

IN THE MATTER

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

AND

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of an application by **IDAWAY HOLDINGS LIMITED** for the renewal and variation of an On-Licence pursuant to s.120 and s.127 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 26 Hart Street, Blackball and known as "Formerly the Blackball Hilton".

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Idaway Holdings Limited has made an application for the renewal and variation of an on-licence for premises situated at 26 Hart Street, Blackball and known as "Formerly the Blackball Hilton".

The applicant is an incorporated company, number 9429037203924. The directors and shareholders are Cynthia ROBINS and Philip LEMMON, and they hold a current on-licence number 55/ON/70/2016.

The general nature of the business is that of a hotel, restaurant and bar, with applied licensed hours of Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 3.00am the following day (8.00am to 12 midnight on the Thursday before Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas eve and the day before ANZAC day).

The applicant is seeking a variation to license the guest tv lounge, to change the bar designation to undesignated except for the specified area around the bar, which is to remain supervised, and to reduce the size of the licensed outdoor area in front of the premises, facing the road.

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 26 Hart Street, Blackball.

The area in front of the bar, delineated by vinyl, is designated supervised and the remaining areas are to be 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 Idaway Holdings Limited for the renewal of an on-licence in respect of premises at 26 Hart Street, Blackball and known as "Formerly the Blackball Hilton", subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours: **Monday to Sunday - 8.00am to 3.00am the following day.**
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 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.
3. The following parts of the premises, as per the site plan provided, are designated as follows:
 - a. **Supervised** - vinyled area in front of the bar
 - b. **Undesignated** - bar, restaurant, outdoor area under the front verandah, outdoor garden bar, main entrance and hallway and guest tv lounge.

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 either a water supply prominently situated on the premises or from across the bar or on restaurant tables.
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. Provide patrons assistance with, or information about other alternative forms of transport available 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.
 - c. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
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 18 December 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 hotel, bar and restaurant and are of a kind for which an on-licence may be granted.

The applicant has operated their on-licence for a number of years without incident.

This application has been outstanding for some months, with the licence expiring in July 2025. The application was received by the Grey District Council on 19 June 2025.

The Medical Officer of Health (on 25 June 2025) and the Police (on 27 June 2025) both initially opposed the application on safety grounds, citing the risk to patrons using two large tables situated outside on the roadside, in front of the verandah at the main entrance to the building.

The applicant voluntarily reduced the size of the licensed area to the front edge of the verandah, and proceeded to obtain a 'Licence to Occupy' for the area, which was granted to the applicant by the Grey District Council on 2 October 2025.

The Licence to Occupy covers the licensed area sought by the applicant in this application. It is a 2.7 metre x 12.2 metre area that extends from the front of the building to the front edge of the verandah.

The applicant understands that the roadside area with the two tables is not part of this licence application, and she is clear on her responsibilities in relation to this.

Opposition by the two agencies also included the hours applied for being excessive and Police also had concerns regarding the monitoring of the licensed areas, including the outside areas and guest lounge, which are monitored by security cameras. The applicant has put a tablet in the bar to enable sufficient monitoring of these areas, along with duty manager and staff patrols.

The Police (on 19 December 2025) and the Medical Officer of Health (11 February 2026) removed their oppositions to the application.

The licensed hours remain the same.

The outside garden bar is a 15.7 metre x 20 metre area on the northern side of the building, which can be accessed from the restaurant dining area and the guest tv lounge.

There are five duty managers listed, Cynthia ROBINS, Philip LEMMON, Amanda LEMMON, Shelley HARWOOD and Robert NEWCOMBE.

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.

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.

