

Decision No. GREYDLC 088/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol
Act 2012 (the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **FREEMAN
2025 LIMITED** for an On-Licence
pursuant to s.100 of the Act in
respect of premises situated at 201
High Street, Greymouth and known
as “Australasian Bar & Grill”

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Freeman 2025 Limited has made an application for an On-Licence for premises situated at 201 High Street, Greymouth and known as “Australasian Bar & Grill”.

The applicant is a company incorporated on 12 March 2025, number 9429052680113. The directors and shareholders are Mathew James Colville Freeman and Jungsim Choi.

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

The premises are zoned commercial in the Grey District plan and this activity is permitted within this zone.

The principal entrance to the premises is from 201 High Street, Greymouth.

The applicant seeks to licence the bar area with a supervised designation, the restaurant and kitchen area including a clearly defined outdoor area adjacent to High Street, as undesignated and the gaming room area in the bar as restricted, as per the site plan attached to this application.

The proposed days and hours sought are Monday to Sunday - 8:00am to 3:00am the following day and on the days prior to Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and ANZAC Day - 8:00am to midnight.

The premises is an existing licensed business which the applicant has been running under management contract for the last three years. The applicant is leasing the business and has provided a copy of the Deed of Lease for the property, dated 15 May 2025.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by Freeman 2025 Limited for an On-Licence in respect of premises at 201 High Street, Greymouth and known as “Australasian Bar & Grill”, subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. Alcohol may be sold and supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and the following hours:
 - a. **Monday to Sunday - 8:00am to 3:00am the following day.**
 - b. **On the days prior to Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and ANZAC Day - 8:00am to midnight.**
2. No alcohol is to be sold on the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1.00pm on ANZAC Day to any person other than a person who is present on the premises to dine or is residing or lodging on the premises.
3. As per the plan submitted with this licence, the following areas are designated as:
 - a. Restaurant, kitchen and outdoor decking area - Undesignated
 - b. Bar area - Supervised
 - c. Gaming room - Restricted
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 and low-alcohol beverages.
5. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
6. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu submitted with the application for this licence, or menu variations of a similar range and standard. Menus must be visible and food should be actively promoted.
7. A properly appointed certificated or acting or temporary manager must be on duty at all times 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.
8. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.
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. The Licensee must ensure the following items are prominently displayed:
- a. A sign at the principal entrance to 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.
11. The licence is subject to the payment of licence fees as required by the Sales and Alcohol (fees) Regulations 2013.

The premises are as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 3 July 2025. 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 restaurant and bar and are of a kind for which an on-licence may be granted.

The applicant is an experienced licensee, with Michael Freeman having over 20 years experience in the industry, including 10 years as a duty manager. Both directors and shareholders are holders of a current managers certificate. Freeman has been site manager at the Australasian Bar & Grill for the last three years, under the previous ownership.

The applicant has a sufficient host responsibility policy in place which should ensure the safe and responsible sale and supply of alcohol to comply with the provisions of the Act.

There are four certified duty managers listed, Freeman and Jungsim Choi, Ellie Cockfield and Cerise Kennedy.

Food, as per the menus submitted with this application, is available for consumption on the premises.

It is noted that the kitchen is part of the licensed area. The applicant has informed the Licensing Inspector that he requires this as alcohol is stored in the kitchen and that, at times, staff are required to transport the alcohol through this area.

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 advises the applicant has the appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law. She does not oppose the application.

The Police and Medical Officer of Health do not oppose the application, however both agencies recommend a reduction to the licensed hours that the applicant has applied for. The Licensing Inspector, in her report, advises that the applicant wants to retain the existing hours, and referred to the good history of his management and "no evidence of alcohol related harm" associated with the premises. The Medical Officer of Health views the reduction of hours to be a proactive measure by the applicant to prevent harm occurring.

In consideration of this matter, I note that the hours sought are within the default national maximum trading hours prescribed under the Act, and the Grey District does not have a Local Alcohol Policy. The applicant has also managed the premises in a satisfactory manner for the last three years with the current hours he is seeking and is aware of his responsibilities under the Act. The hours sought are granted, however this matter can be reconsidered at the licence renewal.

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, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

The licence is granted for 12 months from the date of issue.

