



BPW NEWS UPDATE - JULY, 2026



33rd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2026 **NOW OPEN!**

Nominate yourself, or another deserving WA small business in the 33rd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards to recognise and celebrate achievements in the small business sector. There are 22 Award categories open to all WA small businesses, individuals, and organisations in Belmont, the Perth metropolitan area and anywhere across regional Western Australia. Gain exposure for you and your business! FREE ENTRY, assistance available.

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The 22nd
designedge
innovation
FESTIVAL 2026



22nd designedge innovation FESTIVAL 2026 has launched and runs to 30th September with events, forums, webinars, workshops and networking being staged in Perth Western Australia, nationally and globally ONLINE. Over 150 events will bring together export trade opportunities, cyber security experts, business advisors, innovators, designers, creatives, global women entrepreneurs, industry and trade networks. All events are FREE to Members of BEC and TCF.

[FESTIVAL EVENTS FLYER](#)
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BEC
WOMENS
EMPOWERMENT
PROJECT

You are invited **BEC WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FORUM**

22nd July 5-7pm, [BOOKINGS](#)

Networking & Great Speakers: Bronwyn Sciortino, Elena Lennox, Kath Mazzella, Vidhu Sharma, Jasmyn Mumme, Carol Hanlon.

VENUE: Firehouse Restaurant, 249-263 Grt Eastern Hwy, Belmont

FREE ENTRY: Door Prizes, Nibbles Provided, Happy Hour Drinks



Belmont Business 'Ask an Expert' Sundowner

29th July 5pm-7pm, [BOOKINGS](#)

Promote your business, export trade opportunities and business contacts and gain new opportunities. **Networking & Great Speakers:** Roz Misiani, Wendy D'Souza, Kumar Peiris, Carol Hanlon.

VENUE: Firehouse Restaurant, 249-263 Great Eastern Hwy, Belmont

FREE ENTRY: Door Prizes, Nibbles, Happy Hour Drinks, Bar Prices.



Expanding your Sales into Global Markets **BEC NATIONAL EXPORT PROJECT**

FREE WEBINARS - Thursday, 30th July, AWST (Perth Time)

[BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)

- 1) Introduction to Exporting: 9.30-11.30am [BOOK](#)
- 2) Export Guide for Small Business: 12-2pm [BOOK](#)

3) Writing your Export Marketing Plan: 2.30-4.30pm [BOOK](#)
 Can't make the date? [Request a Recording](#)
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CAN YOU HELP? Freight Sponsorship or Freight Donations needed

TCF & BEC is calling for freight sponsorship or donations to get donated sewing machines, textiles, haberdashery to our two latest women's sewing projects: **20ft container sewing goods to BPW Port Moresby, PNG & 20ft container sewing goods Indigenous Womens Sewing Project, Nth WA.** Contact [Carol Hanlon](#) if you can assist with freight support

$$\text{Net profit margin} = \frac{(\text{Total revenue} - \text{Total costs})}{\text{Total revenue}} \times 100$$

16 strategies to increase profits for small businesses

Profitability can make all the difference for small businesses—it's the engine that turns cash flow into sustainable growth. Thankfully, there are many different strategies you can use to improve profitability in the short- and long-term. By monitoring and working to increase net profit margin, business owners can make smarter spending decisions and lay a solid foundation for long-term success. Profits are just one part of your overall cash flow. [How?](#)



Quote of the month

"Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best."

Theodore Isaac Rubin (1923-2019) - American psychiatrist and author



Are you sending SMS with your business/org name?

SMS sender ID register

The way businesses and organisations send branded text messages is changing. From 1 July 2026, new rules mean texts sent with an organisation's name at the top of a message (known as a branded sender ID) will need to have the sender ID registered.

Find out about the changes and how they apply to you...[here](#).

How to register is [here](#).



Product safety: what businesses need to know

In Australia, businesses must make sure the consumer products they sell are safe to use. This is part of the Australian Consumer Law. Businesses must:

- not sell or supply unsafe or banned products
- follow safety and information standards
- notify regulators of serious injuries, illnesses, or deaths linked to a product.

If you're not sure if a product is subject to a [permanent ban](#) or complies with [relevant standards](#), it may be safer to stop selling it. [More detail](#).



Payday Super checklist for employers

Payday Super started on 1 July 2026. If you're an employer, Payday Super means you will need to make a super contribution for eligible employees for each payday. Use this checklist for Payday Super - [here](#).