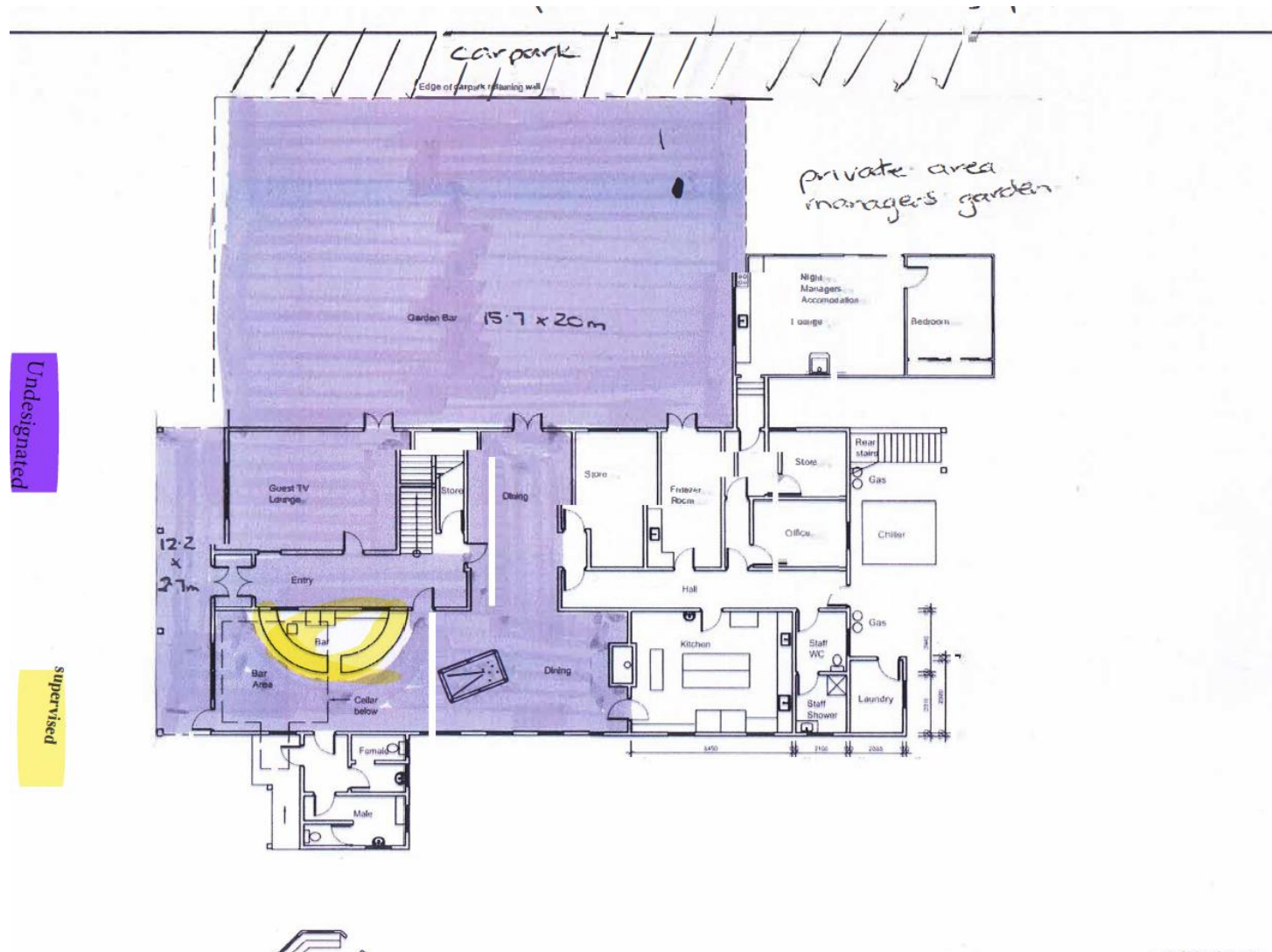
There is no evidence before the Committee which would suggest that the applicant would manage the premises in any way which would contravene the requirements of the Act and it is satisfied as to the matters that it must have regard to as set out in sections 4, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 2nd day of March 2026



Rachel van der Geest

Chairperson/Commissioner



Updated designated areas 18.12.2025