

**Application**

19/035/2018

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

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. 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.
2. The present conditions of the licence are replaced as follows:
  - (a) Alcohol may only be sold and supplied to:
    - (i) a member of the club,
    - (ii) any member of any other club where this club has an arrangement for reciprocal visiting rights,
    - (iii) a person who is invited and accompanied by the members listed in (i) or (ii) above.
  - (b) Alcohol may be sold only on the following days and during the following hours:  
Monday to Wednesday, from 10.00am to 10.00pm  
Thursday to Saturday, from 10.00am to 12.00 midnight  
Sunday, from 10.00am to 11.00pm midnight
  - (c) The club must always have a secretary.
  - (d) The club must inform the District Licensing Committee of the name of a new secretary within 10 working days of their appointment.
  - (e) All proceeds from the sale of alcohol belong to the club.

- (f) 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.
- (g) The entire premises is undesignated (persons under 18 can be in the area).
- (h) A holder of a manager's certificate must be on duty and on the premises at all times alcohol is sold. If a duty manager is not present, then there must be no alcohol sales and a notice displayed advising patrons of this fact.
- (i) A manager's register (as required by s.232 of the Act) is to be maintained and available on site.
- (j) The licensee must maintain and display a Host Responsibility Policy and ensure all staff and committee members receive training in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- (k) Alcohol must not be sold or supplied to minors or intoxicated persons. The Licensee must display appropriate signs at every point of sale detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to such persons.
- (l) Drinking water must be freely available and this must be clear to customers while the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- (m) A range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- (n) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence, or variations of a similar range and standard. Where catered finger foods, buffet or a la carte meals are not provided, there must be a minimum of food four choices available (excluding nuts and crisps and the like).
- (o) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. The availability of a sober driver service must be displayed and promoted.
- (p) The Licensee must ensure the following are displayed;
  - i) A copy of the original licence with all the conditions, displayed prominently in the premises.
  - ii) A sign in a prominent place identifying the duty manager or responsible bar person.

## REASONS

1. 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.

2. 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).
3. 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).
4. 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?**

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. The conditions of the licence have been updated to include information about who alcohol may be sold to pursuant to section 60 of the Act. In addition, the safe transport condition has been amended slightly to reference the sober driver service the club operates.

**Conclusion**

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

Dated at this 7th day of September 2021



Commissioner  
Waitomo District Licensing Committee