



BPW NEWS UPDATE - SEPTEMBER, 2026



33rd Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2026

HURRY – ENTRIES CLOSING SEPTEMBER - 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 Western Australian small businesses, individuals, and organisations in Belmont, Perth metropolitan area and anywhere across regional Western Australia. Gain exposure for you and your business! **FREE ENTRY**, submission assistance available. [AWARDS HELPLINE](#)

[TABLE BOOKINGS NOW OPEN](#)

[AWARDS MEDIA RELEASE](#)

[AWARDS ENTRY FORM](#)

The 22nd
designedge
innovation
FESTIVAL 2026



22nd designedge innovation FESTIVAL 2026 features over 150 webinars, forums workshops and networking being staged in Perth Western Australia, nationally and globally ONLINE. Topics include export trade opportunities, cyber security experts, business advisors, innovators, designers, creatives, global women entrepreneurs, industry and trade networks. **FESTIVAL ENDING SEPT 30**. All events are **FREE** to Members of BEC and TCF.

[FESTIVAL EVENTS FLYER](#)

[MEDIA RELEASE](#)

BEC
WOMENS
EMPOWERMENT
PROJECT

You are invited BEC WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FORUM

Wed, 16th September 5-7pm, [BOOKINGS](#)

Great Speakers, Networking and Kath Mazzella VIP Book Launch

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

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



Belmont Business 'Ask an Expert' Sundowner

Wed, 30th September, 5pm-7pm, [BOOKINGS](#)

Promote your business, export trade opportunities and business contacts and gain new opportunities. **Great Speakers & Networking**

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, 1st October, 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](#)

Register for [FREE ONLINE Export Mentor](#)



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



1001 Business Tips from 101™ Cyber Security IT Experts
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Swiss Made – 'Delance' Silver Diamond Watch

The DELANCE "Origin" watch charms through its purity and simplicity. The small, star-shaped diamond at 6 o'clock catches the glance. Symbol of life, harmony, and spirituality is the "Origin" a powerful TalisWoman.
Watch can be viewed at [Belmont BEC](#)
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Quote of the month

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."
Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), the 32nd president of the United States, served from 1933 until he died in 1945.



Why Authenticity Is Becoming a Global Market Advantage

While the debate continues as to whether AI, robots and everything digital are good or bad, something else is happening beneath the surface. More people are choosing to reduce their digital exposure and are looking for things that feel real, crafted and shared. This shift is visible across products, services and community life, and it is happening in Australia and other parts of the world. [Learn more.](#)



Global Sourcing Expo, MCEC, Melbourne, November 17-19

The Global Sourcing Expo is a must-attend event for industry professionals associated with buying and global sourcing of apparel, textiles, home, and giftware products. This is an opportunity for buyers to learn about sourcing options for their business, and to network with different countries and suppliers. TCF Australia will also be delivering Free Export & Import Workshops during Global Sourcing Expo, Sydney. [Website.](#)



TCF Australia FREE Import & Export Workshops, Global Sourcing Expo, MCEC, Melbourne, Presenter Carol Hanlon, TCF Australia

18th November - Introduction to Importing & Exporting, 10.30-12 [BOOKINGS](#)
18th November - Import & Export Guide for Small Business, 1.30-3 [BOOKINGS](#)
19th November - Introduction to Importing & Exporting, 10.30-12 [BOOKINGS](#)
19th November - Import & Export Guide for Small Business, 1.30-3 [BOOKINGS](#)
Registration includes Access Pass to Global Sourcing Expo
Queries contact TCF Australia [Email](#)



Welcome to BEC members - Ratna Tewari, Migration Hub

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 designedge 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

BEC FaceBook [Link](#)
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Discuss your business issues and concerns with your confidential advisor and develop your action plan for success. **By the Hour: Online or Phone Face - Phone** www.belmontbec.com/mentoring



Are you an exporter or global trade advisor?

