

Decision No. GREYDLC 084/2026

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 of an On-
Licence pursuant to s.127 of the
Act in respect of premises situated
at 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura
known as the "Ahaura Hotel"

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Rocknsuz Limited has made an application for the renewal of an on-licence for premises situated at 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura and known as the "Ahaura Hotel".

The applicant is an incorporated company, number 9429050376414, and is the holder of a current on-licence number 55/ON/002/2022. The sole director is Suzanne Joan ROCKHOUSE and the two shareholders are Suzanne Joan ROCKHOUSE and Brian Trevor ROCKHOUSE.

The general nature of the business is that of a bar, restaurant and accommodation, with applied licensed hours of Monday to Sunday - 11.00am to 2.00am the following day.

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 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura.

The bar and outdoor beer garden areas of the premises shall be designated Supervised, with the dining room area 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 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. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and during the following hours: **Monday to Sunday - 11.00am to 2.00am the following day.**

2. The following parts of the premises, as per the site plan provided, are designated as follows:
 - a. Bar and outdoor beer garden - Supervised
 - b. Dining room - undesignated
3. 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.
4. Water is to be provided freely at no cost to patrons from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
5. Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises.
6. 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.
7. A courtesy coach to be available to patrons or information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport from the licensed premises be available on request.
8. 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.
9. 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.
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 29 April 2026. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The business carried out upon the premises is that of a bar, restaurant and accommodation 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. Suzanne ROCKHOUSE is an experienced licensee who has been involved in the industry for a number of years.

There are two experienced duty managers listed, Suzanne ROCKHOUSE and Michael JACOBS.

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, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 31st day of July 2026



Rachel van der Geest
Chairperson/Commissioner

GREY ST

Traffic
Parking

GREY
DISTRICT COUNCIL
29 APR 2026
FILE No.

- OFF STREET PARKING
- SUPERSEDDED AREAS
- UNDESIGNATED
- Security Cameras

Garage

OFF STREET
PARKING

gate

Camp ST.

Garage

Carport

BEEL
CADDEN

Garage

Garage

Garage

Garage

Garage

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Garage

New club safe fence
from carport to garage

MAIN ENTRANCE

CLIFFTON ST

Hotel
Accommodation
+ Kitchen

Dining