

Decision No. GREYDLC 173/2025

IN THE MATTER

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

AND

IN THE MATTER

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 10 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 eight music nights and two pool competitions.

The proposed days and hours applied for are:

DAY	EVENT	NATURE OF EVENT	HOURS
Sunday 28th December 2025	Brewery Hill Band	Live music	3.30pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 10th January 2026	KVH	Live music	3.30pm to 10.30pm
Thursday 15th January 2026	Lounge Lizards	Open mic night	5.00pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 24th January 2026	Lady Autum	Live music karaoke	3.30pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 14th February 2026	Heather and the Hazy's	Live music	3.30pm to 10.30pm
Thursday 19th February 2026	Lounge Lizards	Open mic night	5.30pm to 10.30pm
Wednesday 25th February 2026	Pool	Pool competition	5.00pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 7th March 2026	Ben Roper	Live music	3.30pm to 10.30pm
Wednesday 18th March 2026	Pool	Pool competition	5.00pm to 10.30pm
Thursday 19th March 2026	Lounge Lizards	Open mic night	5.00pm to 10.30pm

EVENT	ESTIMATED NUMBER ATTENDING	AGE DISTRIBUTION
Live music events	40-75	35-80 years
Open mic nights	15-30	20-80 years
Pool competitions	15-30	35-80 years

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

The whole of the premises, including the outside covered area and beer garden, is designated as supervised. The licensed areas are clearly defined in 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:

Sunday 28th December 2025	Brewery Hill Band	Live music	3.30pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 10th January 2026	KVH Band	Live music	3.30pm to 10.30pm
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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 18 December 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, and other items 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 two certified duty managers listed, David Kennedy 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 initially opposed this application due to matters relating to the outdoor licensed area. The oppositions were withdrawn on 18th December 2025. These matters are fully explained in documents attached to the application.

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.

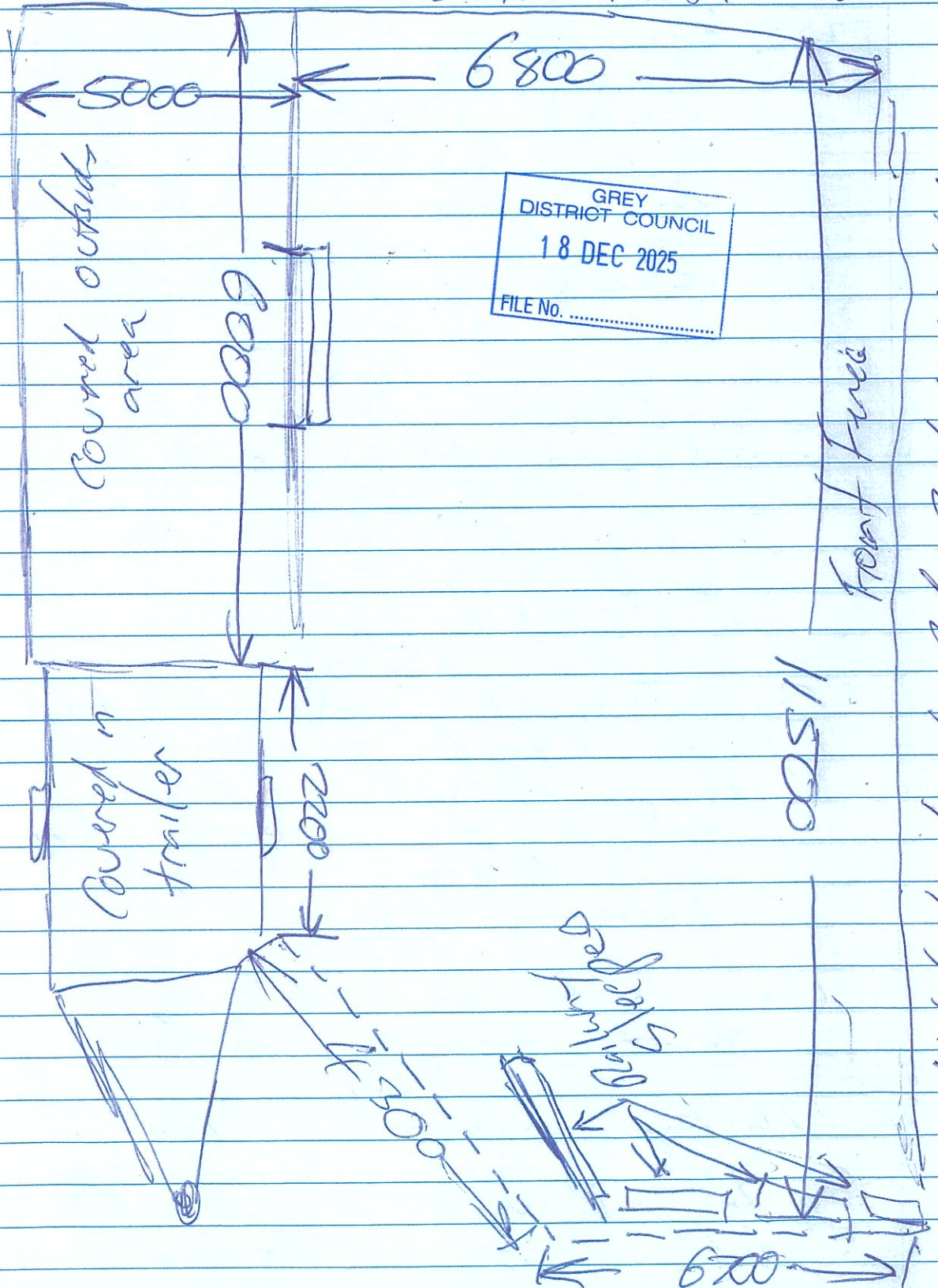
DATED at GREYMOUTH this 22nd day of December 2025

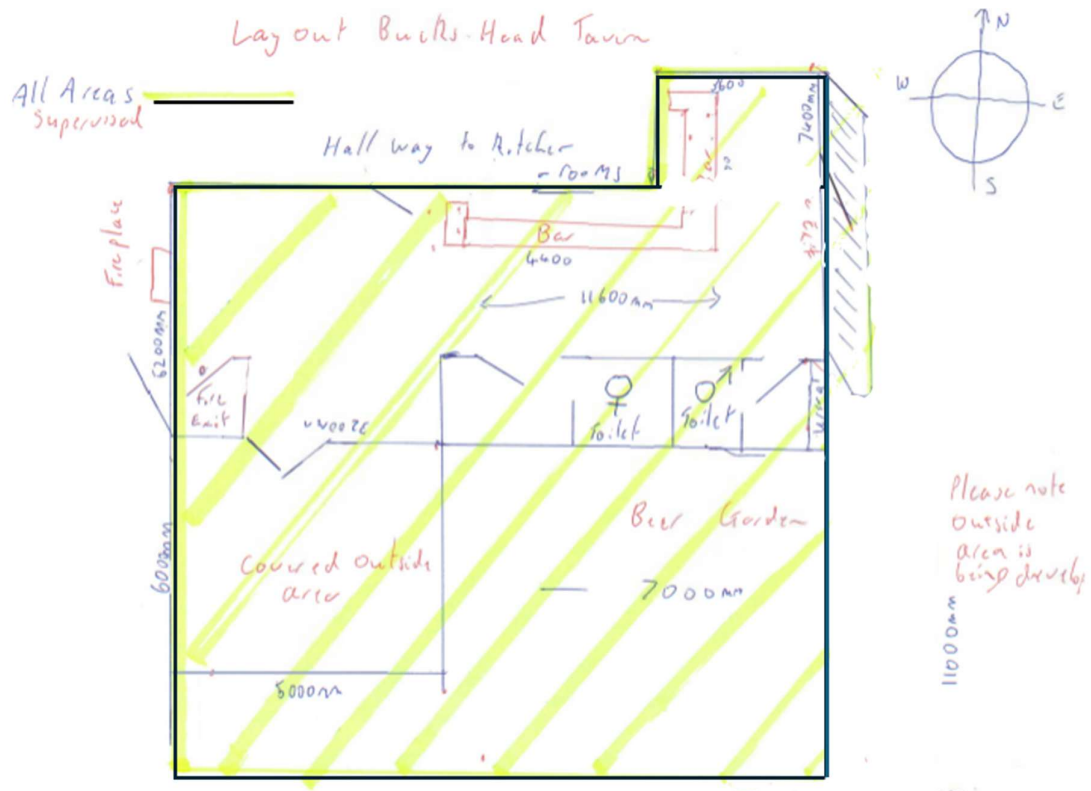
Rachel M van der Geest
Chairperson/Commissioner

John will fence off
rest of area that
is not fenced and
forward a building inspection
report from Chris FADP
used to work for Brian
Gould. Kennedy consents to photos
Ducks Head Tavern wall

--- = Fence to be erected



Note book entries by Rabey Beckett Alcohol Licensing Officer and
Smokefree Enforcement Officer on 17 December 2025 with David John Kennedy



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