

**IN THE MATTER**

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

**AND**

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of an application by **DAVID JOHN KENNEDY** pursuant to s.138 of the Act for an on-site Special Licence in respect of premises situated at 745 Taylorville Road, Taylorville and known as the “Bucks Head Tavern”

**BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

David John Kennedy has made an application for a special licence to sell and supply alcohol for 12 events at 745 Taylorville Road, Taylorville.

The applicant is the owner of the Bucks Head Tavern and does not hold a current on-licence or off-licence.

The events are pool competitions and music nights with an estimated number of 20-45 people attending and a probable age distribution of 22-75 years.

The proposed days and hours applied for are:

| DAY                           | EVENT                          | NATURE OF EVENT  | HOURS             |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday 24th July 2025       | Lounge Lizard Open Mic Night   | Music night      | 5.30pm to 10.30pm |
| Saturday 26th July 2025       | Geek and Geezer                | Music night      | 3.30pm to 10.30pm |
| Wednesday 30th July 2025      | Bucks Head vs Blackball WMC    | Pool competition | 5.00pm to 10.30pm |
| Wednesday 6th August 2025     | Bucks Head vs Blackball Hilton | Pool competition | 5.00pm to 10.30pm |
| Wednesday 20th August 2025    | Bucks Head vs Moana Hotel      | Pool competition | 5.00pm to 10.30pm |
| Saturday 23rd August 2025     | Rex Burke Band                 | Music night      | 3.30pm to 10.30pm |
| Thursday 28th August 2025     | Lounge Lizard Open Mic Night   | Music night      | 5.00pm to 10.00pm |
| Wednesday 3rd September 2025  | Bucks Head vs Dunollie         | Pool competition | 5.00pm to 10.30pm |
| Wednesday 17th September 2025 | Bucks Head vs Brunner WMC      | Pool competition | 5.00pm to 10.30pm |
| Saturday 20th September 2025  | Freedom Alley                  | Live music       | 3.30pm to 10.30pm |
| Thursday 25th September 2025  | Lounge Lizard Open Mic Night   | Music night      | 5.30pm to 10.30pm |
| Saturday 4th October 2025     | Brewery Hill Band              | Music night      | 5.00pm to 10.00pm |

The premise's principal entrance is from 745 Taylorville Road, Taylorville.

We make the observation that applications for special licences are required by section 137 of the Act to be filed with the District Licensing Committee's secretariat at least 20 working days before the day on which the event concerned begins. In this case, that requirement has not been met, there being only 17 working days between the time of application and the proposed event. Section 137(2) of the Act allows us to consider an application for a special licence that is filed inside 20 working days prior to the event if we are satisfied that the need for a special licence could not have been foreseen earlier. This is the case for this event, with the failure to apply in the prescribed time appearing not to be a matter of neglect or omission. The secretariat and inspector, with the co-operation of Police and the Medical Officer of Health, have been able to complete the required reports at short notice. We are satisfied that the neglect or omission for those events was not wilful, so pursuant to section 208 of the Act waive the requirement relating to the prescribed time for lodgement of the application.

The whole of the premises, including the outside covered area and beer garden, is designated as supervised, as per the plan submitted with the application.

## **DECISION**

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by David John Kennedy for an on-site Special Licence for premises at 745 Taylorville Road, Taylorville and known as the "Bucks Head Tavern", subject to the following conditions:

## **CONDITIONS**

1. Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on the following days during the following hours:

|                               |                                |                  |                   |
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2. The whole area of the premises is designated Supervised for the licence period and is shown on the plan attached to this licence.
3. A certified duty manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
4. The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale or supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:
  - Minors and intoxicated persons must not be served alcohol.
5. The licensee must display signage as follows:
  - a. A sign at each 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. At every point of sale detailing restriction on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
  - c. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises and;
  - d. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
6. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcoholic beverages.
7. Food, as listed by the applicant must be available for consumption on the premises during the licence hours.
8. Drinking water is to be provided free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
9. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.
10. Noise levels are to be monitored at all times.
11. Payment of the fee prescribed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013.

**The premises licensed area is set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 30 June 2025. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.**

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant has previously held special licences with no cause for concern.

The applicant has provided in his application host responsibility details which demonstrate that suitable measures will be undertaken to provide the following measures with regard to the responsible sales or supply of alcohol, and that harm will be minimised by:

- Food for all events, including pizza, pies, toasties, sandwiches and hot chips, as per the attached menu, will be available on the premises during the licence hours.
- Free water will be available at the bar at no charge throughout the event.
- Non-alcoholic and low alcoholic beverages will be available.
- A courtesy van is available.

