

Decision

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IN THE MATTER

the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND
IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Hayden Sheedy on behalf of Te Kuiti Volunteer
Fire Brigade for a special licence pursuant to
section 138 of the Act

DECISION OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for a special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Hayden Sheedy on behalf of Te Kuiti Volunteer Fire Brigade is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises of the Les Munro Centre situated at 8 King Street East, Te Kuiti to any person attending the Fire Brigade Honours event.
3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) A copy of this licence with all the conditions must be displayed in a prominent place so all persons can read it and all staff must be familiar with the conditions.
 - (b) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on Saturday 27 September 2025, from 6.00pm to 12midnight
 - (c) Alcohol may be sold or supplied to people present participating in the event this licence is issued for.
 - (d) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan received via email by the Waitomo District Licensing Committee on 3 July 2025 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (e) A properly appointed certificated must be on duty and on the premises at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol. If a duty manager is not present, then there must be no alcohol sales and a notice displayed advising the public of this fact.
 - a. All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act;
 - b. Evidence of age documents will be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 25.
 - c. There must be no consumption of alcohol by staff or managers immediately before or during their shifts.
 - (f) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point-of-sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions

- (g) Drinking water must be freely available from the bar and this must be clear to customers while the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- (h) 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. The availability of food should be actively promoted.
- (i) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- (j) A telephone must be readily available for customers to arrange transport, and staff must provide assistance if needed. Contact details for alternative transport options from the premises must be clearly displayed.
- (k) The entire premises is undesignated.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Hayden Sheedy on behalf of Te Kuiti Volunteer Fire Brigade for a special licence for the Te Kuiti Volunteer Fire Brigade's Gold Star Honours celebration to be held at the Les Munro Centre premises 27 September 2025. This application was received more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137 of the Act.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health have no objection to this application for a special licence (s 141). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).
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 grant a special licence the District Licensing Committee must have regard to the criteria in s 142 of the Act. Therefore, this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
 - a) What is the nature of the event? 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?
 - b) Is the applicant suitable?
 - c) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be reduced to more than a minor extent by the effects of the issue of the licence?
 - d) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
 - e) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable? Are any areas of the premises designated restricted or supervised areas?
 - f) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law? What steps will the applicant take to ensure that alcohol is not sold to prohibited persons?
 - g) What proposals does the applicant have in relation to the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food, low-alcohol drinks and the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises?
 - h) Have the Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health raised any relevant considerations?
 - i) Does the application comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy?
5. The licensing committee may refuse a special licence even if there was no objection to the application (s 144). Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

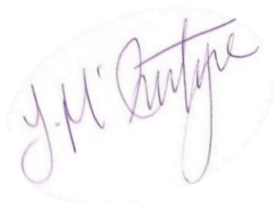
Should the special licence be granted?

6. The principal purpose of the event is to present four 25 years' service Gold Stars to brigade members. A maximum of 250 people (ages between 18 to 80yrs old) are anticipated to attend the event. All attendees will be invited members and guests of the Te Kuiti Volunteer Fire Brigade. The licensing committee is satisfied that the proposed trading hours are reasonable.
7. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that Hayden Sheedy is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Hayden Sheedy is entitled to hold an on-site special licence because he has attained the age of 20 years of age (s 28(a)) and Te Kuiti Volunteer Fire Brigade has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. There are 2 certificated Duty Managers who are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. All staff receive training in the requirements of the Act.
9. The licensing committee is satisfied that suitable measures will be taken to ensure that alcohol is sold and supplied responsibly, and that harm caused by inappropriate or excessive consumption of alcohol is minimised.
10. Given the nature of the event and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties. The licensing committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The entire premises is to be an undesignated area.
11. The licensing committee is satisfied that Hayden Sheedy will ensure there is sufficient food, low-alcohol drinks, and non-alcoholic drinks available. Free water will be at the bar. Patrons will be encouraged to use safe transport options to get home from the event.

Conclusion

12. The licensing committee is satisfied that the grant of the special licence with the appropriate conditions will ensure the safe and responsible supply of alcohol and the minimisation of harm caused by excessive or inappropriate use of alcohol.
13. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 12th day of August 2025



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee