

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application for a special licence
pursuant to s. 137 by Whataroa Rugby
Football Club in respect of premises
known as the Rugby Clubroom at the
Whataroa Domain.

DECISION OF THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE ON AN UNCONTESTED APPLICATION

Authority:

Pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and a Council resolution dated 28 November 2013, the functions, powers and duties of the Westland District Licensing Committee are delegated to the committee chairperson where no objection has been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police, the Medical Officer of Health or an Inspector. There is no Local Alcohol Policy in place for the District.

Summary of Evidence

A special licence is sought for the purposes of providing alcohol at the Whataroa Rugby Clubroom on three occasions to provide an alcohol service for after-match functions associated with the Woodham Shield competition. The dates are Sunday 31 July 2022, Sunday 7 August 2022 and Sunday 14 August 2022, between the hours of 4.00pm and midnight on each day.

The licensed area is defined on a plan accompanying the application and the applicant suggests that the area should be designated as a supervised area.

I note that the events are intended to be managed by Angela Jane Lash who is a qualified Manager.

The application has been generally well made and specifically addresses those criteria that are critical when considering the grant of a special licence

A report from the Inspector concludes that the applicant is suitable to operate the events under a special licence

The Police have no objection to the grant of the special licence.

The Medical Officer of Health has no opposition to the grant of the special licence.

Evaluation of Evidence

I have considered the application on the basis of the uncontested reports received and the complete file which has been made available to me. The application was not publicly notified. The matter can, therefore, be dealt with on the papers. The purpose of the licence is stated as being to facilitate three functions commonly known as *after-match functions* to engage with the wider community as part of the Woodham Shield competition. The events will be fund raising occasions for the Club. This is "Heartland Rugby" at its best and is a New Zealand cultural and sporting tradition; in my opinion a lot rests on the manager appointed to ensure that the three occasions are operated properly with responsibility and the utmost care.

The application is made to give the Whataroa Rugby Club authority to sell and supply alcohol at the Clubroom at the Whataroa Domain and has been made with some conviction. It is reasonably comprehensive in its commitment to provide a safe drinking environment and I have come to the view that the Club intends undertaking the sale and supply of alcohol sensibly and responsibly.

The responsible Management of the sale and supply of alcohol is essential particularly where younger people are involved. It is the Club's intention to use an appropriately qualified manager (Angela Jane Lash) to ensure that the events are operated as the application envisages.

If the licensee ensures that the license is managed as the application states then I am satisfied that the licence will operate without incident. I have no intention of listing a multitude of conditions to be complied with and content myself with the knowledge that the applicant has made a very clear intention as to the parameters that will be put in place to provide a safe and responsible environment for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

The applicant has suggested that the licensed area shown on a plan attached to the application should be designated as a supervised area. I think that the proposed designation is appropriate and a reasonable method to help control an alcohol consumption environment

Decision and Reasons

I am satisfied as to those matters provided for in s.142 of the Act.

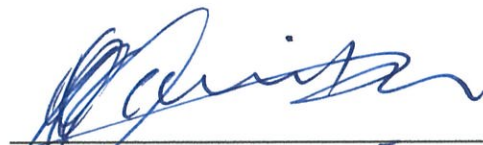
The application is granted on the papers pursuant to s.202 (1) of the Act as Decision Number **070-2022** and I direct that a licence be issued pursuant to s.64 of the Act.

Pursuant to section 213 (1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, Angela Jane Lash shall be appointed the manager of the events.

The terms and conditions will be:

1. The Licence may be exercised for the sale and supply of alcohol to any person lawfully attending the premises on the following occasions: Sunday 31 July 2022, Sunday 7 August 2022 and Sunday 14 August 2022, between the hours of 4.00pm and midnight on each day.
2. The areas to be licensed are those shown on a plan titled "Whataroa Rugby Football Club" accompanying the application dated 30 June 2022.
3. Pursuant to section 147 (3)(b) of the Act drinking water shall be freely available on request at the bar and the kitchen.

Dated at Hokitika this 29 day of July, 2022



Richard Simpson
Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee

