

**Application**

SP1389

**IN THE MATTER**

the Sale and Supply of Alcohol  
Act 2012

**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by  
Waitomo Rugby Sports and  
Recreation Club Inc for a special  
licence pursuant to section 138 of  
the Act

**DECISION OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

1. The application for an on-special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at Waitomo Domain, 28 Waitomo Village Road, Waitomo to any person attending the Rugby Game.
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 12 June 2021, from 2.00pm to 9.00pm.
  - (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 Waitomo District Licensing Committee on 13 May 2021 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
  - (e) The holder of a manager's certificate shall be on duty and on the premises at all times alcohol is sold and their name shall be on display.
  - (f) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point of sale appropriate signs detailing these

restrictions.

- (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, or variations of a similar range and standard.
- (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. The availability of a courtesy vehicle shall be promoted.
- (k) The entire premises is undesignated.

## **REASONS**

1. This is an application by Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Inc for a special licence for a Rugby Game to be held at Waitomo Domain, 28 Waitomo Village Road, Waitomo on Saturday 12 June 2021, from 2.00pm to 9.00pm. 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 purpose of the Act is to put in place a new system of control over the sale and supply of alcohol (s 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?

5. Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

**Should the special licence be granted?**

6. Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Inc previously held a club licence but allowed this to lapse on 17 May 2019 as at that time the club did not have enough playing members to establish a team. The club is hosting rugby game as part of the King Country Rugby Union competition and up to 70 people are expected to attend.
7. The licensing committee is satisfied that Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence because it is a responsible organisation with prior experience holding a club licence. A certificated Duty Manager will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. The proposed trading hours are reasonable.
8. 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. 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 applicant will provide sufficient food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will be provided at the bar. Assistance with transport home from the premises will be provided with a courtesy vehicle.

**Conclusion**

10. 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.
11. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated this 31st day of May 2021



Sara Grayson  
Commissioner