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### **Family-owned business enters Hall of Fame**

Warracknabeal-based Clyne Foods was last night inducted into the prestigious Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame.

The family-owned and operated business was one of nine Victorian enterprises to be inducted before an 800-strong audience at Melbourne's Crown Palladium.

Wimmera Development Association Executive Director Philip Sabien was on hand to witness Managing Director Chris Clyne accept the award on behalf of the Clyne family.

"Clyne Foods really is setting the pace in terms of business excellence and best practice," Mr Sabien said.

"This award acknowledges that the business is world-class in terms of its innovation and capacity to tackle manufacturing challenges in a difficult economic climate."

Mr Clyne said being inducted into the Hall of Fame was an honour for the family-owned and operated company.

"We feel we're in excellent company alongside some exceptional operators."

Clyne Foods specialises in the production of dried vine fruit, including sultanas, currants, apricots, prunes, peaches and mixed fruit.

The company enjoys a 30 per cent share of the domestic market and a quarter of the export market.

Mr Sabien said that aside from providing local employment, Clyne Foods supported more than 250 fruit growers in Victoria's Sunraysia district and across the South Australian border into the Barossa and Riverland regions.

He said Clyne Foods was planning further expansion and would provide even more local jobs.

"Regional food processors such as Clyne Foods are a shining light in the state's economy at present, and a significant contributor to our regional economy," Mr Sabien said.

The Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to celebrate manufacturing excellence in Victoria.

The award was designed to showcase innovative and sophisticated approaches to manufacturing.

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