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](#)



62nd IHGF Delhi Fair, India, 13-17 October

Autumn edition presents a comprehensive collection of home, lifestyle, fashion, furnishings, furniture, gifts, and interior products for the season ahead from over 3000+ manufacturers and exporters. Held at the plush India Expo Centre, Delhi-NCR, India, the IHGF Delhi Fair exhibits over 2000+ new product expressions and more than 300 design developments across 16 product categories. This is a one-stop sourcing destination for retailers, importers, wholesalers and design professionals. [Details.](#)



Design Inspire, Hong Kong, November 18-21

The global stage for visionary design

Turn your creative concepts into commercial reality. Join an elite circle of global innovators, trend-setting brands and industry leaders at Hong Kong's premier international design show. [Details.](#)



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?](#)



Amex Shop Small Grants Applications are now open

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting Australia's small business community, Amex has partnered with Mainstreet Australia to support small businesses to grow, innovate and support their local communities through the Amex Shop Small Grants program, offering up to 100 grants nationwide. From 27 July 2026, eligible small business owners can apply for a chance to receive a \$20,000 grant. [Learn how.](#)



Building A Successful Home-Based Small Business Workshops

Do you want to find out how to turn your hobby into a business or build a successful business that you can run from home? Join this practical program delivered by Business Foundations in partnership with the **City of Belmont, WA** and **City of Canning**. To be held October 7th - 28th 5.30pm-7.30pm, [Apply Now.](#)



Ways to treat customers like humans instead of numbers

Today's consumers crave empathy, personal connections and a demonstrated commitment to a higher cause from the businesses they support. Members of Forbes Coaches Council discuss the most effective and efficient ways for companies to take a human-centric approach with their customers. [Here.](#)



Listen to an amazing validation speech

This talk to a group of graduating students is uplifting and contains many life lessons that are pertinent to all of us every day; just click [here.](#)



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.](#)



Small Business Newsletter

A word from the Ombudsman – Lynda McAlary-Smith.

As we move through the second half of the year, I continue to hear a consistent message from small businesses across Australia. Conditions remain challenging, costs remain high, and uncertainty continues to affect confidence. Despite this, I continue to see remarkable resilience, adaptability, and determination among small businesses seeking to strengthen their operations and prepare for the future. [Newsletter.](#)



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Golden rule of business: treat customers the way you want to be treated

The Golden Rule is a guiding principle that serves as a timeless beacon, helping companies achieve success ethically. This age-old adage isn't just a moral guideline; it's a powerful strategy for developing genuine connections with customers. Treating customers with the same respect and care we desire helps businesses secure loyalty and cultivate a business culture based on trust, empathy, and authenticity. [Learn more.](#)



What is a side channel attack?

A cybersecurity researcher explains how computers can leak secrets without being hacked

When people hear the word cyberattack, they usually imagine someone guessing a password, planting malware, stealing a computer, hacking an organisation's network or exploiting a flaw in the software. A side-channel attack works differently. It looks for clues a computer gives away while doing ordinary work. [Learn more.](#)



Be aware of the range of ATO scams

Scammers impersonate the ATO via email, SMS, phone calls, social media, and fake websites. If you're unsure, don't engage. You should: call 1800 008 540. [Learn more.](#)



The Cyber Sushi

Articles include: *Online shopping scams: Avoiding "cartbreak" *Behind the mask: The Guide to New and Trending Scams: *Is cryptocurrency safer than traditional money? [Newsletter.](#)



44 killer marketing ideas for your small-town business

Big-city marketers love to push marketing ideas about SEO, funnels, and TikTok trends. BUT what if you're in a town where people still read the local paper, the internet can be patchy, and many customers don't live on social media. Good news: you have an advantage. In a small town, people notice things. Word travels fast. You can build a reputation faster than most city businesses (if you show up in the right places). [Learn how.](#)



How to combat inflation as a sole trader: smart steps

Rising costs can squeeze margins and cash flow. Learn how to combat inflation with practical tips for sole traders. Lots of tips [here.](#)



