

Decision

19/065/2024

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc for the
renewal of a club licence pursuant to
section 127 in respect of the 1 Kiekie Street,
Aria and known as Aria Cosmopolitan Club

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol on the premises situated at 1 Kiekie Street, Aria and known as Aria Cosmopolitan Club for consumption on the premises to any authorised customer or visitor as described in the licence conditions.
2. The club-licence 19/CL/001/2022 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 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 from 10.00am to 1.00am the following day, Monday to Sunday.
 - (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 16 July 2024 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 the public 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 ensure that all lighting and surveillance equipment installed on the premises is kept and maintained in good working order at all times.
- (k) 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.
- (l) 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.
- (m) 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.
- (n) 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.
- (o) 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. There must be a minimum of food four choices available (excluding nuts and crisps and the like).
- (p) A telephone must be available for customers to arrange transport, and staff must provide assistance if needed. Contact details for alternative transport options—including sober driver services and any courtesy vehicle availability—must be clearly displayed and actively promoted.
- (q) No BYO alcohol is permitted on the premises while alcohol is available for sale.
 - i. The Licensee must ensure the following are displayed;
A sign to be seen from outside the principal entrance stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of alcohol.
 - ii. A copy of the original licence with all the conditions, just inside the principal entrance so persons entering can read it.
 - iii. A sign in a prominent place identifying the duty manager.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc for renewal of a club licence. The club has been incorporated since 1941 and operating under a licence for over 20 years.
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 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? Have the police, inspector and medical officer of health raised any relevant considerations?
 - f) 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?
 - g) Has the applicant sold, displayed, advertised or promoted alcohol in a responsible manner?
 - h) 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?

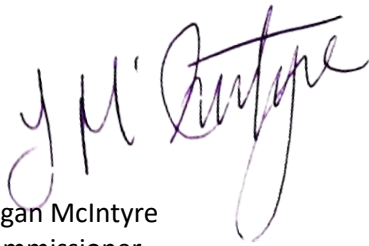
6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a club licence. The club has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
7. Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc proposes to continue operating as a club from 10.00am to 1.00am the following day, Monday to Sunday. The licensing committee is satisfied that these are appropriate hours of operation.
8. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply 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 formed from a storeroom area, bar area, office areas, spacious main sitting area, kitchen, toilets, outside covered area and outside grassed fenced area. It is able to be monitored effectively by staff.

10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the club has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy in place, demonstrating that suitable measures will be taken to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol and to minimise alcohol-related harm. As a condition of this licence, all staff employed by the club must be trained in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This condition also now extends to committee members, who are licensees and must similarly understand their obligations under the Act. We note that evidence has been provided of comprehensive training of staff and committee members.
11. 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.
12. 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

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

Dated at this 19th day of June 2025



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee