

Hot Drinks in Australia

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Hot drinks maintain steady value growth amid inflation easing and shifting consumer priorities

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Ethical sourcing and sustainability strengthen brand positioning

Matcha shifts from niche trend to mainstream staple

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Functional reformulation and wellness-led innovation to accelerate

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