

Decision	19/076/2025
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<u>AND</u> <u>IN THE MATTER</u>	of an application by Te Kuiti Trapshooters Club Incorporated 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. Te Kuiti Trapshooters Club Incorporated is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 115 Lees Block Road, Te Kuiti to any person attending the Duckshooters Shoot.
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 25 April 2026, from 2:00pm to 7:00pm**
 - (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 **12 November 2025** 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 Neil Murray Pratt 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.
 - (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 area 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: a variety of pies, pizza, burger, sandwiches and cakes/slices.
- (i) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be always available 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. The availability of sober drivers and a courtesy van shall be promoted.
- (k) The entire premises is designated as a supervised area (no persons under 18 can be in the area unless with their parent or legal guardian).

REASONS

1. This is an application by Te Kuiti Trapshooters Club Incorporated for a special licence for the Duckshooters Shoot to be held at 115 Lees Block Road, Te Kuiti. The application was filed more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137.
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, we 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. A special licence is sought to allow to a clay target shooting competition at the clubrooms located at 115 Lees Block Road, Te Kūiti. Approximately 250 people are expected to attend. The age profile of attendees is anticipated to be predominantly middle-aged and older adults, with a limited number of junior participants accompanying competitors and families. Granting this special licence will allow the applicant to sell and supply alcohol to attendees following the conclusion of the competition. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
7. The licensing committee is satisfied that Te Kuiti Trapshooters Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Te Kuiti Trapshooters Club Incorporated is incorporated under the incorporated societies act 1908 and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 at past events. All staff receive training in the requirements of the Act.
8. The application complies 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 is formed from bar, covered outdoor area, main club area, and kitchen. The outside licensed area is well demarcated. The entire premises is supervised.
10. Te Kuiti Trapshooters Club Incorporated 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 series of small low risk events; alcohol will only be available after the competition/shooting and Te Kuiti Trapshooters Club Incorporated is capable of managing it without a certificated duty manager. Neil Murray Pratt is an active member of the club and has been the club president for 20 years. During that time, he has been responsible for overseeing a small bar offered by the club. The licensing committee expects Mr Pratt will brief all 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 24th day of February 2026



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Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee