

## **BELMONT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE INC. (BELMONT BEC)** **Celebrating 30 years of opportunities, training and mentoring in WA small business!**

Established in 1994; for 30 years the **Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc.** (Belmont BEC) has grown to be an award-winning, not for profit, community-based association assisting the start-up, growth and development of small business in Western Australia.

Over those 30 years, the Belmont BEC has created a wide range of well-known opportunities and initiatives for the benefit of small businesses across W.A. including; the Belmont & WA Small Business Awards, MY Business Incubator Training & Mentoring Projects, WA Racing Industry Business Development, TCF Resource Centre of WA, Youth Enterprise, Natural Disaster Assistance, Innovation Festivals, Women in Business Support, Business Sundowners, Disability Employment, Migrant Small Business Services, Small Business Conferences, Women Economic Forum and a range of social enterprise programs, such as the Belmont Clothes Library.

Associations such as Belmont BEC assist its clients in developing their business skills covering a range of different areas such as: business planning, marketing, 'online' training, mentoring, product development, supply chain guidance and support through professional referrals.

Since its inception, the association has assisted in excess of 33,000 intenders, start-ups and small businesses in Belmont, Western Australia, across Australia and beyond. Belmont BEC, through BEC Global, has attracted a global network of trade organisations, industry associations, trade events and SMEs around the globe and is a specialist in global supply chain networks and international trade export opportunities for small business.

To celebrate 30 years, Belmont BEC is excited to be launching their online auction, with the hopes to raise funds to provide even greater support. Founding Manager of the Belmont BEC, Carol Hanlon, hopes the new addition of the online auction project delivers another pathway to raise funds to benefit the small business community of Western Australia.

"With an exciting variety of items on offer, we've covered everything from signed sports memorabilia to: fashion, gifts, jewellery, business services and autographed books, to name a few", she said.

"Events and fundraisers such as this online auction allow Belmont BEC to continue our support in operating our extensive range of projects and we thank all of our donors and supporters in this new endeavour", Ms Hanlon said. Auction items to place a bid can be viewed at [www.becauction.com](http://www.becauction.com)

BEC's ongoing projects include:

**BPW Business Incubator Women in Business Training & Mentoring Project** - providing free assistance to support business skills and growth potential of women in new or existing micro small businesses in Perth and regional Western Australia. [www.bpwbusinessincubator.com/bec](http://www.bpwbusinessincubator.com/bec)

**BEC NATIONAL EXPORT Training & Mentoring Project** – providing free access to export assistance to small business across Australia to improve skills and gain knowledge into how best to prepare an application for the Export Market Development Grant. [www.becnational.com/export](http://www.becnational.com/export)

**Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards** - The Belmont & WA Small Business Awards, which have been running since 1994, provide a great opportunity for small and growing enterprises to be recognised for the hard work they do in putting their business ideas into practice. This year marks the 30th anniversary of this state-wide event. [www.belmontbec.com/awards](http://www.belmontbec.com/awards)

**MY Business Incubator™ CYBER SECURITY Training & Mentoring Project** – providing support to small businesses across Australia to access cyber security webinars and online forums to build their cyber awareness; in addition, the '1001 Business Tips from 101™ Cyber Security IT Experts' eBook provides the top 10 tips from 101 global experts for SMEs to stay cyber safe. [www.mybusinessincubator.com.au/1001](http://www.mybusinessincubator.com.au/1001)

**designedge Innovation FESTIVAL** - the annual festival runs a range of 150+ events, webinars, workshops, networking, forums and displays and is now in its 19th year. Showcasing global speakers on export trade opportunities, cyber security experts, innovators, designers, creatives, women entrepreneurs, industry associations, and Asian TCF trade networks.

[www.belmontbec.com/2023innovation](http://www.belmontbec.com/2023innovation)

**‘Online’ Webinars, Workshops, Mentoring** – The Belmont BEC has over 80 topics through its business support library, that can be delivered as webinars and/or workshops. Mentoring is available via a range of online technologies. All services are provided by specialist accredited business advisors and specialist industry professionals. [www.belmontbec.com/webinars](http://www.belmontbec.com/webinars)

**Belmont Business ‘Ask an Expert’ Sundowners’** – monthly networking and speaker events assisting small business to gain new business information and make new business contacts.

[www.belmontbec.com/events](http://www.belmontbec.com/events)

**Women in Business & Fashion Forums** – bi-monthly networking and guest speaker events providing the opportunity for women in W.A. to gain new business skills, global trade opportunities and make new contacts. [www.belmontbec.com/events](http://www.belmontbec.com/events)

**Belmont BEC Business Updates** – monthly newsletters provide support, information and opportunities to many thousands of small businesses and intenders in W.A., across Australia and globally. [www.belmontbec.com](http://www.belmontbec.com)

**Boosting Female Founders Initiative** - providing expert business mentors to the Australian Government's Boosting Female Founders Initiative by assisting female entrepreneurs to harness the full potential of their startups.

**MY Business Incubator ‘Count Me IN’ Project** – providing information and webinars to encourage disability employment in W.A..

**National and International Trade Missions** - Belmont BEC coordinates buying missions and promotional opportunities for W.A. based and national small businesses to attend virtual or physical international trade exhibitions and events, many with sponsorship opportunities.

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