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Belmont BEC partners with the Golden Gurus

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC) is delighted to announce they will be a member of Golden Gurus from 2010. Belmont Business Enterprise Centre is a non-profit community-based organisation established in 1994, to assist the growth and development of small business.

Golden Gurus is a new national program aimed at providing mature age Australians (aged 50 years and over) with a range of opportunities to support community organisations and small businesses. There will be many opportunities for mature age citizens to take on a skilled volunteering role. This role could involve helping a community organisation to grow or helping a community organisation deliver support to others (for example, by transferring skills and experience to people with disability, young people, Indigenous Australians or people experiencing challenges in life).

There will also be opportunities for appropriately skilled mature age people to take on a small business mentoring role. This role could include supporting a new small business owner who has completed the Government's New Enterprise Incentive Scheme. This Scheme helps unemployed people to set up their own small business.

Through Golden Gurus, mature age Australians will be able to meet new people, develop social networks, access free training, and participate in an Ambassadors program.

Golden Gurus is based on an idea presented at the Australia 2020 Summit and forms part of the Australian Government's social inclusion agenda. The program aims to harness the skills and experience of Australians aged 50 years and over to help meet future skill needs, address current skill shortages and respond to the challenges of an ageing workforce.

For Golden Gurus, the Belmont BEC will offer free assistance and support to new and existing businesses through:

- ❖ free practical business assistance
- ❖ referral to specialist advisers (accountants, lawyers etc)
- ❖ business workshops
- ❖ business information
- ❖ problem solving

If you are a small business looking for support, or you'd like to become a Golden Guru with the Belmont BEC, email your request to info@belmontbec.com or ph 94793777

For more information on the Golden Gurus program:
www.deewr.gov.au/GoldenGurus

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About Belmont BEC:

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.