

<b>Application</b>	SP1437
<b><u>IN THE MATTER</u></b>	the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<b><u>AND</u></b>	
<b><u>IN THE MATTER</u></b>	of an application by Te Waitere Boating Club Incorporated for a special licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act

#### **DECISION OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

1. The application for an on-site special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Te Waitere Boating Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, at 1230 Te Waitere Road to any person attending the Annual Whaleboat Regatta.
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 on Wednesday 28 December 2022, from 12.00 noon to 1.00am the following day.
  - (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 27 October 2022 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. A sign shall be displayed identifying the duty manager.
  - (f) The entire premises is undesignated.
  - (g) 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.

- (h) 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.
- (i) 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.
- (j) A range of low-alcohol (less than 2.5% by volume) and non-alcoholic drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- (k) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. The availability of a sober driver to transport patrons home from the premises shall be promoted.

## REASONS

1. This is an application by Te Waitere Boating Club Inc for a special licence for the Annual Whaleboat Regatta to be held at the club. 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?

**Should the special licence be granted?**

5. This event is an annual whaleboat rowing regatta. It is expected that up to 300 people of all ages will attend. The event includes competition rowing, a prize giving, a BBQ meal and entertainment and dancing.
6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Te Waitere Boating 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 this event will allow the applicant to sell alcohol to non-members of the club attending the event. Two Duty Managers will be present on the premises for the duration of the proposed event to ensure compliance with the Act. This is appropriate because of the long duration of the event, the numbers expected to attend, and the fact that there will be cover when a Duty Manager needs to have a break. Club committee members assisting with the event will have appropriate training, including reading the conditions of the special licence. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
7. The application has been assessed by the Licensing Inspector to be compliant with the Local Alcohol Policy.
8. 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 outdoor grassed area will not be licensed this year.
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. The use of sober driver services will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

**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. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022



Sara Grayson  
Commissioner  
Waitomo District Licensing Committee