her continued gratitude at the event saying: "The Awards provide a powerful platform for small businesses to showcase their strengths, attract new opportunities, gain valuable media exposure, and inspire team pride and motivation."

Open to small businesses, individuals, and organisations in Belmont, the Perth metropolitan area and regional WA, the Awards continue to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements in the small business sector. Take a look at the wide range of award categories available in 2026 for entrants to consider, offering even more ways to gain recognition and grow.

In 2026, **THE MARJORIE CHARLESON WA RACING AWARD** - Recognising achievements within the WA Racing Industry - is supported by **'Friends of Belmont BEC'** who are committed supporters of Marjorie and her memory and include Ernie Manning, Bill Sidebottom, John and Karen McGrath, Carol Hanlon and Perth Racing.

The late Marjorie Charleson was a media & PR trailblazer in 1970's Golden Era of Perth Racing and went onto to establish "Racebreed Australia" magazine in 1998; winning three Belmont & WA Small Business Awards. In 2024, Marjorie Charleson was inducted posthumously into the WA Racing Industry 'Hall of Fame'.

The annual Marjorie Charleson WA Racing Industry Award continues in her memory to acknowledge her outstanding achievements within the WA Racing Industry.

Small businesses located anywhere across Western Australia are eligible to nominate for the 33rd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards.

To support potential entrants, a comprehensive range of free resources and assistance is available, including:

- Free Award Entry Submission Kits
- Interactive Webinars and Workshops
- Access to Award Mentors offering expert tips and guidance to help you craft a standout submission that captures the attention of our judging panel.

Whether you are new to the awards or a returning entrant, assistance is available to help you put your best foot forward and highlight the incredible impact of your business.

Entries close 5pm Tuesday September 29th and winners will be announced at the 'Night of Stars' event that will take place in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on Wednesday November 4th, 2026.

For more information on how to enter the awards and other categories, please contact awards@belmontbec.com or phone: (08) 9479 3777. or view www.belmontbec.com/awards

The 22nd designedge innovation FESTIVAL 2026 also officially launched July 1st with this year's Festival featuring forums, webinars, workshops, and networking being staged in Belmont, Perth Western Australia, nationally and globally ONLINE. Over 150 events will be held bringing together export trade opportunities, cyber security experts, innovators, designers, creatives, women entrepreneurs, industry associations and trade networks.
www.belmontbec.com/2026innovation

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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 Womens Empowerment Project.
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