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WA TELSTRA BUSINESS AWARDS 2015



Executive Risk Solutions

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
MEDIUM BUSINESS AWARD

"It's heightened the profile of the business and demonstrated to potential clients that we deliver a high standard of service and quality. I believe we won because of that high, the people we have working for us and the people on the ground. We focus on making it easy for our clients and we have really focused on development of our own staff internally and really delivering a service that is unprecedented within the industry. I'd recommend anyone to do it, it's such a fantastic process to go through. Opening your doors up to that transparency and a bit of interrogation into your company and systems is beneficial for any company."

Scott Houston, Chief Executive Officer



Great Southern Distilling Company

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

As well as their win at Telstra Business Awards, Great Southern Distilling Company was also recognised at the 2015 International Wine and Spirits Competition last month. Their Limeburners Single Malt Whisky won both a Gold Medal and a Silver Outstanding Medal at the awards in London.

"This is a great result for the Great Southern region. This announcement in London means that WA's own "Limeburners Whisky" is now recognised as being one of the World's very best single malt whiskies – we're pretty happy with that."

Cameron Syme, Founder and Managing Director



KBSS Engineering

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN START UP AWARD

"Winning confirms the hard work we've been putting in and shows us it's not in vain. It showed us that if you're willing to make a crack in the down turn, you can hopefully make it when it comes good.

We showed the judges that we recognised the downturn on its way early last year and changed our model... spreading our risk."

Mark Slocombe, Managing Director



Collins Street Surgery

FINALIST - WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

"Being an owner of a business, it's recognition for the work that the team has put into setting up the business and providing an ongoing service. It points us in the direction that we want to go in the future.

I think we have vision and ambition and I feel that we've got ideas in providing services and new initiatives that haven't been provided in this industry before."

Dr April Armstrong, Managing Director



Cats Corporation

FINALIST - WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

"Once you go through the process you really appreciate the effort that goes into it and the feedback from the judges was great. I was always very shy and conscientious about publicising what we do. Being a finalist has really opened me up to being more talkative and getting our name out there more."

Mike Keane, Managing Director



HideAway Haven

FINALIST - WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
MICRO BUSINESS AWARD

"It's pretty exciting to be a finalist this year. We loved the feedback from the judges and found the whole process really encouraging. It was also great to get to network with this year's and last year's winners."

Maggie Van Santen, Business Owner