

<b>Decision</b>	19 074 2025
<b><u>IN THE MATTER</u></b>	the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<b><u>AND</u></b> <b><u>IN THE MATTER</u></b>	of an application by Te Waitere Boating Club Incorporated 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. Te Waitere Boating Club Incorporated is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 1230 Te Waitere Road, Te Kuiti to any person attending the Annual Whaleboat Regatta on Saturday 27 December 2025.
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 the following days and during the following hours: Saturday 27 December 2025, from 12 noon to 1.00am, the following day.
  - (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 date stamped as received by the District Licensing Committee on 10 November 2025 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
  - (e) The holder of a manager's certificate or a properly notified manager shall be on duty and on the premises at all times alcohol is sold.
    - i. All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act;
    - ii. Evidence of age documents will be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 25.
    - iii. 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. Appropriate signage outlining these restrictions must be clearly displayed at every point of sale.

- (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: BBQ meal from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Pies, filled rolls and sausages available for purchase throughout the day.
- (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 assist if required. Contact details for alternative transport options from the premises and the availability of a courtesy vehicle or sober driver services must be clearly displayed for customers.
- (k) The entire premises is undesignated.

## **REASONS**

1. This is an application by Te Waitere Boating Club Incorporated for a special licence for the annual Whaleboat Regatta event to be held at their premises on 27 December 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). In deciding whether to grant a special licence, we 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?
4. Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

### **Should a special licence be granted?**

5. Te Waitere Boating Club Incorporated has a long history of hosting the annual whaleboat regatta event and previous events have typically attracted around 300 people of all ages. The rowing component of the regatta will take place from 1.00pm to 5.00pm with a meal and entertainment following at 6.30pm.
6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Te Waitere Boating Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. The club currently holds a club licence and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The issue of a special licence for these events will allow the applicant to sell alcohol to non-members of the club attending the event. A Duty Manager will be present on the premises for the duration of the proposed event to ensure compliance with the Act. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed 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 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. There will be an experienced certificated manager on duty, and she will be supported by approximately 8 trained staff and volunteers present to serve and observe this event. We also note that there will be serve limits of 4 alcoholic beverages per person until 10.00pm and thereafter 2 drinks until close.
9. Given the nature of the events and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The applicant will provide sufficient food, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will be provided.
11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide information about alternative forms of transport from the premises, including a courtesy van and sober driver services and a free phone for customers to call those services.

### **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 3rd day of December 2025



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