

LIQUOR ACT 2019

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A LIQUOR LICENCE

Unique Minibus Services Pty Ltd gives notice that it has applied to the Director of Liquor Licensing for the grant of a liquor licence with a restaurant authority and restaurant bar authority for the proposed premises to be known as Litchfield Café located at 5790 Litchfield Park Road, RAKULA NT 0822.

PROPOSED LICENCE AND CONDITIONS

Litchfield Café is a family-owned and operated establishment dedicated to providing a welcoming and enjoyable experience for both visitors and locals. The café offers a diverse menu, including the popular “Coffee Club” selection, along with an extensive range of beverages. Guests can choose from light, medium, and full-strength beers, ready-to-drink (RTD) options, wines, and a variety of non-alcoholic drinks. Conveniently located near Litchfield National Park, the café caters to residents within local area as well as interstate and international tourists exploring the region.

Proposed trading hours are as follows:

Sunday 10:00 hours to 22:00 hours
Monday 10:00 hours to 22:00 hours
Tuesday 10:00 hours to 22:00 hours
Wednesday 10:00 hours to 22:00 hours
Thursday 10:00 hours to 22:00 hours
Friday 10:00 hours to 22:00 hours
Saturday 10:00 hours to 22:00 hours

11:00 hours to 21:00 hours on Good Friday and Christmas Day

Objections to the application:

An objection may only be made on the following grounds:

- a) that issuing the licence or authority, varying the conditions, substituting other premises or making the material alteration would adversely affect:
 - i) the amenity of the neighbourhood of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises; or
 - ii) the health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises;
- b) that the applicant is not a fit and proper person.

Only the following may make an objection:

- a) a person residing or working in the neighbourhood of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises;
- b) the owner or occupier of land in the neighbourhood of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises;
- c) a local council of the local government area where the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises are located;
- d) a Member of the Legislative Assembly;
- e) a police officer or employee of the Police Force, acting in that capacity;
- f) a member or employee of the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service, established under the Fire and Emergency Act 1996, acting in that capacity;
- g) an Agency or public authority that performs functions relating to public amenities, including health, education and public safety;

h) a charity or a community-based organisation or body.

The objection must be lodged with the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director) within 14 days of the publication of the notice and:

- a) be in writing or in a form approved by the Director that is suitable for someone unable to effectively communicate in writing; and
- b) be signed by or on behalf of the person or body making the objection; and
- c) set out the grounds of the objection and the facts relied on to support those grounds.

Applicant's right to respond to objection:

Objections are to be lodged with the Director by email at DirectorLiquorLicensing@nt.gov.au.

The Director must provide the applicant with any objections lodged and notice of their right to respond to the objection.

The *Liquor Act 2019* requires a notice to be published of the application along with a detailed description of the business proposed to be conducted, how to obtain a copy of the Community Impact Assessment and how to lodge an objection to the liquor licence. Further information including how to obtain a copy of the Community Impact Assessment can be obtained via telephone to Licensing NT (08) 8951 5195 or via email DirectorLiquorLicensing@nt.gov.au.

Dated 21 May 2025

Public interest and community impact assessment summary

Approved form under sections 49 to 52 of the *Liquor Act 2019*

Before you fill in the form

This form has been approved by the Director of Liquor Licensing under section 317 of the Act.

Type your answers or use clear, printed writing. We may make this information available to the public, so you should not include people's sensitive or personal information in the form.

Attach extra pages if your answer/s don't fit into the space provided.

If you need help with this form, call Licensing NT on 08 8999 1800 or email

LiquorLicensing.DITT@nt.gov.au.

Fields marked with asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Information about your application


Applicant name*	Julian Kenneth Sharples
Brief description of the application, including the proposed nature of the business and authorities sought*	<p>The application is in regard to the granting of a Liquor Licence to the existing Litchfield Café located at Section 1924, 5790 Litchfield Park Road, Rakula, N.T. 0822.</p> <p>Litchfield Café's core activity will be to offer a style of menu similar to the 'Coffee Club' to visitors to Litchfield National Park as well as residents of the local area.</p> <p>The nature of the business will a family owned and operated café where patrons can be seated to enjoy fresh cooked meals accompanied by a non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverage.</p> <p>The ability to purchase an alcoholic beverage will also enhance the experience of our existing Coach Group and Cruise Ship patrons.</p> <p>As Litchfield National Park visitors are generally 'day trippers' during the period 9:00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. the majority of patronage will be from 10 – 4 with a lesser number of guests from the local caravan park and accommodation businesses as well as local residents coming for dinner.</p> <p>Authority is sought by Unique Minibus Services Pty Ltd for the sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises by patrons of Litchfield Café.</p>
Address of premises*	Section 1924, 5790 Litchfield Park Road, Rakula, N.T. 0822