Why your small business has revenue but no profit (and how to fix it)

You've worked hard to drive sales and grow revenue, yet when you look at your bank account, you feel puzzled. Your small business is making money, but where are the profits? This situation is common, confusing, and frustrating for many small business owners. See why you can have good revenue yet struggle with profitability. [Here.](#)



Websites that you may find useful

Alternative To is a crowdsourced, free site that helps you find better apps and services. Seek free alternatives [here.](#)

Install and update all your programs at once – [here.](#)

Create text-behind-image designs in seconds using AI - [here](#)

Remove image background, get a transparent background for any image- [here.](#)

Transform your photos with professional-grade tools in a free online photo editor that works right in your browser. No downloads, no hassle. [here.](#)



Newsletter from W.A. Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety - Information about –

*To refund, repair or replace?

*Baby devices banned. *New seafood labelling laws.

*Tips for having your car serviced, and where you can look to check if your mechanic is licensed to do the job. [Here.](#)



Another tip by Simon Cohen -from the now published -

'1001 Business Tips from 101™ Cyber Security Experts

Cyber Security is a process, not an event. Effective Cyber Security should be viewed as an ongoing process. A single penetration test, policy or training video is insufficient to meet the evolving threat landscape. Organisations need to implement a process of continuous improvement focused on identifying and managing risks as they occur.



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Fully equipped training room, catering and refreshments available.
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Quick tips using Microsoft Word

For a finger pointing - type 1f449 then Alt X for - 👉 ...adjust for size.

For a red apple - type 1f34E Alt X 🍏 for a green apple 1f34F Alt X 🍏

For a lemon 1f34B then Alt X 🍋 - For a pear 1f350 Alt X 🍐

For a parrot 1f99C then Alt X 🦜

For flowers - 131C8 then Alt X 🌸

For a star - 272F then Alt X ★



8 hidden Windows run commands to speed up & clean your PC

Tricks to clean up your Windows PC and make it faster. [Here](#).



Some Excel tips you may find useful

Does text not fit in columns? Highlight the text. Format cells. Alignment. Shrink to fit. When you change the column width, the text size will change to keep the same details.

To quickly merge cells - highlight the required section. Hold Alt and type HMA.

To hide data. Highlight cells to hide. Ctrl and 1. Custom. Remove General. Type three semi-colons as ;;; - OK - done.

If dates are showing in different formats, to make them uniform - Highlight the dates / Data / Text to column / Next / Next / Select the format. Done!



On your Windows computer

To refresh - Windows key + Shift + B = screen will flash and reset.

To open Device Manager - Ctrl + Shift + X.

To change the size of screen icons - Right-click on the screen, select View, and choose.

Switch between Apps instantly - Press Windows key + Tab - choose!

To quickly open File Explorer - Hold Windows key and E.

Business Skills 'On Demand' Sessions



Live and Recorded Webinar for Online - Anytime - Fast Track your Training

Members receive free webinars below during **September**- [Contact us](#)

To book for upcoming events visit www.belmontbec.com/webinars

- [Writing Your Business Plan](#)
- [Pricing, Costing and Cashflow](#)
- [Starting Your New Business](#)
- [Understanding the Australian Privacy Changes](#)
- [Credit Management And Debt Collection](#)
- [How To Write A Tender Or Grant Submission](#)
- [Tips on Building a Successful Business](#)
- [Preparing For A Fashion Trade Show](#)
- [How To Start A Fashion Label](#)
- [Quality Control In The Fashion Industry](#)
- [Importing and Exporting](#)
- [Get Noticed By The Media](#)
- [How To Brief Your Website Developer](#)
- [TESTEX - Textile Accreditation and Labelling](#)

- [Avoiding Manufacturing Pitfalls](#)
- [Marketing On A Budget](#)
- [Strategies for Off Shore Outsourcing](#)
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