



Slice of fame for cheese maker

By **Lisa Pahi**

Kris Lloyd has been instrumental in helping develop SA's artisan cheese-making industry.

The owner and head cheese maker at multi-award winning Woodside Cheese Wrights has dedicated her time to establishing events and training initiatives to foster the growing trade.

It hasn't always been easy for the mother-of-two who has had to try to balance her work commitments with family life.

But her achievements have been recognised at a national level, with Mrs Lloyd this month inducted into the Australian Businesswomen's Network's 2013 Hall of Fame.

Coinciding with International Women's Day on March 4, the hall honors 18 women who have been

"exemplary in their industries, are trailblazers and demonstrate inspiring and aspiring business journeys".

Other inductees

Mrs Lloyd is the only representative from SA.

Other inductees include fashion designers Heidi Middleton and Sarah-Jane Clarke of Sass and Bide, Lorna Jane Clarkson of Lorna Jane Activewear, Janine Allis of Boost Juice, Carolyn Cresswell of Carman's Muesli and Ronni Khan of OzHarvest, which delivers food to the needy.

Mrs Lloyd said she was "absolutely gob-smacked" to have been inducted alongside such high-profile businesswomen.

"I'm very honored to be in such fantastic company," she said.

"It's very, very important that we recognise women in business.

"Men are wonderful, however, I think at times women maybe juggle a bit more in their lives. I know I do – I have two sons and I have had to juggle and find a balance where family and my career are concerned to give those areas both what they deserve."

Australian Businesswomen's Network chief executive Suzi Dafnis said the Hall of Fame was launched in 1998 to "inspire Australian women with stories of individual success from high-achieving peers". "The women we profile serve as role models and mentors for women in all business sectors, encouraging them to realise their business goals," she said.

Mrs Lloyd regularly shares her tips for success and advice with other business owners as their mentor or as a guest speaker at functions.



Woodside Cheese Wrights owner Kris Lloyd is one of 18 women to be inducted into the Australian Businesswomen's Network 2013 Hall of Fame.