Information about how your liquor application might affect the community, and who you have consulted about your application	
<p>Tell us about the impact you think your proposed liquor licence or licence-related authorisation will have on the local community*</p>	<p>Rakula can be characterised as being a Rural Community as there are only approximately 7 occupied properties within a distance of 5 kilometres. The residents are generally involved in Tourism.</p> <p>Currently, there is no Licenced Café in the Rakula Locality. Opening Litchfield Café to the public will also provide a much-needed social venue for the local community and will save locals having to drive long distances for social gatherings.</p> <p>The introduction of a new service to Litchfield National Park's tourism market will also create additional job opportunities.</p> <p>As Litchfield Café previously held a Liquor Licence prior to Covid-19. The demographics that the proposed licenced venue will cater to have existed within the Rakula Community area for over 20 years, therefore envisage that there will be little impact on the local community.</p>
<p>Have you consulted people who live or work in the neighbourhood?*</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>If yes, explain who you consulted (eg. local residents and businesses, clinics, etc.), how (eg. in person, by phone or email) and what their feedback was</p>	<p>Through personal discussions, local residents are aware of our intention to apply for this Licence.</p> <p>Feedback was positive from local residents. Tourism accommodation businesses in particular expressed an interest in us providing another service for their guests. This service is currently not available in this area and it is inconvenient to drive to and from Berry Springs (160km) or Batchelor (130km) due to the distance.</p>
<p>Have you consulted the local council?*</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>

<p>If yes, explain who you consulted, how and what their feedback was</p>	<p>As this is an Unincorporated Area there is no local Council.</p>	
<p>Have you consulted the local police officer in charge (OIC) and/or the NT Police major events office?*</p>		<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>If yes, explain who you consulted, how and what their feedback was</p>	<p>On 21/2/25 I called and spoke to Batchelor Police OIC, Mathew Ridolfi. I explained that we intend to apply for a Liquor Licence and he said did not see an issue with it.</p>	
<p>Have you consulted people who use, or travel to or from, places of worship in the area?*</p>		<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>If yes, give the name of the place/s of worship and explain how you consulted people who access it and what their feedback was</p>	<p>There are no known places of worship in the area.</p>	
<p>Have you consulted people who use, or travel to or from, hospitals in the area?*</p>		<p>Yes / No</p>

<p>If yes, give the name of the hospital and how you consulted people who access it and what their feedback was</p>	<p>There are no hospitals in the area.</p>	
<p>Have you consulted people who use, or travel to or from, schools in the area?*</p>		<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>If yes, give the name of the school and how you consulted people who access it and what their feedback was</p>	<p>Woolaning Primary School.</p> <p>Local parents, who access this Primary School of between 2 - 9 students, are local residents were spoken to and are supportive of the proposal.</p> <p>Woolaning Primary School has one Teacher and partner who reside at the school. The school and residence, which is our closest neighbour, is 400 metres away from Litchfield Café.</p>	
<p>Have you consulted other stakeholders about the risk of undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to people who live or work in the vicinity of the proposed licensed premises or who are using or travelling to or from a place of public worship, a hospital or a school?*</p>		<p>Yes / No</p>

<p>If yes, explain who you have consulted and how</p>	<p>Through personal discussions in person, local residents are aware of our intention to apply for this Licence and feedback was positive. Local tourism accommodation businesses expressed an interest in providing another service for their guests.</p> <p>Consulted with -</p> <div data-bbox="422 533 748 792" style="background-color: black; width: 204px; height: 116px; margin: 10px 0;"></div> <p>Please Note: As this document may be published, all personal details for the above local residents have been kept minimal for privacy reasons. Details are available to the Commissioner on request.</p>	
<p>If no, explain why you decided not to consult with them</p>		
<p>Were any issues or concerns raised during the consultation?*</p>		<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>If yes, describe what they were and whether or not they were resolved</p>	<p><div data-bbox="422 1464 687 1509" style="background-color: black; width: 166px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> expressed a concern regarding takeaway alcohol. Both residents were reassured that a Takeaway Liquor Licence was not being applied for thereby resolving the resident's concerns.</p>	
<p>Were all issues and concerns raised by the people and/or organisations you consulted resolved?*</p>		<p>Yes / No</p>

<p>If no, what measures will be / have been implemented or maintained to address the potential for undue offence, annoyance, disturbance, or inconvenience to people who live or work in the vicinity of the proposed licensed premises or who are using, or travelling to or from, a place of public worship, a hospital or a school?</p>			
<p>Is there any other information that you think the Commission should know about your application?</p>			<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>If yes, please share it here</p>	<p>Unique Minibus Services have previously operated a Licenced Café in the area from 2007-2020, N.T. Liquor Licence No.81117401, without incident. Julian Sharples was the Nominee for Licence No.81117401.</p> <p>Julian Sharples has operated an unlicensed venue at the current address, 5790 Litchfield Park Road, since 2021 without incident.</p>		
<p>Privacy declaration</p>			
<p>I have read the privacy statement at the end of this form and declare that I have made reasonable efforts to make all third parties aware of the information in the privacy statement.</p>			
<p>Signature of applicant</p>		<p>Date</p>	<p>29/4/25</p>

Privacy statement

For the applicant

You have been asked to provide personal information as part of this application. You do not have to provide us with your personal information but if you choose not to, we might not be able to accept or process your application, or your application may be refused. As part of this application, you are also providing personal information about other persons ('third parties').

