

Decision No. GREYDLC 071/2023

IN THE MATTER of the
Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012 (the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an
application by **ROCKNSUZ
LIMITED** for the renewal and
variation of an On-Licence
pursuant to s.120 & s.127 of the
Act in respect of premises situated
at 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura
and known as the "Ahaura Hotel".

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Rocknsuz Ltd has made an application for the renewal and variation of an On-Licence for premises situated at 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura and known as the "Ahaura Hotel".

The applicant is a private company, number 8318357 and holds a current On-Licence number 55/ON/002/2022. The shareholders are Suzanne Joan Rockhouse and Brian Trevor Rockhouse. The sole director is Suzanne Rockhouse.

The general nature of the business is that of a hotel, restaurant and bar.

The current licensed hours are Monday to Sunday 11am to 3am the following day. The applicant has applied for a variation to the current hours of Monday to Sunday 11am to 2am the following day.

The premises are zoned township and this activity is permitted within this zone. The principal entrance to the premises is from 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura.

The bar and outdoor beer garden area of the premises are to be designated as supervised and the dining room designated undesignated, as per the plan attached to the application.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by Rocknsuz Limited for the renewal and

variation of an On-Licence in respect of premises at 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura and known as the "Ahaura Hotel", subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1.00pm on ANZAC Day to any person other than persons who are:
 - a. For the time being living on the premises whether as a lodger or an employee of the licensee or otherwise, or
 - b. Present on the premises for the purpose of dining.
2. Alcohol may be sold only on the following days and during the following hours:

Monday to Sunday 11am to 2am the following day.
3. The bar and outdoor beer garden areas are designated as a supervised area with the dining room an undesignated area as per the plan provided.
4. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol a reasonable range of non-alcoholic refreshments.
5. Water is to be provided freely at no cost to patrons from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
6. Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises.
7. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol, in accordance with the example menu submitted with the application for this licence, or menu variations of a similar range and standard.
8. A courtesy van to be available to take patrons home, or information, advice and assistance must be provided to patrons about alternative forms of transport.
9. The following other steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:
 - a. All service staff must be trained in their responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
 - b. Evidence of age documents will be requested where appropriate.
 - c. The Licensee must ensure the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons are observed, and signage displayed detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to such persons.
10. A properly appointed certificated or Acting or Temporary Manager must be on duty at all times, within the licensed area, when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises.

11. The Licensee must ensure the following items are prominently displayed:
 - a. A sign at the premises, so as to be easily read by patrons, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of alcohol.
 - b. A copy of the licence, and of the conditions of the licence, attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises.
12. Payment of the fee prescribed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (fees) Regulations 2013.

The premises are as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 19 May 2023. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The business carried out upon the premise is that of a hotel, restaurant and bar and are of a kind for which an on-licence may be granted.

Suzanne Joan Rockhouse is experienced in the industry and is the holder of a current general managers certificate.

The applicant has provided in their application host responsibility details which demonstrate that suitable measures will be undertaken to provide the following measures with regard to the responsible sales or supply of alcohol, and that harm will be minimised by:

- Food, as per the attached menu, will be available on the premises during the licence hours.
- Free water will be available at the bar at no charge throughout the event.
- Non-alcoholic and low alcoholic beverages will be available.
- A courtesy van will be available to transport patrons home.
- Intoxicated persons and minors will not be served.

It is noted that the current evacuation plan for the premises is currently being processed by Fire and Emergency NZ. The advisor for Risk Reduction in the Greymouth area, Jordan Lineham, has advised that there will be no objections to the applicant's scheme and he will continue working with them. The applicant will provide this Committee with a copy of their evacuation scheme, once completed.

The Licensing Inspector details in her report that the applicant has the appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law, including three qualified duty managers.

The Licensing Inspector's report indicates that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent should this application be granted, and that the applicant is suitable to hold this licence. She does not oppose the application.

The Police and Medical Officer of Health do not oppose the application.

No undertakings are sought by the agencies.

This application was duly notified on Council website and no objections were received from members of the public.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

There is no evidence before the Committee which would suggest that the applicant would manage the premises in any way which would contravene the requirements of the Act and it is satisfied as to the matters that it must have regard to as set out in sections 4, 106 and 131 of the Act.

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 29th day of June 2023



Rachel van der Geest
Chairperson/Commissioner