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 31st day of July 2025

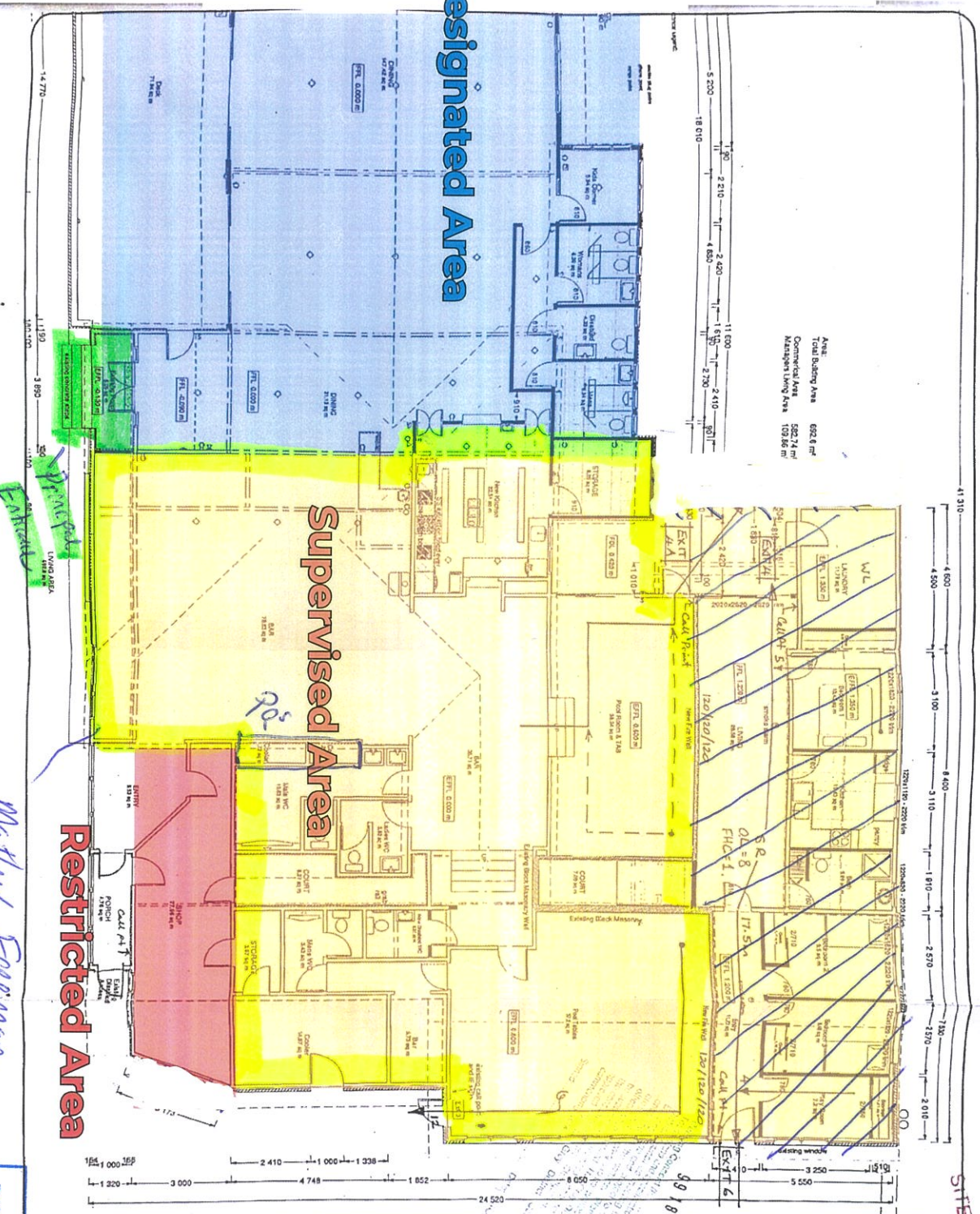


Rachel van der Geest
Chairperson/Commissioner

Undesignated Area

Supervised Area

Restricted Area



Area:
Total Building Area 652.8 m²
Commercial Area 522.74 m²
Managers Living Area 109.86 m²

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New Floor
Layout

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