Please ensure that you let all third parties know that you are providing their information as part of your application, and ensure they are aware of the information set out below.

For the applicant and third parties

We collect and use your personal information to process and manage this application (and, if approved, any subsequent licence/registration) under the *Liquor Act 2019*¹. Third party information is required by law to enable consideration of the applicant's suitability to hold a licence / registration. If the applicant does not provide this information, it may affect their ability to obtain and maintain a licence / registration.

We may share your information with the Liquor Commission, NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services, local council, the Department of Health and/or other authorities or people, but only if we are required or authorised by law to do so. We will also not use your personal information unless that use is required or authorised by law. You have a right to access the information we hold about you. To learn more about this, or if you would like to access or correct the information we hold about you or make a privacy complaint about us, go to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade website².

To specifically discuss how your information is used and shared by Licensing NT, you can call us on 08 8999 1800 or email us at LiquorLicensing.DITT@nt.gov.au.

¹ <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Legislation/LIQUOR-ACT-2019>

² <https://industry.nt.gov.au/publications/corporate/privacy-policy>

Litchfield Café-Application for a Liquor Licence

Community Impact Assessment Supporting Documents

Unique Minibus Services Pty Ltd. Section 1924, 5790 Litchfield Park Road, Rakula, N.T. 0822

Commissioner's Consideration	Requirement	Action
The Commission may only issue a licence or authority if satisfied that:	The Applicant is fit and proper person;	Julian Sharples – Has been a Company Director since 1992 Is the Sole Shareholder of the Company. Was the Nominee for 14 years of a Liquor Licence holder in the area. During this period there were no incidents or breaches of the Liquor licence. Has no Criminal history Has operated a Café in the area since 2002
	Issuing the Licence or Authority is in the public interest;	Currently, there is no Licenced Café within 60+km of the applicant's address. Locals need to travel at least 130 km to the nearest venue. Visitors to Litchfield National Park will be able to enhance their visitor experience by the provision of the venue. The venue will also encourage patrons of the local accommodation providers to stay longer. The venue will seek to provide more year-round employment for locals.
	The Licence or Authority will not have a significant adverse impact on the community;	The Licence will not have a significant impact on the community as – A Takeaway Liquor Licence is not being applied for. RSA standards will be strictly adhered to. Pricing will be in the upper range and promotions encouraging alcohol consumption will not be advertised. Patronage will be drawn from visitors to Litchfield Park therefore road traffic should not increase.

Consideration of the following points:	(a) minimising the harm or ill-health caused go people, or a group of people, by the consumption of liquor;	Harm or ill-health will be minimised - As all staff will hold Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificates. RSA standards will be strictly adhered to. All staff will be instructed not to sell alcohol to patrons who show signs of intoxication. Non-alcoholic alternatives will be readily available such as Zero beers and mocktails. Patrons will be strongly encouraged to consume a meal if consuming alcohol. Higher pricing will also discourage multiple purchases especially by tour group patrons.
	(b) Ensuring liquor is sold, supplied, served and consumed on or in a licensed premises in a responsible manner;	All staff will be instructed not to sell alcohol to patrons who show signs of intoxication. Patrons will be strongly encouraged to consume a meal if consuming alcohol. As all staff will hold Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificates. RSA standards will be strictly adhered to.
	(c) Safeguarding public order and safety, particularly when large numbers of people would be attracted to licensed premises or an area adjacent to those premises;	As our business is totally reliant on tourism a good reputation is critical. Social media can turn people off in a day. Patrons will be required to adhere to reasonable dress and behavioural standards. All staff will hold Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificates. RSA standards will be strictly adhered to. All staff will be instructed not to sell alcohol to patrons who show signs of intoxication. Sales of alcohol may be stopped to remove the availability of alcohol. The premises may be closed for the remainder of the day to prevent entry of any patrons.
	(d) Protecting the safety, health and welfare of people who use licensed premises;	Ensure the licensed premises comply with all relevant regulations and laws. Regularly inspect the premises for hazards to prevent accidents. Maintain the premises in a proper manner. Ensure all emergency equipment is up to standard. Display signage promoting responsible consumption of alcohol. No sales of alcohol to patrons who show signs of intoxication.

