

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **BLACKBALL DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE INCORPORATED** pursuant to s.138 of the Act for an on-site Special Licence in respect of premises situated at 45 Hilton Street, Blackball and known as the “Blackball Community Centre”

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Blackball District Community Centre Incorporated has made an application for a special licence to sell and supply alcohol for three events at 45 Hilton Street, Blackball.

The applicant is a society incorporated on 8 September 1958, number 9429042594895. They do not hold a current on or off licence.

The events are community dances to fundraise for the hall. They are ticketed events with an estimated number of 150 people attending each event and have an age restriction of 18 years of age and older.

The proposed days and hours applied for are:

DAY	EVENT	HOURS
Saturday 22nd November 2025	Blackball Ball	8.00pm to 1.00am the following day
Saturday 23rd May 2026	Country & Western Hoedown	8.00pm to 1.00am the following day
Saturday 24th October 2026	Blackball Ball	8.00pm to 1.00am the following day

The premise’s principal entrance is from 45 Hilton Street, Blackball.

The whole of the premises is designated as restricted, 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 Blackball District Community Centre Incorporated for an on-site Special Licence for premises at 45 Hilton Street, Blackball and known as the “Blackball Community Centre”, subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS

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

Saturday 22nd November 2025	Blackball Ball	8.00pm to 1.00am the following day
Saturday 23rd May 2026	Country & Western Hoedown	8.00pm to 1.00am the following day
Saturday 24th October 2026	Blackball Ball	8.00pm to 1.00am the following day

2. The whole area of the premises is designated **restricted** 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 24 October 2025. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The applicant has provided in their 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, in the form of a supper including sandwiches, savouries, mini quiche and cake, 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 will be available to transport patrons home.

There are three certified duty managers listed, Nicholas Secker, Hilarie Clements and Shelley Harwood, who are experienced managers. They will be supported by other committee members.

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 6th day of November 2025



Rachel M van der Geest
Chairperson/Commissioner