Grants and assistance programs in Australia

Find grants, funding, and support programs from across government to help YOUR business grow and succeed! When searching for funding, keep in mind that you'll generally need to meet certain criteria to be eligible, and that, aside from funding assistance, many programs can help your business by building your skills and knowledge. [Do you qualify?](#)



Welcome to BEC members - Rick Bantleman, C88

International; Badrul Alam, Dhaka Jewellery; Dilawah Singh, International Business Council

BENEFITS OF BEC MEMBERSHIP - Members can access 30-60mins free advisory with an accountant; lawyer; HR specialist; or IP Attorney to discuss your issues. Members also receive free webinars during the designed innovation festival, free business sundowners, buying mission opportunities, access to mentoring at discounted rates, supply chain linkages. Bronze, Silver & Gold Levels available. Membership is tax deductible. [Join](#)

BEC invites its network to link with its Social Media pages

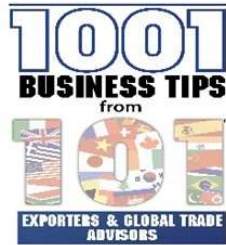
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1001 Business Tips from 101™ Exporters and Global Trade Advisor Experts

Would you like to be featured in our new eBook with your 10 tips for Exporters and Global Trade Advisors? Each expert will be allocated two pages. Participation includes additional promotional opportunities as an expert and you may also be invited as a presenter in future 1001 Business Tips Online Forums. Interested to share your expertise and gain exposure? **Contact** [Carol Hanlon](#)



Awarded the TripAdvisor Award

[Quest Perth Ascot](#) are incredibly proud and excited to share that it has been awarded the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Best of the Best Award for the second year in a row!



Why 2026 is a pivotal year for Australian e-commerce

The battleground for customer loyalty is no longer the homepage; it is the infrastructure. To thrive in the current landscape, Australian retailers must move beyond simple digitisation and embrace a total technological shift. To access this report, produced in partnership with Online Retailer, which serves as your roadmap for navigating the complexities of an AI-driven market, [click here](#).



Labelling seafood in your hospitality business

If you serve seafood in a restaurant, cafe or other hospitality business, you need to tell customers where it comes from. Find out how to follow country-of-origin labelling rules for seafood. The labelling rules for seafood are part of the [Australian Consumer Law](#). If you run a hospitality business that sells seafood, you must follow these rules from 1 July 2026. [Details](#).



TAX TIME Small business focus areas

The risks ATO are focused on, and information on how to get it right

The ATO say: We know most small businesses try to do the right thing. To ensure all businesses meet their tax, super and registry obligations, we will take firmer action on those who knowingly do the wrong thing. This will prevent them from gaining an unfair advantage over others. [Learn more](#).



Small businesses face higher wage bills from July

Small and medium businesses are facing higher wage bills after the Fair Work Commission hiked award rates to help 3 million Australian workers cope with rising living costs. The national minimum wage will rise by 6% and modern award rates by 4.75% on July 1 – the same day new [Payday Super](#) laws come into effect. The [Annual Wage Review](#) decision affects around 1 in 5 workers, concentrated in sectors where SMEs dominate: hospitality, retail, healthcare and administrative services. [Article](#).



Download free reports

Reports on: SME Growth Index: March 2026 / Business Funding Guide / Essential Guide to Business Funding / Surviving Cash Flow Challenges Guide / Cash flow action plan for the Recruitment, Staffing and Labour Hire industry / Cash flow action plan for Transport and Storage ... and more – [here](#).



Unsolicited business name renewal and company review notices

ASIC is alerting companies and business name holders to unsolicited letters, emails and notices from third-party service providers about company annual reviews or business name renewals. ASIC is aware that these materials may cause confusion as being authorised or sent by ASIC. These providers are not ASIC. Some may be ASIC-registered agents, which are businesses that can act on behalf of a company, where the company has provided authorisation, to assist with ASIC-related tasks, such as lodging documents and keeping company details up to date. However, they may charge an extra fee for these services in addition to the fees charged by ASIC. [Details](#).



AI is a double-edged sword when it comes to tax returns. Here's what Australians should know...

Australians have been warned that artificial intelligence (AI) could backfire if overused when preparing their tax returns. Experts say that using AI for taxes is convenient, but it also carries risks, especially when relying heavily on the

technology. Should you use AI to calculate your tax return? It depends on your circumstances, and the AI tools you use. What you need to know – [here](#).



Consumer catchup

Read about - Funeral price regulations locked in to give grieving families greater protection when they are most vulnerable. Find out the rules and risks associated with buying used vehicles, and what you need to know before you buy. Swift action by settlement agents prevented a property sale fraud. How suspicious questions raised red flags. ... and more [here](#).



Another tip by Jane Di Noto -from the now published -

'1001 Business Tips from 101™ Cyber Security Experts

Distribute your eggs over many baskets. Beware of overhyped big tech, especially in cloud computing and hosting providers. You most probably need these vendors because their size provides something otherwise unattainable (for example, speed, reach, on-demand capabilities, strong built-in security). But their strengths are most of the time also their worst weakness as they are primary targets for threat actors. And you might just find yourself caught in the middle, with collateral damage. So, divide and conquer!

[Visit mybusinessincubator.com.au/1001](http://mybusinessincubator.com.au/1001) Free Cyber Tips eBook



Mental health support for small business owners and sole traders

Working for yourself can be rewarding. For many, being the person responsible for a small business can also take its toll. It's essential to look after your mental health and wellbeing.