	(e) Increasing cultural, recreational, employment or tourism benefits for the local community area;	<p>There are several local residents who expressed an interest in painting murals and Indigenous art onto our extensive wall spaces. Materials could be supplied if the interest comes to fruition.</p> <p>The premises has a small collection of objects found on the property from past activities by past occupants such as cattlemen and others workers.</p> <p>The premises also has a collection of older farming implements and tools.</p> <p>All the above will be another attraction for visitors to the area to enjoy.</p> <p>The venue will encourage visitors to stay longer, enjoying all the area has to offer.</p> <p>Local employment will be enhanced by offering full-time, year-round employment.</p> <p>Once established the venue can be promoted by Tourism Top End to encourage greater visitation.</p>
	(f) Promoting compliance with the Act and other relevant laws of the Northern Territory;	Monitoring and evaluating feedback sought from stakeholders and patrons regarding performance pertaining to compliance e.g. RSA standards, NTHealth Food Business standards, Occupational Health and Safety standards.
	(g) Ensuring each person involved in the business conducted at licenced premises receives training suitable to the person's role in the business;	<p>Ensure all staff are RSA certified</p> <p>Ensure all staff are 'Do Food Safely' certified</p> <p>Ensure all supervisors are 'Food Safety Supervisor' certified</p>
	(h) preventing the giving of credit in sales of liquor to people;	No credit sales are allowed for any items including alcohol.
	(i) preventing practices that encourage irresponsible drinking;	<p>Staff will be required to follow RSA guidelines. Staff will be monitored to ensure they comply with responsible service of alcohol policies and procedures including monitoring alcohol consumption by patrons, encouraging moderate consumption and refusing service to patrons showing signs of intoxication.</p> <p>Staff will not serve alcohol to patrons showing signs of intoxication such as aggression or disruptive behaviour.</p> <p>Sale of multi-shot spirit drinks will not be available.</p> <p>Zero alcohol and low alcohol drinks will be available.</p> <p>Patrons will be encouraged to consume a meal or a snack such as hot chips with any alcoholic drinks.</p>

	(j) Reducing or limiting increases in anti-social behaviour;	<p>Staff will not serve alcohol to patrons showing signs of intoxication such as aggression or disruptive behaviour.</p> <p>Patrons showing signs of anti-social behaviour will be advised alcohol will not be available.</p> <p>Patrons showing continued anti-social behaviour will be ejected and law enforcement notified.</p>
To determine whether issuing a licence or an authority would have a significant adverse impact on the community, the Commission must consider the following	(a) The risk of undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to persons who reside or work in the vicinity of the proposed licenced premises, or who are using, or travelling to or from a place of public worship, a hospital or school;	<p>The site is reasonably remote with closest buildings 400 metres away through substantial bushland. These buildings are the local Primary School and the residence of the teacher and partner. The residents did not express an issue with the type of authority being applied for.</p> <p>The school and residence electricity is sourced from an unsilenced diesel generator that operates 24/7. The level of noise from this machine masks most other sounds.</p> <p>The next closest buildings are 600+ and 700+ metres away, also through substantial bushland. These buildings are the tourist accommodation units (3) of Hideaway Litchfield and the owner's residence. The owners are in support of the application. All the above are powered by a solar system and a diesel generator which operates every night due to the number of air conditioner units on the property.</p> <p>The number of vehicles using the Litchfield Park Road is dictated by the Wet and Dry seasons. The number of vehicles increases with visitation to Litchfield National Park increasing from late May, peaking in August and decreasing as humidity levels rise towards onset of the Wet Season.</p> <p>Patronage will be drawn from traffic already passing by our front entry following the pattern of increase and decrease.</p> <p>We have been observing the traffic flow over the three years since the Litchfield Park Road loop was fully sealed from the Park's Northern entry to the Cox Peninsula Road. We have found that the majority of the traffic passes our, and Woolaning Primary School entries from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and again between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. These entries are 200 metres apart with a good line of sight and have speed and School Zone warning signs posted.</p>

		<p>Both of these periods are outside the times when local children are being dropped off or picked up from school.</p> <p>There are no public places of worship or hospitals in the area.</p>
	(b) The geographic area that would be affected;	As the owners and some staff all reside on Section 1924 within 80 metres of Litchfield Café loud music or any other disturbance would have detrimental effect on the staff and therefore the business.
	(c) The risk of harm from the excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor;	<p>This should not occur as –</p> <p>RSA guidelines will be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>Patrons showing signs of excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor will be advised alcohol will not be available.</p> <p>Staff will not serve alcohol to patrons showing signs of intoxication such as aggression or disruptive behaviour.</p>
	(d) The people or community who would be affected;	<p>There should be no people or community affected as -</p> <p>RSA guidelines will be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>Patrons showing signs of excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor will be advised alcohol will not be available.</p> <p>Staff will not serve alcohol to patrons showing signs of aggression or disruptive behaviour.</p>
	(e) The effect on culture, recreation, employment and tourism;	<p>Tourism based businesses are totally reliant on operating a welcoming, safe, well-presented venue with an excellent reputation. Every effort will be made to ensure the culture of the local community is not affected by the licenced venue.</p> <p>The venue, which will cater mainly to the tourism market, will allow local community members to mix with people from around the World giving them exposure to other cultures.</p> <p>There will be no effect on recreation in the area as the closest recreational activities are approximately 4+ km away in Litchfield National Park.</p> <p>The venue will have a positive effect on local community employment as staffing levels will need to increase.</p>

