

Decision

19/085/2025

IN THE MATTER

the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND
IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Ashleigh Renee Foreman on behalf of Aria 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. Ashleigh Renee Foreman on behalf of Aria Collie Club is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 184 Ngapaki Road, Aria to any person attending the annual sheep dog trial competition.
3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on the following days and during the following hours:
Friday 13 February 2026, from 12noon to 10.00pm
Saturday 14 February 2026, from 12noon to 10.00pm
 - (b) 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 **15 December 2025** and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (c) 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 **Ashleigh Foreman** 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.
 - (d) 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.
 - (e) 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.
 - (f) Food must always be 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: hot foods including a bbq with salads between 4 and 10pm

- (g) 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.
- (h) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. The availability of sober drivers shall be promoted.
- (i) The bar area is a supervised area and the remainder of the premises including the outdoor covered yard is to be undesignated.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Ashleigh Renee Foreman on behalf of Aria Collie Club for a special licence for the annual sheep dog trial competition to be held at 184 Ngapaki Road, Aria 13-14 February 2026. 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). 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?
4. Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

Should the special licence be granted?

5. The Aria Sheep Dog Trails is an annual competition for the Aria Collie Club. Approximately 60 people are expected to attend the event. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Ashleigh Renee Foreman is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Ashleigh Renee Foreman is entitled to hold an on-site special licence because she has attained the age of 20 years of age (s 28(a)) and the Aria Collie Club has demonstrated compliance with the Sale

and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. All staff receive training in the requirements of the Act. The club is not registered under the incorporated societies register and is therefore not an entity hence why the application is under a natural person (Ashleigh Renee Foreman).

7. 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.
8. 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 covered yard, woolshed and outdoor area that is fenced. The entire area is to be undesignated.
9. Ashleigh Renee Foreman 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 Ashleigh Renee Foreman can manage it without a certificated duty manager. Ashleigh have more than 10 years' experience serving alcohol, at the local squash club and five years of experience working under special licences for dog trials. She has completed club champs in the past and has provided evidence of more recent refresher training. The licensing committee expects Ashleigh will brief all volunteer bar staff on their responsibilities under the Act and the conditions of this licence prior to the event.
10. 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

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 20th day of January 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee