

MEDIA RELEASE

Small Business Ministers show their support for the Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards

Small business represents around 97 per cent of all businesses in Western Australia. The 23rd annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards will be announced from 6pm October 26th in the Ballroom, Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

Special guests will include The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Minister for Small Business and Member for Riverina, and also The Hon Sean L'Estrange, MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Small Business and Finance.

Also attending will be WA Shadow Treasurer Ben Wyatt MLA, Member for East Metropolitan Region, Samantha Rowe MLC, Western Australian Senator Sue Lines and Member for Belmont, Glenys Godfrey, MLA.

Consul Generals from Vietnam (Phung The Long), Sri Lanka (Rosh Jalagge) and Mongolia (Peter Stuart) will also be in attendance at the high profile event with over 350 attending.

This year's Awards included a total of 23 categories with high profile sponsors

Best Marketing Award sponsored by Westways Visual Communication & Worldwide Printing Solutions to be presented by Neil Cranny

Most Innovative Business sponsored by Mustera Property Group to be presented by Anthony Ho

Most Creative Award sponsored by Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. to be presented by Jules Lewin

Technology Award sponsored by Qbit to be presented by Dave Musarra

Achievement Award sponsored by Aaragon Construction Management to be presented by Robert Francis

Karl Farrell Inspiration Award sponsored by TCFWA to be presented by Carol Hanlon

Volunteer of the Year Award sponsored by Perth Airport to be presented by Gemma Hunter

Community Spirit Award sponsored by Southern Gazette to be presented by Nathan Wayne

Environment Award sponsored by WA Treeworks to be presented by Tracie Barker

Best Retail Business sponsored by Belmont Forum to be presented by Julie Elliott

Business Woman of the Year sponsored by Business & Professional Women WA & BPW Business Incubator to be presented by Kate Waters

Best New Business sponsored by City of Belmont to be presented by Cr Steve Wolffe

Spirit of Australia Award sponsored by Hanssen Project Management to be presented by Gerry Hanssen

Home-Based Business Award sponsored by NAB to be presented by Brad Stone

Young Entrepreneur Award sponsored by Business News to be presented by Charlie Gunningham

Indigenous Business of the Year sponsored by Perth Airport to be presented by Gemma Hunter

Fashion Industry Award sponsored by TCF Global to be presented by Irving Lane

WA Racing Industry Award sponsored by Racebreed Australia to be presented by Marjorie Charleson

Customer Service Award sponsored by Telstra Business Centre Belmont to be presented by Andrew Willoughby

Business Migrant of the Year sponsored by The Australian Asian Association of WA Inc. to be presented by Mel Fialho

International Trade Award sponsored by BEC Global to be presented by Ben Wyatt, MLA

Enterprise of the Year sponsored by Watering Concepts to be presented by Bev Poor

Business Person of the Year sponsored by Belmont Rotary to be presented by Teresa Turnbull

Carol Hanlon, Founder of the Awards and CEO of Belmont BEC said, "The Awards were open to businesses both within the Belmont area, Perth Metropolitan and across regional WA. We are proud that so many small business dignitaries will be in attendance and the high quality of entrants

has highlighted the many great achievements and business excellence in WA small businesses". We thank our major sponsors City of Belmont, Belmont BEC & TCFWA and all our wonderful sponsors supporting the 23 categories".

The Awards event will also feature Spirit of the Streets Choir and a WA Fashion Parade showcasing the talent of WA creative designers.

To book tickets for the event please contact Belmont BEC on <http://belmontbec.com/23rd-belmont-western-australian-small-business-awards-2016-presentation-evening/>

About Belmont BEC

The annual Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non-profit community based organisation established, in 1994, to assist in the start-up, growth and development of small business. Over the years it has originated a large range of well-known projects and programs for the benefit of its small business clients that have included Belmont Small Business Awards, designedge Innovation Festival, Multicultural Business Support Services, TCFWA, WA Racing Industry Project, BPW Business Incubator for Women in Business and the Belmont BEC is also an industry specialist on creative industry, fashion and TCFL industries.

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