		<p>The venue which will cater mainly to the tourism market will allow local community members to mix with people from around the World giving them an exposure to other cultures.</p> <p>We see no adverse effects to the local tourism market as tourism-based businesses are totally reliant on operating a welcoming, safe, well-presented venue with an excellent reputation. Every effort will be made to ensure that local and visiting patrons alike are happy to recommend Litchfield Café as place to stop for meals and refreshments.</p>
	(f) The effect on social amenities and public health;	<p>Generally speaking, there are few social amenities in the area. There are no local Government/Council Public Health services or social amenities that support the quality of life and well-being of the local community.</p> <p>There is a Primary School with at present, two students, and Litchfield National Park which all locals are very familiar with.</p>
	(g) The ratio of existing liquor licences and authorities in the community to the population of the community;	<p>There is no licenced venue within approximately 20 km. This venue is the La Belle Downs (Station) Social Club - Licence Number FLL1302. One has to be invited.</p>
	(h) The effect of the volume of sales on the community;	<p>High or even moderate sales will not occur as the RSA guidelines will be adhered to. Patrons will not be able to purchase excessive quantities of alcohol.</p>
The Commission may mitigate a possible adverse impact on the community by issuing a licence or authority with conditions that limit any of the following	(a) The kinds of liquor that may be sold or served;	<p>It is envisaged that the range to be sold will include commercial wines, beers, RTDs.</p> <p>We will also endeavour to promote local producers such as Beaver Brewery and One Mile Brewery.</p> <p>We will also seek to provide in-house specialty drinks such as Mango Punch and Mango Smoothies.</p> <p>These in-house specialty drinks such as Mango Punch or Mango Smoothies can be served as alcoholic drinks with the addition at sale of 30 ml of an alcohol such as Vodka and served in 300 ml biodegradable cups.</p>

	(b) The manner in which liquor may be sold or served;	All commercial wines, beers, RTDs will be sold opened. Beaver Brewery and One Mile Brewery products will be served from a small keg and tap system. These in-house specialty drinks such as Mango Punch or Mango Smoothies may be served as alcoholic drinks with the addition at sale of 30 ml of an alcohol such as Vodka and served in approximately 300 ml biodegradable cups.
	(c) The number or types of containers in which liquor may be sold or served;	Cans, stubbies, biodegradable cups and wine/champagne glasses
	(d) The days and times when liquor may be served;	Daily including Public Holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. except Good Friday and Christmas Day Good Friday and Christmas Day hours from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
	(e) The number of persons who may be in or on a licenced premises, a part of a licenced premises or an adjacent area that is under the control of the licensee;	1. Buffet area – this area is roofed over with 2.5 side walls consisting of shade cloth down to 1 metre off the ground and the balance remains open. The area has seating in rows of tables for 210 patrons. These patrons are in coach groups of +-50 patrons who have a schedule allowance of 45-60 minutes as a lunch stop after which they continue their tour of Litchfield National Park. 2. Public area – this area is roofed by double shade cloth with single shade cloth walls down to 1 metre off the ground. The area has seating for approximately 80 patrons at moveable four person tables.
	(f) The nature of entertainment that may be provided on or in the licenced premises or in adjacent area that is under the control of the licensee;	There will be no entertainment on a regular basis. Cultural events may be hosted from time to time. Local Artists may wish to promote themselves with a live performance. A local Indigenous person has expressed an interest in this for tour groups.
	(g) Any promotional activities in which drinks are offered on a complimentary basis or at reduced prices;	Nil.

<p>The Minister may, in the community impact assessment guidelines, require an applicant for a licence or authority to provide documents or other information, including information about</p>	<p>(a) The suburb, local government area or other area in which the proposed licensed premises would be located;</p>	<p>The Rakula Locality between the intersections of McCallum Road and Marindja Road on the western side of the Litchfield Park Road.</p>
	<p>(b) The benefits the proposed licence or authority would provide to the local and broader community;</p>	<p>The opening of a new venue will provide - Economic stimulus through the buying and selling of products and services. Another service for patrons of local accommodation establishments to enjoy. More employment opportunities where few exist. Enhanced tourism with the provision of a licenced eatery. A local social gathering place where the community can connect and build relationships. Any local Artists who like would like to practice their art in a familiar local environment will be encouraged to do so. Drinking in the company of members of a community in a well-run licenced premises can promote responsible consumption of alcohol The public venue can promote small tourism operators by being a safe place to park a car and a pickup/dropoff point for short 4WD tours in Litchfield National Park.</p>

Litchfield Café-Noise Management Plan

Unique Minibus Services Pty Ltd. Section 1924, 5790 Litchfield Park Road, Rakula, N.T. 0822

Noise management must be considered as part of your liquor licence application. *

Please provide a detailed statement outlining your noise management plan

As per Litchfield Cafe-Community Impact Assessment Supporting Documents

To determine whether issuing a licence or an authority would have a significant adverse impact on the community, the Commission must consider the following

(a) The risk of undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to persons who reside or work in the vicinity of the proposed licenced premises, or who are using, or travelling to or from a place of public worship, a hospital or school;

The site is reasonably remote with closest buildings 400 metres away through substantial bushland. These buildings are the local Primary School and the residence of the teacher and partner. The residents did not express an issue with the type of authority being applied for.

