

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **THE BLACKBALL INN 2025 LIMITED** for a new On-Licence pursuant to s.100 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 8 Hilton Street, Blackball and known as “The Blackball Inn”.

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Blackball Inn 2025 Limited has made an application for a new On-Licence for premises situated at 8 Hilton Street, Blackball and known as “The Blackball Inn”.

The applicant is a private company number 9429052970092, incorporated on 23 July 2025. The shareholders and directors are Sarah VICKERS and Christopher PETERS.

The general nature of the business is that of restaurant/cafe, accommodation and bar.

The premises are zoned settlement in the Te Tai o Poutini plan and this activity is permitted within this zone.

The principal entrance to the premises is from 8 Hilton Street, Blackball.

The applicant seeks to licence the bar and dining area, the outside verandah and an outdoor garden area as undesignated, as per the site plan attached to this application.

The proposed days and hours sought are:

- 1 May to 30 September - Monday to Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 1 October to 30 April - Monday to Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 1 October to 30 April - Friday to Sunday 10:00 a.m. to Midnight.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by The Blackball Inn 2025 Limited for an On-Licence in respect of premises at 8 Hilton Street, Blackball and known as “The Blackball Inn”, 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. **1 May to 30 September - Monday to Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
 - b. **1 October to 30 April - Monday to Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
 - c. **1 October to 30 April - Friday to Sunday 10:00 a.m. 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. The bar and dining area, outside verandah and outside garden area is undesignated as per the plan submitted with the application for this licence.
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 premise
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 30 September 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/cafe, bar and accommodation and are of a kind for which an on-licence may be granted.

The applicant purchased the business, with settlement on 15th August 2025. They have been operating the premises under a temporary authority which was issued on 8 August 2025, without incident or concern.

Sarah VICKERS holds a current managers certificate, and is an experienced licensee, having been involved in the industry for over a decade.

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 two experienced certified duty managers listed, Sarah VICKERS and Claudia BRUNING-AGUILAR.

The hours are within the default national maximum trading hours prescribed under the Act.

The bar, dining and outside verandah and outside garden areas are to be undesignated.

The outside licenced area is located on the eastern side of the building and consists of the verandah, which extends to the northern end of the building, and a 21 metre x 13 metre grassed area which is delineated at the licence boundary by natural plant borders. A rope barrier will be installed at the northern end of this area while some smaller shrubs grow bigger.

The outdoor area is clearly defined on the site plan attached to the application.

Food is available for consumption on the premises, as per the substantial menu attached to this application.

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. 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, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

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

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 10th day of November 2025



Rachel van der Geest
Chairperson/Commissioner