



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**22 JULY 2020
7.00PM**

TO BE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
23-25 CHELMSFORD PLACE
LEETON NSW 2705

Authorised for release: Jackie Kruger General Manager

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- 7. MAYORAL MINUTES (If any)
- 7.2 SUPPORT FOR MAJOR TOURISM INITIATIVE - WHITTON MALT HOUSE2

2. Delegates to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager Authority to make decisions on securing the funding and approving the commencement of the works.
 3. Seeks a report from the General Manager within 3 months, detailing the works completed, the full costs and the financial implications.
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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 [↓](#) Letter from Southern Cotton - Whitton Malt House



Leeton Shire Council
Attention: Jackie Kruger and Leeton Shire Councillors
23-25 Chelmsford Place
Leeton NSW 2705

Date: 20, July 2020

RE: WHITTON MALT HOUSE ENTRY ROAD ASSISTANCE

Dear Jackie,

As you are aware, the Whitton Malt House (WMH) build is progressing well and we are looking at an October 2020 opening.

The project has expanded rapidly from the original concept and is now set to be the region's premier tourism facility and includes dedicated event spaces, outdoor recreational activities and on-site accommodation. We have bold plans for the facility and strategies to attract people to the region using the WMH as the anchor experience.

At the time of writing, we have over 5,000 people already booked into the WMH between our October opening and the end of the year.

We are seeking support from Leeton Shire Council to cover the cost of the required roadworks and entryway to get the facility through to occupancy, with an approximate cost of \$250,000. Also if we carry out all civil works on the car park is it possible for the Council to cover the bitumen costs.

A summary of what we anticipate the WMH will bring to the Leeton Shire includes:

- Approximately 40 new jobs.
- Estimate of 50,000 visitors in the first year of operation gradually building year-on-year.
- Staff utilisation from Southern Cotton means that 10 staff members will not lose their jobs. Instead they will be utilised in the summer at the new facility.
- Increase the visitor economy of the shire, bringing tourists to our towns.
- Increase the visitor economy to our towns to utilise the event space. At the time of writing we already have several interstate event bookings.
- Premier agritourism destination showcasing all our region offers. This will include many locally grown products in our retail store, supporting and showcasing many regional products.

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As you are aware, we have invested millions in this facility there is currently no other private investment in regional infrastructure and tourism of this calibre in the Australia, particularly in a year with so many challenges like drought, low cash flow and the Covid-19.

We would like to invite you and councillors out any time to inspect and appreciate the investment we are making in our region.

We look forward to discussing the proposal in detail.

Yours sincerely,



Kate O'Callaghan, CEO Southern Cotton