The school and residence electricity is sourced from an unsilenced diesel generator that operates 24/7. The level of noise from this machine masks most other sounds.

The next closest buildings are 600+ and 700+ metres away, also through substantial bushland. These buildings are the tourist accommodation units (3) of Hideaway Litchfield and the owner's residence. The owners are in support of the application.

All the above are powered by a solar system and a diesel generator which operates every night due to the number of air conditioner units on the property.

The Commission may mitigate a possible adverse impact on the community by issuing a licence or authority with conditions that limit any of the following

(f) The nature of entertainment that may be provided on or in the licenced premises or in adjacent area that is under the control of the licensee;

Action

There will be no entertainment on a regular basis. Cultural events may be hosted from time to time. Local Artists may wish to promote themselves with a live performance. A local Indigenous person has expressed an interest in this for tour groups.

Noise prevention action/s

The largest audience for local Artists is during the lunch period from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. As lunch time music is generally considerably lower in volume there should not be any issues.

If the local Artist performs at night during the dinner service the performer would be required to not play loudly. We need to take into consideration that our staff live closer than any local community members. The Artist would be set up in a place that is sheltered by buildings.

Prior to a Special Event Authority being applied for e.g. Festival, the local community will be consulted with in regards to the dates and timings of any sounds/music that may have an adverse effect on the local community.

Section 1924 is a large property and has several areas that resemble a 'sound shell'. The area that may be used is over 500 metres from the Woolanng Primary School residence and over 1000 metres from Hideaway Litchfield Cabins. Noise will be abated by substantial bushland, being sheltered behind higher ground and facing West, away from the residences.

The school and residence electricity is sourced from an unsilenced diesel generator that operates 24/7. The level of noise from this machine masks most other sounds.

Litchfield Cafe Business Plan Outline

1. Executive Summary

Overview

Litchfield Cafe is a current restaurant and located at **5790 Litchfield Park Road, Rakula, NT**. This business plan outlines the strategic approach to obtaining a liquor licence, enhancing the cafe's offerings, and catering to both locals and tourists.

Purpose

The primary objective is to secure a liquor licence in order to expand the cafe's services and appeal to a broader clientele, particularly tourists, improving the overall dining experience.

2. Business Description

Business Structure & Ownership

Litchfield Cafe will operate under **Unique Minibus Services Pty Ltd**, trading as *Litchfield Cafe*.

Business Classification

The business will be classified as a **restaurant/bar**, specializing in high-quality food and beverage services.

Premises Details

The cafe is situated on **Section 1924, Hundred of Hart**, a strategic location that serves both local residents and visitors to the Litchfield region.

Lease Status

The property on which the café resides is currently owned by the business owner of Unique Minibus Services Pty Ltd. A title search has been provided in supporting documentation.

Food & Beverage Offerings

While offerings may vary depending on seasonal availability of fruits and vegetables, we will primarily feature (but not limited to) the following items, which will be actively promoted if alcohol is being purchased:

Food options:

- In house sweet range:
 - Mango cheesecake topped with mango puree
 - Apple pie with chantilly cream or ice cream
 - Scones with jam and cream
- A range of toasted sandwiches:
 - BBQ chicken, cheese, sweet chilli sauce and local mango
 - Ham, cheese and Spanish onion
 - Roasted potato and fire roasted capsicum
- Open grills on local produced sourdough with a variety of toppings
- Flat grills with a range of fillings
- Burgers:
 - Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce and Swiss mayonnaise
 - Grilled local barra and salad
 - Bacon and egg or BLTs
 - Hamburgers
- Grilled local barramundi, garden salad and sweet potato wedges
- Falafel, garden salad and chips
- Hot chips and sauce

Beverage options:

- Various types of commercial soft drinks, 'Zero' non-alcoholic beers and bottled water
- Barista coffee
- Tea/coffee station as part of the buffet service

- Iced coffee, milkshakes and mango smoothies
- Non-alcoholic mango punch
- Alcoholic beverages are envisaged to be a range including small Australian red and white wines, local beers as well as RTDS. We anticipate to promote local producers such as Beaver brewery and One Mile Brewery. We seek to provide in house specialty drinks such as alcoholic mango punch or smoothies.

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)

All staff members will be trained and certified in RSA to ensure safe and responsible service of alcohol.

Trading Hours

Operating hours will align with standard liquor licence conditions, with a focus on service availability during peak dining and tourism times.

