

A most influential woman



Woodside Cheese Wrights' Kris Lloyd has been named one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence for her business enterprise skills.

By Lisa Pahl

A Hills cheesemaker has been named the nation's most influential woman in business.

Woodside Cheese Wrights founder and head cheesemaker Kris Lloyd took top spot in the business enterprise category of *The Australian Financial Review* and Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards announced last week.

Ms Lloyd was recognised for her contribution to artisan cheesemaking in Australia, with a career that has seen her build a multi-award winning business over more than 15 years.

Judges praised her as a "shining example for how women can be truly influential in their careers" and have "a profound impact on long-term outcomes".

Ms Lloyd said the accolade was exciting and recognised the efforts of all women who had helped build the quality and reputation of Australia's specialty cheese industry.

"Given the calibre of the women who have been awarded, it's pretty good company to be in and it's always nice to fly the SA flag," she said.

"It's also great to be able to be acknowledged for an industry that could maybe go under the radar a bit."

Something special

To be recognised for her business acumen was also rewarding, Ms Lloyd said.

"I just think that you go about your daily life doing what you do, so to have an award for it is quite something special," she said.

"If nothing else I think it just proves that you can be an agriculture business

or a manufacturing business and have the ability to play a large role. If I can inspire just one person to think about cheesemaking as a field, I think it's a great thing to be able to achieve."

Ms Lloyd has previously called herself an "accidental" cheesemaker. She took over the reins to the Woodside business in 1999 and learnt to craft cheese by trial and error.

Through ongoing innovation she created a range of seasonal cheeses that have won many awards.

Ms Lloyd has also worked tirelessly to help build and promote SA's artisan cheese industry, establishing the SA specialist cheese association, known as CheesesSA, and founding the annual event Cheesefest.

Her involvement has also extended to the SA Tourism Commission and the Artisan Cheese Making Academy of Australia.

Freeway probe recommends charges for speeding trucks

By Genevieve Cooper

Truck drivers who exceed the 60km/h speed limit for heavy vehicles on the freeway down track by more than 10km/h could face dangerous driving charges under proposed laws, but a third arrester bed has been ruled out by the State Government.

The measures are among a range of responses to 17 recommendations made by Deputy State Coroner Anthony Schapel following his investigation into the death of truck driver James Vennig at the bottom of the freeway in January 2014.

Some of the Government responses are already in effect, such as steep descent training for truck drivers and public education campaigns, while others are being developed.

They include a mandatory truck inspection regime and a new responsibility framework for truck maintenance.

In addition to a third arrester bed, recommendations for a stopping station before the Heysen Tunnels, speed limits of 40km/h for trucks and 80km/h for light vehicles and some compulsory training elements were ruled out because they were "not feasible".

Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan said investigations found that building a third ramp and dropping speed limits even further

than current rules would increase the risk of crashes during peak travelling times.

"Traffic modelling indicated that reducing speed limits further could cause traffic to bank up past the entry to the existing lower safety ramp, while a third safety ramp was also not feasible due to the physical constraints of the road," he said.

South Australian Road Transport Association executive director Steve Shearer welcomed the Government's response to the coroner, including the possibility for dangerous driving charges for truck drivers.

"The key is to use low gear at low speed all the way down the descent," he said.

Descent training

"The major remaining challenge is to do everything that can sensibly and reasonably be done to ensure that all truck drivers are aware of the nature of the long continuous descent, which is an unusual feature that can surprise first time users, and that they are properly trained on how to make the descent safely."

Mr Shearer said the freeway was funded as a major freight route and about 40% of the trucks using the road were from SA.

"The freeway is an incredibly safe road as proven by the fact that 99.999% of the 638,000 trucks that come down the descent each year, do so without incident," he said.

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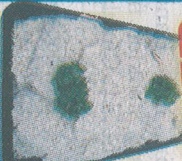
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