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Business Sundowners in Belmont

Due to increased demand, the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) – Small Business Centre will be continuing its monthly Business Networking Forums on the last Wednesday of every month in 2009.

These events are a great opportunity for businesses to meet the staff and owners of other local businesses, and to develop new contacts and networks. CEO of Belmont BEC Carol Hanlon says, "We're committed to putting on these events every month during 2009, because we see the benefits that attendees enjoy. There is nothing more powerful than local businesses connecting with other businesses and sharing knowledge."

Future dates of the Belmont Business Sundowners are: 25th March, 29th April, 27th May and 24th June 2009 and will continue throughout the year.

Each event is held at 150 East Riverside (150 Great Eastern Hwy, Ascot). From 5pm-6pm is Happy Hour with complimentary nibbles provided by 150 East, and then drinks are sold at regular bar prices until 7pm.

Attendees are invited to bring any brochures or business cards they would like to circulate about their business or products.

Since its inception, the Belmont BEC has established an extensive range of community projects and programs. These include the Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre Inc. (TCFWA), Belmont Small Business Awards, WA Racing Industry Development Project, Designedge Innovation Festival, Multicultural Business Support Services, Designedge Fashion Incubator, Belmont Clothes Library, and Business Workshops for Youth. Other centre activities include the establishment of a range of specialist business workshops, many with a focus on creative industry business development programs with indigenous and culturally diverse groups.

To book a spot at the Sundowners email <u>events@belmontbec.com</u> or telephone (08) 9479 3777 and speak to Pam Townshend or Raj Bhullar.

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