Our intended trading hours at this stage are:

- Daily, including public holidays from 10:00am to 10:00pm except on Good Friday and Christmas Day.
- Good Friday and Christmas Day hours are from 11:00am to 9:00pm.

3. Compliance & Licensing

Food Act 2004 Compliance: Full adherence to the *Food Act 2004* and related regulations.

Food Standards Code: Compliance with the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*.

Certifications:

- Registration of a food business
- Certification of RSA for Julian Sharples

Advertising Standards: Adherence to the *Code of Practice for the Responsible Advertising and Promotion of Liquor*.

4. Market Analysis

Target Market

The cafe will primarily serve:

- Local residents
- Domestic and international tourists
- Visitors to Litchfield National Park and surrounding areas

Community Impact

A *Community Impact Assessment* has been conducted in accordance with Section 49(52) of the *Liquor Act 2019* to ensure positive contributions to the local area.

5. Operations Plan

Staffing & Management

A structured staffing plan will be implemented to ensure operational efficiency, with clear roles for management and service personnel.

Kitchen Operations

The kitchen will remain open during licensed trading hours and will close 1.5 hours before closing time to maintain service standards and customer satisfaction.

Noise Management

Given the cafe's location, a tailored **Noise Management Plan** has been developed.

Due to the locality of the café, minimal disruption to the public will be caused, as evidenced in the Noise Management Plan.

Security & Safety

Security protocols will be established to safeguard both patrons and employees during operating hours.

6. Financial Plan

Financial Stability

Evidence of financial viability will be demonstrated through:

- Accountant-prepared financial reports

Projections

Detailed income and expenditure forecasts will be provided to demonstrate long-term sustainability.

Funding Sources

Sources of initial and ongoing funding have been identified, with financial controls in place to ensure fiscal responsibility.

7. Risk Management

Identified Risks

- Regulatory non-compliance
- Noise complaints
- Community objections

Mitigation Strategies

- Proactive compliance and staff training
- Implementation of a detailed Noise Management Plan
- Ongoing community engagement and consultation

8. Appendices

Included Supporting Documents

- Business name and food business registration certificates
- RSA certification
- Financial statements and/or bank letters
- Noise Management Plan
- Public Interest & Community Impact Assessment
- Any other documentation required for licensing or council approval

This business plan presents a comprehensive strategy for launching and operating **Litchfield Cafe** as a licensed restaurant and bar, ensuring regulatory compliance, community integration, and financial viability.

LITCHFIELD CAFE MENU – Open 10 – 4 Daily

TOASTIES ON TURKISH

Chicken Mango – House roasted chicken breast, tasty cheese & local mango with a mango & sweet chilli dressing

Ham & Cheese – layers of Virginian ham & double Tasty cheese

Ham Cheese Tomato – layers of Virginian ham, Tasty cheese & tomato

Chicken, Cheese & Onion – House roasted chicken breast, tasty cheese & Spanish onion

BLT – Grilled bacon, crispy Iceberg lettuce & sliced tomato

Falafel – Falafel, baby spinach, tomato, carrot, Swiss cheese, tzatziki & sweet chilli sauce

Big Brekky – Two rashers bacon, two fried eggs, hash brown, baby spinach & grilled tomato

BURGERS

Aussie Barra Burger – Ocean caught **Local NT Barra** & fresh garden salad

Cascades Burger – Grilled beef patty, bacon, pineapple, egg & onion with Tasty cheese, & Iceberg lettuce

Tasty Cheese Burger – Beef patty, double Tasty cheese, lettuce, tomato & chargrilled relish

Vege Delight – Vege patty, eggplant, beetroot, tomato, carrot, spinach leaves, Tasty cheese & chargrilled vegie relish

Chicken Lettuce & Mayo – Crumbed chicken schnitzel, Iceberg lettuce, & Swiss style mayo

Tropical – Crumbed chicken schnitzel, pineapple, tomato, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce

BBQ Beef – Beef patty & fresh garden salad

LIGHT MEALS

All served with Bad Boy chunky chips or Kumera wedges & salad

Salad of the day – Vegetarian or Chicken

Salt'n'Pepper Squid – tartare sauce & lemon wedge

Beer Battered Flathead – tartare sauce & lemon wedge

Gourmet Filo Pastry – Spinach & Feta Chicken, Avocado Chicken, Mushroom Sundried Tomato & Pesto

SIDES

Salad of the day

Bowl of chips

Sweet Potato wedges – with sweet chilli sauce & sour cream

Bad Boy chunky potato chips – with sweet chilli sauce & sour cream

HOMEMADE DRINKS – Iced Coffee – Milkshakes – Iced Chocolate – Spiders

HOMEMADE CAKES & SLICES – See selection

All above subject to change dependent on availability of ingredients

DINNER MENU

* Please place your order at the counter *

* Please collect your meal from the counter when ready *

STARTERS:

Homemade Garlic Bread	\$10.00
Finger Food: Dim Sims, Mini Spring Rolls & Vegie Samosas with sweet chilli sauce	\$15.00

MAINS:

