



**PIES THAT PATRICK MADE:** Irishman Patrick Clancy has received a Govt grant to help make his pies even more delicious. Photo: TOM WYNESS D87320a

# Clancy's Pies overflow with taste of success

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CURRUMBIN-based company Clancy's Pies is tasting success after receiving a Queensland Industry Development scheme grant for \$45,000 to help meet growing demand.

Managing Director Patrick Clancy, who comes from Ireland originally, started the company from scratch five years ago and has since seen it go from strength to strength.

In an effort to establish his company, Mr Clancy first be-

gan distributing samples of his pies at well-known retail outlets around the Gold Coast.

From these humble beginnings the company will soon be expanding to become a national supplier and will likely triple in size over the next three years.

Mr Clancy started the company when he recognised the huge market and its potential for growth.

"People used to see the meat pie as something that you ate at the footy with a

bit of sauce, that didn't particularly taste very good," he said.

"So we started with one simple objective: to make the best commercial pie and I believe we have achieved that."

The Queensland Industry Development Scheme has been running for seven years, with over \$3 million being allocated to Gold Coast companies.

The scheme is designed to help companies expand and create new employment opportunities.