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\$115,000 State Government grant for Clare winery bush cafe

Paulett Wines in Clare will establish a new bush food café at its cellar door through a \$115,608 grant from the State Government's Regional Development Fund.

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock said that the new café would bring an innovative concept to the region attracting visitors and boosting the regional economy.

"Paulett Wines has been a family-owned and operated business in the Clare Valley for over 30 years and is well known worldwide for their award-winning wines," Mr Brock said.

"This grant will enable them to diversify their business with a café and also provide packaged goods for customers to take home drawing on produce from their existing bush food garden.

"The Small Grants Program of the enhanced \$15 million a year Regional Development Fund is supporting small-scale projects that create sustainable economic benefits for the regions.

"This project establishing the Bush Devine Café will create three ongoing jobs upon completion, as well as creating an economic flow-on to the region's local contractors, businesses and local community.

"The Café and its shop will be a unique addition to the Clare Valley's tourist attractions, offering a very special food and wine experience," Mr Brock said.

Ali Paulett of Paulett Wines said they believed their bush food garden and café project was the only one of its kind in the State.

"We are confident that nowhere else in SA is there a destination that has a garden of indigenous Australian bush foods that you can smell, touch, taste and learn about in this way," Ali said.

"Thanks to this Regional Development Fund grant we will be able to expand our vision to a café offering a unique menu with bush flavours matched to our wines.

"The grant money will go towards upgrading our cellar door, verandah and kitchen, market and launch the new café, upskilling and train new staff, and also develop and package our bush fare into products that people can take home to use in their own kitchens."