

Application

SP1413

IN THE MATTER

the Sale and Supply of Alcohol
Act 2012

AND
IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Waitomo Rugby Sports and
Recreation Club Inc
for a special licence
pursuant to section 138 of the
Act

DECISION OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for an on-site special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at Waitomo Domain to any person attending the After Rugby Match Functions.
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:
Saturday 26 March 2022, from 1.30pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 9 April 2022, from 1.30pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 30 April 2022, from 1.30pm to 10.30pm
Saturday 21 May 2022, from 1.30pm to 10.30pm
 - (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 Waitomo District Licensing Committee on 8 March 2022 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 and their name shall be on

display.

- (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, or variations of a similar range and standard.
- (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 freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport from the premises must be displayed. The availability of a sober driver to transport patrons home from the premises shall be promoted.
- (k) The entire premises is undesignated.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Inc for a special licence for After Rugby Match Functions to be held at the club at Waitomo Domain. This application was not received more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137 of the Act. However, in a direction dated 11 March a waiver was granted due to the exceptional circumstances explained by the club.
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 purpose of the Act is to put in place a new system of control over the sale and supply of alcohol (s 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?

Should the special licence be granted?

5. The club plans to host 4 after match rugby functions, that will include a meal and speeches.
6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence because it has good systems in place to manage this event. The club does not currently hold a club licence. However, an application for a club licence has been submitted and is currently being processed. A certificated Duty Manager will be present at each event and will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. The proposed trading hours are reasonable.
7. 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. 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.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will be provided at the bar. Assistance with transport home from the premises will be provided with a sober driver service.

Conclusion

9. 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.
10. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated this 18th day of March 2022



Sara Grayson
Commissioner