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Cultivate buys Adelaide Hills Foods, boosts production capacity



L-R: Andrew Horwood, Susan Horwood and Travis Kerkman (Source: Supplied)

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Bedford-backed social enterprise Cultivate Food and Beverage has bought Adelaide Hills Foods (AHF) – a bakery and food manufacturing company – to expand its presence in the South Australian food manufacturing sector.

Cultivate currently services over 1500 retailers nationally, including Coles, Woolworths, Foodland and IGA from its Lobethal (South Australia) factory.

The acquisition aims to increase production capacity, create more inclusive employment opportunities, and expand the company's retail footprint by scaling AHF's workforce and production facilities.



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“The Adelaide Hills Foods and Cultivate partnership delivers the South Australian food manufacturing sector significant growth opportunities,” remarked Trevis Kerkman, divisional manager for hospitality services, at Bedford.

“We are committed to delivering more of Adelaide Hills Foods’ delicious, quality products to consumers around the country, and this aligns with Cultivate’s strategy to expand services to more partners as we enter the retail industry.”

AHF co-founders Andrew and Susan Horwood and their families will remain part of the business.


“We are thrilled to work in partnership with Cultivate to build our production capacity to meet the ever-growing demand for Adelaide Hills Foods’ product range,” said Andrew Horwood.

“Our Lobethal factory is near capacity, and Cultivate provides the perfect business solution with access to their Brooklyn Park facility in the immediate term and an expanded workforce,” he added.


Adelaide Hills Foods’ product range includes more than 300 product lines, with popular brands such as Emmaline’s, Positano, Emma + Myrtles Bakehouse, James Road, and Barossa Pizza.

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