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| Decision | 19 023 2026 |
| <u>IN THE MATTER</u> | the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 |
| <u>AND</u> | of an application by |
| <u>IN THE MATTER</u> | Te Kuiti Pig Hunting Club Incorporated for a special licence pursuant to s138 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 Pig Hunting Club Incorporated is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 1006 Mangarino Road, Hangatiki to any person attending the 40th Anniversary Pig Hunt.
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 20 June 2026, from 12noon to 7.00pm.****
 - (c) Alcohol may be sold or supplied to people present participating in the event this licence is issued for.
 - (d) 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 **John William Thom** 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.
 - (e) 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 **28 April 2026** and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (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 with salads and breads.
- (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.
- (g) 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 Te Kuiti Pig Hunting Club Incorporated for a special licence for the 40th anniversary pig hunt event to be held at the club's premises 20 June 2026. 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.

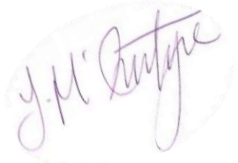
Should the special licence be granted?

6. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the club. Participants pay a \$50 entry fee and compete in various hunting categories for prizes. The event commemorates the 40th anniversary of the pig hunting competition. The club does not hold a club licence; therefore, a special licence is sought to be able to sell alcohol to participants and guests. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend the entry-only event.
7. The application complies with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy and the Licensing Committee is satisfied that the proposed trading hours are reasonable in the circumstances.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that Te Kuiti Pig Hunting Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Te Kuiti Pig Hunting Club Incorporated is an incorporated society, registered in September 2025 but have been operating since 1988. The Licensing Inspector has spoken to the applicant and reports they have a good understanding of methods to minimise alcohol-related harm at events.
9. Te Kuiti Pig Hunting 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 small low risk competition and Te Kuiti Pig Hunting Club Incorporated is capable of managing it without a certificated duty manager. John William Thom will take responsibility for the management of the event and ensure that it complies with the Act. Committee members will attend a brief meeting for training on the Supply of Alcohol and Intoxicated behaviour.
10. 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. Experienced senior club members (donned in hi viz vests for easy identification) will be assisting with monitoring, checking IDs and providing transport for attendees. As well as signs posted at the event indicating no ID, no service, minors, and intoxicated persons will not be served. There will be a variety of food promoted including a BBQ that will be served from 12pm until close including sausages, steaks, and schnitzel, bread, buns, salads and sauces.
11. 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. The premises is formed from a large main hall with a kitchen, a supper room, a small bar servery and toilet facilities. The licensed area includes a portion of outdoor area surrounding the premises. The perimeter of the licensed area will be demarcated with a deer fence, and the front will be roped off with some cones with the barrier arms.
12. 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. Sober drivers will be available on request and will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

Conclusion

13. 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.
14. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 3rd day of June 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee