

**Application**

19/035/2018

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

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of an application by  
Piopio Aria Golf Club Incorporated for the  
renewal of a club licence pursuant to  
section 127 in respect of the premises  
at 1686 State Highway 3, Piopio and  
known as Piopio Aria Golf Club

**DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

1. This decision replaces the decision dated 7 September 2021, as a result of a rehearing to correct an error in the licence conditions. A replacement licence can be issued immediately.
2. The club licence 19/CLUB/005/2018 in respect of the premises situated at 1686 State Highway 3, Piopio and known as Piopio Aria Golf Club is renewed for a further period of 3 years. The licence may issue upon payment of the annual fee.
3. The present conditions of the licence remain the same, with the exception of condition (f) which is replaced as follows:

The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the District Licensing Committee on 22 June 2021 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.

**REASONS**

1. This application has been considered by way of a rehearing because an error was made in a change to the manager certificate requirements, effectively requiring a manager to be on duty at all times. The previous licence conditions required that a manager be on duty for *events, functions and tournaments, and at all other times there be a suitable Club member responsible for compliance*. No evidence has been presented to show this should change and therefore, the decision is amended to show the manager certificate condition will remain the same.

2. This is an application by Piopio Aria Golf Club Inc for renewal of a club licence in respect of the premises situated at 1686 State Highway 3, Piopio. No variations to the conditions are the licence are sought.
3. The application was advertised, and no objections have been received from members of the public. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and the Medical Officer of Health have provided reports and do not oppose the application. Accordingly, the matter is decided on the papers (s 134).
4. The object of the Act is to ensure that the sale and supply of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is minimised (s 4).
5. In deciding whether to renew a club licence the licensing committee must have regard to sections 131 and 105 of the Act. Therefore, this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
  - a) Is the applicant suitable?
  - b) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
  - c) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable?
  - d) Does the applicant propose to engage in the sale of goods or provision of services other than those directly relating to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments and food?
  - e) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law?
  - f) Have the police, inspector and medical officer of health raised any relevant considerations?
  - g) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be increased by more than a minor extent by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence?
  - h) Has the applicant sold, displayed, advertised or promoted alcohol in a responsible manner?
  - i) Does the application comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy?

**Should the club licence be renewed?**

6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Piopio Aria Golf Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a club licence. The club has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The licensing committee is satisfied that the current licensed hours are appropriate.
7. The licensing committee is satisfied that the premises has a suitable design and layout to meet the requirements of the Act. It is well appointed and able to be monitored effectively by the staff of the premises. The club has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy which demonstrates suitable measures will be undertaken in regard to responsible sale and supply of alcohol and that harm will be reduced and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The club has a suitable training plan for bar staff and committee members. It is very important that committee members undertake regular training in the obligations and responsibilities of the holder of a club licence. This ensures that the club understands its legal obligations as a licensee and knows how to support bar staff. The licensing committee is satisfied that the club has sufficient Duty Managers who serve on these premises to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol at all times, as required by the licence.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that the renewal of the club licence will not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality by more than a minor extent. There have been no reports of any nuisance, vandalism or noise problems associated with this premises in the

previous licensing period.

9. No changes to the existing conditions are needed. However, the Licensing Inspector recommends that the site plan referred to in the conditions be updated to reference the plan dated 22 June 2021, because it is more clearly annotated than the plan dated 11 September 2018. There are no material changes to the more recent plan. This request is granted as the recent plan dated 22 June 2021 provides a clearer outline of the parameters of the licensed area.

**Conclusion**

10. Therefore, the application for the renewal of the club licence is granted.

Dated at this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021



Sara Grayson  
Commissioner  
Waitomo District Licensing Committee