



# Business News

## Women learn skills

By Jason Aston

WHEN Danielle Lindsay-Wooldridge, of Emu Plains, wanted to connect with like-minded women, she joined the Women in Manufacturing program.

This new business network from the Department of State and Regional Development, with about 1000 members and 39 offices, is for women who want to meet and learn from industry professionals and access business advice from leading consultants, academics and practitioners.

"This is a good network," said Ms Lindsay-Wooldridge, who works with her father, Tom Wooldridge, at Lindsay Pie Making Equipment in Emu Plains.

"I can talk with other businesswomen. We can bounce off ideas from each other."

Ms Lindsay-Wooldridge joined Lindsay Pie Making Equipment three years ago when she was at a crossroads in life.

She quit consultancy work with the NSW Institute of Sport to join the business, which Mr Wooldridge started 25 years ago with his own pie-



**Networker:** Minister for Small Business David Campbell said networking improves management skills, confidence and gives women an avenue to contribute to manufacturing and other industries.

Picture: Gary Warrick

making equipment.

This year, Lindsay Piemaking Equipment won the Western Sydney-Regional Excellence Award for outstanding products.

Ms Lindsay-Wooldridge said a challenge of having your own business is keeping up with occupational health and safety rules.

"Each time they change the rules, we have to alter our equipment," she said.

### Sponsorship deal approved

**THE Australasian Production and Inventory Control Society NSW, and the NSW Department of State and Regional Development will co-sponsor a woman to attend an 18-month management course. Details: Linda, 9891 1411.**