

<b>Decision</b>	19/008/2026
<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 Graeme Anthony Brier on behalf of Piopio Collie Club for a special licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act

#### **DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

1. The application for a special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Graeme Anthony Brier on behalf of Piopio Collie Club is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 900 Mairoa Road, Piopio to any person attending the annual sheep dog trial competition.
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:  
**Friday 6 March 2026, from 12noon to 10.00pm**  
**Saturday 7 March 2026, from 12noon to 10.00pm**
  - 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 **4 February 2026** and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
  - e) The person nominated to manage the conduct of the sale and supply of alcohol at all times the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol is Graeme Brier and a sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises which identifies by name the person responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.
    - a. Evidence of age documents will be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 25.
    - b. 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 kitchen areas and this must be clear to customers while the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- h) 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: free BBQ meal and food available for purchase.
- 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. Contact details for alternative transport options from the premises and the availability of sober driver services must be clearly displayed for customers.
- k) The entire premises is undesignated.

## REASONS

1. This is an application by Graeme Anthony Brier on behalf of Piopio Collie Club for a special licence for the annual sheep dog trial competition to be held at 900 Mairoa Road, Piopio 6-7 March 2026. The application was filed more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector and Police have no objection to this application for a special licence (s 141). The Medical Officer of Health has not reported, and it is therefore assumed there are no matters of concern. 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. Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

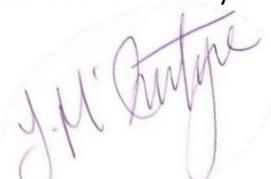
**Should the special licence be granted?**

6. The Piopio Sheep Dog Trails is an annual competition for the Piopio Collie Club. Up to 60 people are expected to attend the event. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
7. The licensing committee is satisfied that Graeme Anthony Brier is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Graeme is entitled to hold an on-site special licence because he has attained the age of 20 years of age (s 28(a)). Additionally, the Piopio Collie Club has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 for past events. All staff receive training in the requirements of the Act.
8. The application does comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy and 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.
9. The licensing committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The premises consists of a fenced-in outdoor area containing the main building with a kitchen and dining area within and a separate storage shed containing the bar servery. As it is a low-risk event which will have some minors in attendance with their families, the licensed area is to be undesignated. The committee is satisfied that this is appropriate.
10. Graeme Anthony Brier does not propose to have a certificated duty manager at this event. However, the licensing committee is satisfied that an exemption may be granted from the requirement to appoint a duty manager (s 213). This is a small low risk competition and Graeme is capable of managing it without a certificated duty manager. He has shared the responsibility of managing the bar in past events with the club president and has refreshed himself with the SCAB guidelines. He will be assisted by 4 other club volunteers. The licensing committee expects Graeme will brief these volunteer bar staff on their responsibilities under the Act and the conditions of this licence prior to the event.
11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will also be provided. The use of sober driver services will be promoted as a safe option for transport 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 20th day of February 2026



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