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Guy Barnett, Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing  
Jane Howlett, Liberal Member for Prosser

## Cheers to the Official Opening of the Callington Mill & Distillery

In a major boost to the local and visitor economy in Oatlands, the Callington Mill & Distillery is now officially open.

We know that Tasmania makes some of the best whisky in the world and our international reputation has continued to grow in recent years, benefitting jobs and investment right across the State.

The Callington Mill & Distillery is one of the best-known landmarks of Oatlands and investment in the distillery is already providing much-needed employment in the region.

Planned investment to develop a bottling plant and cooperage at the local bond store site will also provide further employment opportunities.

The mill buildings all have interpretative signs and videos tracing its history from when it was built in 1837 by John Vincent, who made flour and also had an illegal distillery on the site. It reopened as a mill back in 2010 after a restoration project.

Because of the passion and vision of John Ibrahim and his team, the site now has an exciting future as a premium single malt whisky distillery.

Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing, Guy Barnett, said that the work that has gone into getting the Callington Mill & Distillery off the ground has been enormous and congratulated John and his team on this exciting step.

Also attending the opening today, local Member for Prosser, Jane Howlett, said that it was wonderful

to have been part of this project from the very beginning.

“The opening of the Callington Mill & Distillery is just another reason for Tasmanians, and interstate visitors, to make a trip to Oatlands and immerse themselves in history whilst enjoying top quality products.”

Tasmania’s clean air, water, and excellent local barley - combined with our heritage, strong brand and strong economy - make Tasmania the ideal place to invest and produce some of the world’s best whisky.

It’s clear that Tasmania has what the world wants: Tasmanian whisky and spirits and this is another great example of innovative producers investing to grow and create Tasmanian high-quality products for local and export markets.