

General Manager  
Gilgandra Shire Council  
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Gilgandra NSW 2827

Dear General Manager,

**RE: Modification to Development Application for Caffeinity Coffee & Wine Co**

I am writing to formally request Gilgandra Shire Council's support as the premises owner for a proposed modification to the existing Development Application (DA) for Caffeinity Coffee & Wine Co, located at the Gilgandra Coeee Heritage and Information Centre.

This request relates specifically to a variation of our trading hours and liquor licencing hours to better meet customer expectations, support local tourism and event activity, and enhance the flexibility of our hospitality services.

**Liquor Licencing Hours**

Currently, under our liquor licence, we are permitted to serve alcohol during the following hours:

- **Monday to Wednesday:** 12:00pm to 5:30pm
- **Thursday to Saturday:** 12:00pm to 10:00pm
- **Sunday:** 12:00pm to 2:00pm

We are seeking Council's support to vary these hours to:

- **Monday to Wednesday:** 11:00am to 5:30pm
- **Thursday to Saturday:** 10:00am to 10:00pm
- **Sunday:** 10:00am to 7:00pm

**Rationale for the proposed change includes:**

- Improved alignment with customer demand, including for brunches, High Teas, tour group bookings, and private functions which often commence before 12pm.
- Enabling us to provide a more competitive offering compared to venues in surrounding towns, where current restrictions limit our capacity to meet this demand.
- Supporting local economic development through unique event offerings, such as Sunday afternoon functions or themed events (e.g. open-air cinema experiences).
- Minimising community impact, as our clientele and offering differ significantly from

traditional pubs or clubs, and comparable nearby venues such as the Sporties Club operate later than our proposed hours.

- Enhancing the community's access to cultural and culinary experiences without impacting amenity — to date, we have received no complaints regarding anti-social behaviour, noise, or other negative effects from our operations.

### **Cafe Trading Hours**

Under the current DA, our Sunday operating hours are restricted to 7:30am to 2:00pm. We respectfully request that this be extended to **7:00pm on Sundays** to better accommodate:

- Functions and events that typically run later in the day (e.g. wedding receptions, family gatherings, long weekend travellers).
- Increased winter trading viability when visitors are on the road later in the day.
- A more comprehensive hospitality offering to locals and visitors, particularly on weekends, where we are now often the only cafe open.

We believe this extension would bring clear economic and social benefits to the community and would not adversely affect the locality. Our deck area, enhanced by the recently installed awning, has created a welcoming and functional space with positive feedback from both locals and visitors.

Our recent Valentine's Day Dinner attracted around 50 attendees, with exceptional feedback from locals and guests from neighbouring towns such as Warren and Coonamble. This highlights the growing recognition of Gilgandra as a cultural destination and the need for flexible, experience-focused hospitality services.

### **Next Steps**

We have discussed the above proposal with Council's Planning team and understand that we will be required to lodge a formal modification to the current DA, followed by a variation to our liquor licence with Liquor and Gaming NSW. We are eager to commence this process as soon as possible to take advantage of seasonal demand and upcoming events.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Thank you for your ongoing support of local business and tourism in Gilgandra.

Yours sincerely,

**Daniel Gordon**

Director

Gordonach Investment Group Pty Ltd T/AS Caffeinity Coffee & Wine Co