

## **FREEHILLS UPDATE**

Freehills is proud to announce the recognition it has recently received for its partnership with Company B (the Belvoir Street Theatre). At the Museum of Sydney, Annette Bain Pro Bono Counsel and Executive Director of our Freehills Foundation were presented with the Australian Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) NSW Toyota Community Award, as well as the National Australian Council Arts Award for Young People.

The AbaF Awards are Australia's top awards for business-arts partnerships, sponsorships, volunteering and giving, with the Toyota Community Award awarded to partnerships with community focused outcomes; and the National Australia Council Arts for Young People Award for partnerships that enrich the lives of young Australians through their engagement with and participation in the arts.

Both awards recognise the support the firm has provided to Company B in establishing its educational program for youth at risk (such as are homeless, drug addicted and isolated) as well as the work experience/placements it provides for these young people, online teaching aides, teacher workshops and subsidised access to Belvoir St performances. This partnership, which began in 2003, has provided opportunities for over 21,000 students and changed the lives of countless young Australians.

We are also thrilled to report our success in winning the 'Excellence in Community Practices' at the inaugural BRW ANZ Private Business Awards, along with an award for 'Most Successful Private Business, Turnover >\$100m pa'. These new BRW awards seek to reward and recognise private companies operating in Australia that excel in their chosen fields. Open to all Australian private businesses across a range of categories, finalists were judged by an independent panel of readers, industry and academic experts. It was a great honour to win these awards as they are a reflection of the firm's talented lawyers and quality clients, and reflect a robust and successful year of working on many landmark deals and transactions, at the same time as honouring our ongoing commitment to putting back into the community.