

Decision: 19 071 2025

IN THE MATTER the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND
IN THE MATTER of an application by
Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc
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. Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the club premises situated at 1 Kie Kie Street, Aria to any person attending the Aria Speed Shear 2026 JR Circuit (Leg 3) on the 5 February 2026.
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 **Thursday, 5 February 2026, from 6.00pm to 12.00am.**
 - (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 **5 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.
 - (g) 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.

- (f) 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. Menus and the availability of food should be clear to customers and food should be actively promoted.
- (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.
- (l) No BYO alcohol on the premises while alcohol is available for sale.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc for a special licence for a speed shearing competition to be held at their premises on the 5 February 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). 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?

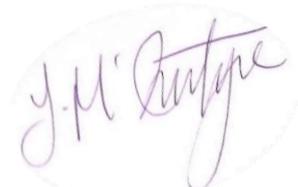
Should a special licence be granted?

4. The general nature of the event is a shearing competition. A publicity flyer has been provided identifying the event. The applicant estimates up to 150 will attend the event. The competition is often attended by families; however, most minors are taken home after the competition.
5. The licensing committee is satisfied that Aria Cosmopolitan Club Inc 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. Ten swell trained staff, including other certified managers, will assist during the event. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
6. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.
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. Similar events held by the applicant in the past have not resulted in any issues.
8. 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.
9. The licensing committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The kitchen will operate from 6:00pm to 10:00pm and offer a menu including hot dogs with chips, chicken nuggets with chips, fish bites with chips, and cheeseburgers with chips. A bar menu will also be available at all times and includes items such as pizza, lasagne toppers, chicken cordon bleu, pies, and sausage rolls. From 10:00pm to 12:00am, complimentary supper will be provided, consisting of sausages in bread and hot chips. The applicant will provide low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments and free water.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide information about alternative forms of transport from the premises and a courtesy van will be made available.

Conclusion

11. 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.
12. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 17th day of December 2025



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee