

Decision	19/073/2023
<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 Awakino Bowling 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. Awakino Bowling Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 1 Briscoe Street, Awakino to any person attending a series of club bowling tournaments.
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:
 - 19 November 2023, from 9.30am to 9.00pm
 - 10 December 2023, from 9.30am to 9.00pm
 - 21 January 2024, from 9.30am to 9.00pm
 - 18 February 2024, from 9.30am to 9.00pm
 - 17 March 2024, from 9.30am to 9.00pm
 - 7 April 2024, from 9.30am to 9.00pm
 - (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 18 September 2023 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 Gail O'Keefe 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 and there must be displayed at every point of sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions
 - (e) 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.

- (f) 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: pies, sandwiches, savouries, scones and cakes.
- (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. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport, including sober driver services and the availability of a courtesy vehicle, must be displayed and promoted.
- (i) The entire premises is to be undesignated.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Awakino Bowling Club Inc for a special licence for a series of tournaments to be held at their club premises 1 Briscoe Street from 19 November 2023 to 7 April 2024. 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, 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?

Should the special licence be granted?

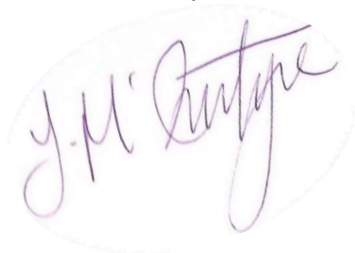
4. The general nature of the event is a series of bowling tournaments. Up to approximately 100 people are expected to attend each tournament. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.

5. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.
6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Awakino Bowling Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Awakino Bowling Club Inc have been granted special licences in the past and have demonstrated compliance with the Act.
7. 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 entire premises is to be an undesignated area.
9. Awakino Bowling Club Inc 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 private function and Awakino Bowling Club Inc is capable of managing it without a certificated duty manager. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will have trained bar staff on the premises that are aware of their responsibilities and obligations under the Act. Finally, Gail O'Keefe will take responsibility for the management of the event and ensure that it complies with the Act.
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 taxi 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 3rd day of November 2023



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee