Decision No. GREYDLC119/2026

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **AHAURA HOTEL (2026) LIMITED** for an On-Licence pursuant to s.100 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

Ahaura Hotel (2026) Limited has made an application for 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 9429053615299, incorporated on 22 April 2026. The directors and shareholders are Michelle Fay AMLEHN and Roger Wayne RAYMOND.

The general nature of the business is that of a hotel, restaurant 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 3344 State Highway 7, Ahaura.

The applicant seeks to licence the bar area and outdoor garden bar as Supervised designation and the dining room as undesignated, as per the site plan attached to this application.

The proposed days and hours sought are Monday to Sunday – 11.00am to 2.00am the following day.

The premises is an existing business which was purchased by the applicant on the 17 July 2026.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by Ahaura Hotel (2026) Limited for 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 and supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and 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 Garden Bar areas – 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 and low-alcohol beverages.

4. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.

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.

9. 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 27 October 2026. 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.

The bar and restaurant are located on the ground floor of the building, with accommodation located on the first floor. The applicant sought to licence the accommodation area in her original application, however this was area was removed from the application as per the applicant's email to the Grey District Licensing office on 22 October 2026.

The applicant has experience in the industry, and has been operating the business under a temporary authority for an on-licence, issued on 27 July 2026. Both shareholders reside onsite and are involved in the day-to-day running of the business.

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 certified duty managers listed, Michelle AMLEHN and Michael JACOBS. AMLEHN is the owner of the premises and was issued a managers certificate on 9 June 2026, and JACOBS has held a managers certificate for a number of years with no concerns.

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

The outdoor garden bar is a 13 metre x 8 metre, well-lit area which is monitored by a security camera. It is enclosed by fencing and buildings and is accessible via a short, covered walkway from the rear of the bar area.

Food, in the form of fried bar snacks and meals including burgers, pizzas and steak/chicken, is available for consumption on the premises, as per the 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 27th day of October 2026



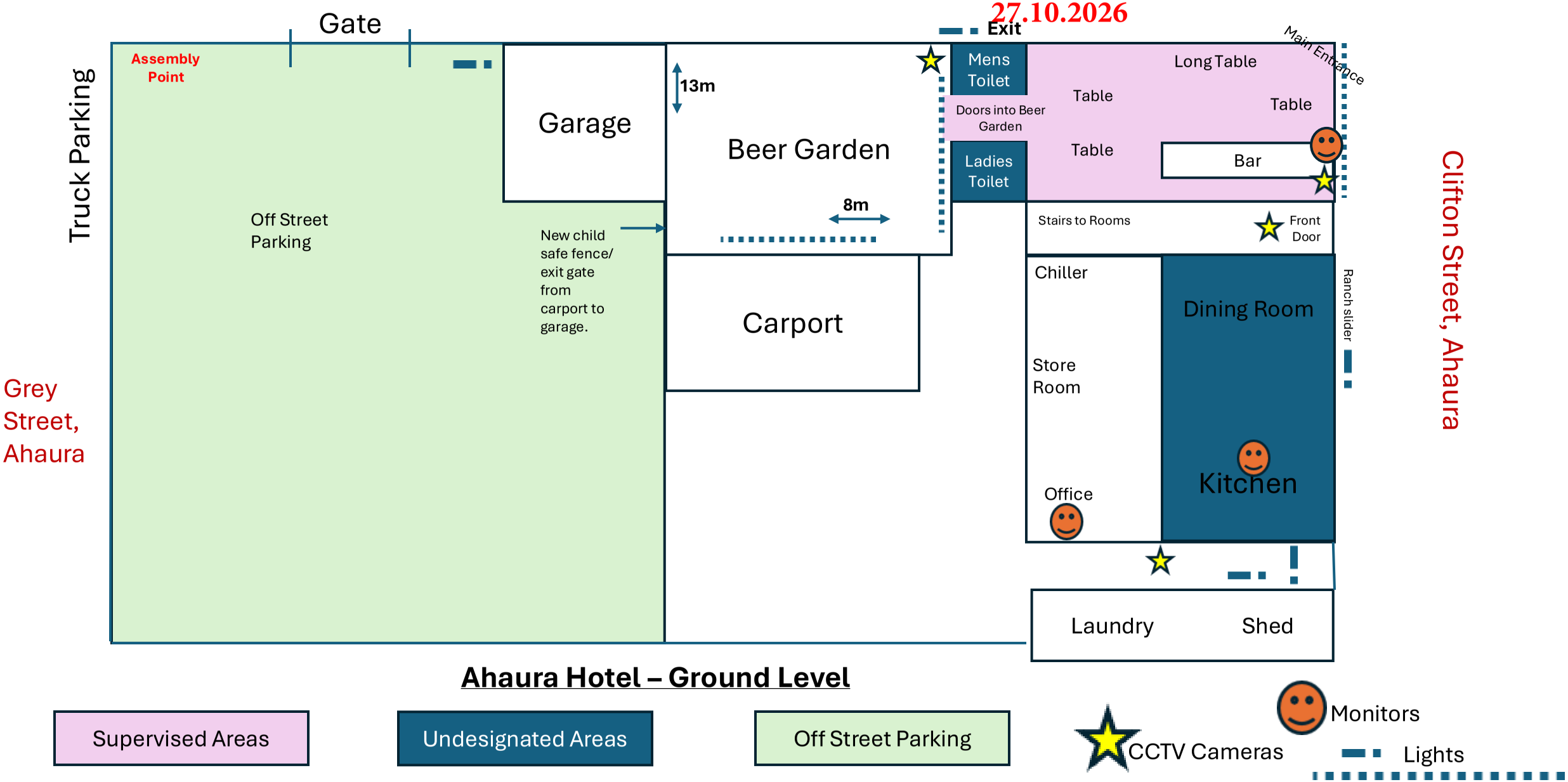
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Rachel van der Geest

Chairperson/Commissioner

Camp Street, Ahaura

received at Grey District Council
27.10.2026



Ahaura Hotel – Ground Level

Supervised Areas

Undesignated Areas

Off Street Parking

CCTV Cameras

Monitors

Lights