There are three certified duty managers listed, David Kennedy, Lisa O'Brien and Jaylene Costello, who are experienced managers.

The Inspector's report indicates that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent and that the applicant is suitable to hold this licence. She does not oppose this application.

The Police and the Medical Officer of Health raise no matters in opposition.

The application was not required to be publicly notified and no opposition or notice of desire to be heard has been received.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.142 of the Act.

Section 149(2) notes if a special licence issued is postponed to some other day, the licence is in force on the day on which the event or part takes place.

**DATED** at GREYMOUTH this 10th day of July 2025

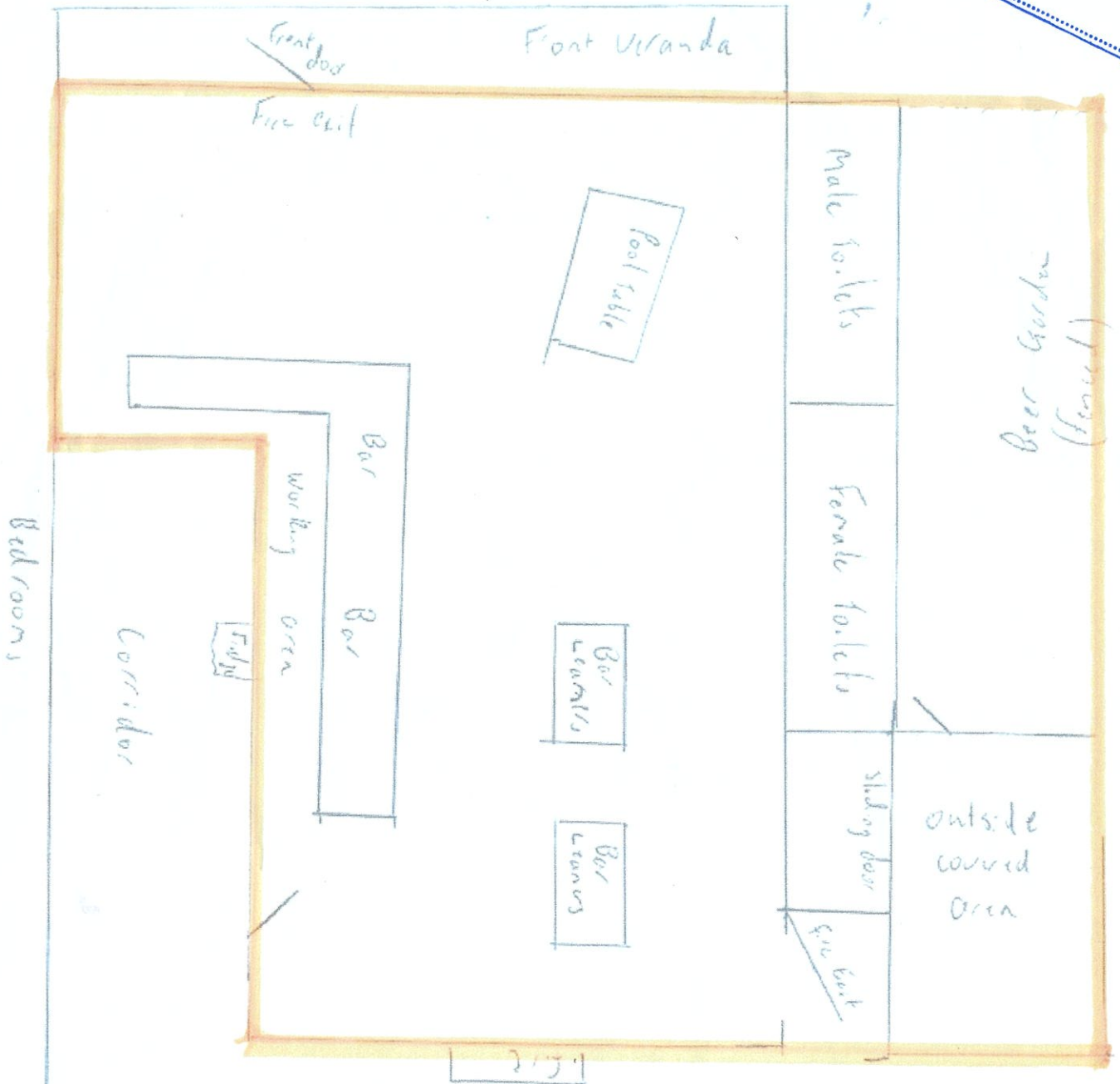
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Rachel M van der Geest  
Chairperson/Commissioner

GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
30 JUN 2025  
FILE No. ....

Taylorville Road



GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
17 MAR 2025  
FILE No. ....

Lounge

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