Fresh Garden Salad	\$18.00
Battered Fish ^(Imported) , Salad & Chips	\$32.50
Fisherman's Basket, Salad & Chips	\$32.50
Gourmet Filos - see selection below	\$32.50
Chicken, mango & macadamia	Chicken satay
Chicken, bacon & avocado	Chicken & camembert
Chicken & asparagus	Chicken, sundried tomato & pesto
Chicken & avocado	Spinach & feta (no chicken)
Grilled Chicken Breast, Salad & Chips	\$35.50
Larger serve	\$38.50
Grilled Grain Fed Rump, Salad & Chips	\$38.50
Larger serve	\$40.50
Local Grilled Barra, Salad & Chips	\$40.50
Larger serve	\$45.50
Extra Chips Small	\$9.00
Large	\$11.00

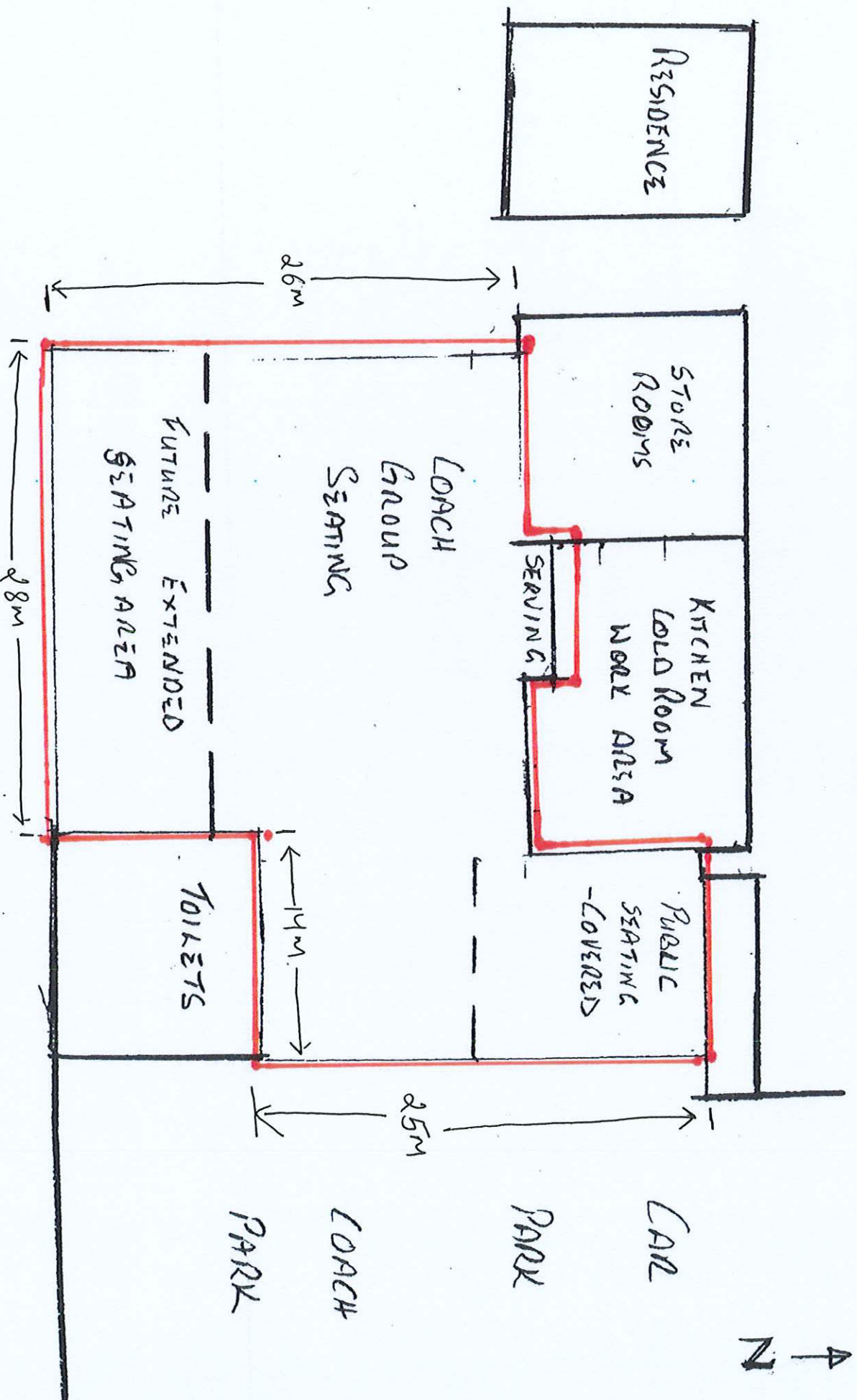
DESSERTS: \$13.50

Homemade desserts are available if they haven't all been eaten

Please ask the staff what is available

There may be Mango Cheesecake, Apple Pie or Chocolate Cake w/cream
or ice cream

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - LAST ORDERS 6:45pm



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