Learn more about getting free support, ways to look after yourself, develop a well-being plan, access to courses, etc [here](#).



Small Business News

Emerging patterns in small business enquiries point to changing regulatory requirements, combined with difficulty accessing clear guidance, contributing to confusion and increasing the likelihood of inadvertent non-compliance. These challenges are also at key transition points, such as buying and selling businesses, where gaps in end-to-end guidance are associated with early disputes and poor outcomes. Keep your small business up to date [here](#).



Windows has secret junk files you need to delete right now

Windows has been secretly creating junk files on your PC since day one. This video shows you how to find and delete temporary files created by Windows, helping you to clean the C drive and free up disk space in under two minutes.

By the end of this tutorial, you will learn how to free up space in Windows 11 and perform a quick disk cleanup to optimise and maintain your computer effectively without needing any paid tools or downloads. [Video](#).



Some Excel tips you may find useful

To highlight a row or column – Click on View, then Focus cell – then, every time you click somewhere, the appropriate row/column will be highlighted ... you can even change the colour of the highlight.

To insert the current date, hold Ctrl and ;

To insert the current time, hold Ctrl, Shift and ;

To highlight particular cells in a spreadsheet – highlight all cells, hold Alt and type HLHE, then enter the cell details you want highlighted and the colour.



The Cyber Sushi

In this issue - Scams in the shadows: * The growing use of private chat channels. * Building safer communities through trusted voices. * The guide to new and trending scams. * Are eSIMs safer than traditional SIM cards? [Here](#).



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BPW Australia 41st National Conference, Perth, 24-26 July

You are invited to attend this special event that marks 80 years of BPW in Western Australia, celebrating a proud history of empowering women through connection, advocacy, and leadership. The 41st BPW Australia National Conference is the premier national gathering for professional, business and working women, bringing together leaders, innovators, advocates and

aspiring changemakers from a wide range of sectors and occupations to exchange ideas, inspire growth and create lasting impact. [Website](#).



BPW network - taking action for women's equality

BPW (Business & Professional Women) members advocate for issues that affect women around the world today. BPW operates in over 120 countries globally and has consultative status with United Nations Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC). If you wish to connect with like-minded women in Australia visit www.bpw.com.au or globally visit BPW International www.bpw-international.org or contact [Carol Hanlon](#).



Are you a mum looking to start a business?

We understand the added challenges mums face as they manage both work and family life. We understand that parenting responsibilities don't always neatly fit within traditional business hours. Our FREE, tailored support offerings are designed with your busy schedule in mind. Whether you need flexible business programs, virtual workshops and events, one-on-one coaching, or resources that fit into your daily routine, we've got you covered. [Learn more](#).



Top 5 challenges facing women entrepreneurs - how we can address them

They surveyed nearly 3,000 women entrepreneurs in around 100 countries about their entrepreneurial experiences. Their responses illuminated the top business challenges facing women around the world and helped identify what support is needed in order to level the playing field. Findings were published in our [landmark research report](#) for International Women's Day. [Here](#).



Smart strategies for couples who run a business together

No business, especially one with a marriage at stake, should be launched without hammering out the financial and legal details first with a CPA or attorney. At a minimum, you'll want to discuss how to set up the business, but couples also should consider their long-term vision for the business. [Learn more](#).



Websites that you may find useful

For a large range of free AI tools – [click here](#), then choose 'free'.

For a free online photo editor – [click here](#).

For more free software and tools – [try this](#).

Free access to top-AI models for text generation/coding/image creation [here](#).

A huge library of sounds that you can copy is [here](#).

Access the best AI models for video and images in one platform. Start creating in seconds. Free to try, no sign up, nothing to install. [Here](#).



On your Windows computer

To find how to fix a problem – Press Windows key and I. Open System.

Troubleshoot. Other trouble shooters. Then choose the problem for a solution.

To open File Explorer and access everything – Hold the Windows key and E.

To open settings – hold the Windows key and I.

To open what you've been working on, press the Windows key and Tab.

If you have multiple pages open on your desktop and want to minimise them, press Windows key + D.

To control your storage with auto cleanup – watch this video – [here](#).



Team building for small business: Hire, manage and grow your team

Building a strong team drives small business success. Learn proven strategies for hiring, developing, and managing talent that grows with your business. Recognise individual strengths and involve employees from day one by assigning meaningful tasks, setting challenges with their input, and providing mentoring to help them contribute quickly and feel valued. [Learn how](#).



Quick tips using Microsoft Word

To instantly convert text to a table – highlight the text and click Alt then N T I.

To create a double line across a page – type = three times, then Enter.

For a single line across a page – type - three times then Enter

For a dotted line across a page- type * three times then Enter.

To add bullet points – highlight the lines and press Ctrl Shift and L.

On-screen keyboard – Windows key and R. Type osk. OK



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