

Decision

19/084/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND
IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Aria Squash and Recreation Club Incorporated
for the variation and renewal of a club licence
pursuant to sections 120 and 127 in respect of
the premises at St Helens Domain, Kumara
Road, Aria and known as Aria Squash and
Recreation Club

DECISION OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Aria Squash and Recreation Club Incorporated is authorised to sell and supply alcohol on the premises situated at St Helens Domain, Kumara Road, Aria and known as Aria Squash and Recreation Club for consumption on the premises to any authorised customer or visitor as described in the licence conditions.
2. The club-licence 19/CLUB/002/2023 is varied and 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 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 Thursday, from 4.00pm to 10.00pm
Friday, from 4.00pm to 1.00am the following day
Saturday, 10.00am to 1.00am the following day
Sunday, from 10.00am to 10.00pm
 - (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 **27 June 2026** 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 properly appointed certificated, acting or temporary manager must be on duty and on the premises for tournaments and functions only. At all other times there should be a suitable club member responsible for compliance.
- (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. Appropriate signage outlining these restrictions must be clearly displayed at every point-of-sale.
- (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 always available for consumption on the premises 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. Contact details for alternative transport options from the premises and the availability of a courtesy vehicle must be clearly displayed for patrons.
- (p) No BYO alcohol is permitted on the premises while alcohol is available for sale.
- (q) The Licensee must ensure the following are displayed
 - i. A copy of the original licence with all the conditions, prominently inside the principal entrance so persons entering can read it.
 - ii. A sign in a prominent place identifying the duty manager.

REASONS

1. Aria Squash and Recreation Club Incorporated have applied for the renewal of a club licence pursuant to section 127 and seeks to vary the conditions of the licence in terms of licensed hours in respect of the premises at St Helens Domain, Kumara Road, Aria and known as Aria Squash and Recreation Club.

2. The principal nature of the club remains that primarily of a squash club which hosts interclub nights, social events and an annual major tournament. The club has reciprocal visiting rights with all Squash Waikato members.
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). In deciding whether to renew a club licence the licensing committee must have regard to sections 105 and 131 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?
5. Section 132 provides that the licensing committee may vary or cancel any conditions applying to the licence before its renewal.

Should the licence be renewed?

6. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that Aria Squash and Recreation Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a club licence. The club is an incorporated society and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
7. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the club has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy which demonstrates suitable measures will be undertaken regarding responsible sale and supply of alcohol and that harm will be reduced. It is a condition of this licence that all staff employed by the club are trained in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This condition also requires committee members to undertake some training. As licensees, this ensures Aria Squash and Recreation Club Incorporated committee members are aware of their responsibilities in ensuring the club complies with the responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. We are pleased to note that all committee members are inducted and trained by the duty manager on appointment. There are two certificated duty managers who are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. The club requires a certified manager to be on duty on tournaments only. With one tournament a year, the number of certified managers employed is considered sufficient given the nature of the business. The inspector reports that the club has recently approved funding for an additional certified manager(s).
8. Aria Squash and Recreation Club Incorporated propose to continue operating as a club but, in consultation with the Licensing Inspector, has agreed to reduce its licensed hours to better reflect

that actual operation of the club. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that these are more appropriate hours of operation. The application complies with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.

9. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the premises has a suitable design and layout to meet the requirements of the Act. The premises are located on the site at St. Helens Domain and are formed from the bar area overlooking the squash courts, the bar and kitchen, a small veranda and a lounge/seating area. It is well appointed and able to be monitored effectively by the staff of the premises.
10. 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.

Conclusion

11. Therefore, the application for the variation and renewal of the club licence is granted.

Dated at this 30th day of July 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee