

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 Destination
Westland Limited in respect of premises
known as Cass Square, Hokitika on the
occasion of the Hokitika Wildfoods
Festival

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 occasion of the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival to be held on Saturday 11 March, 2023. The applicant is Destination Westland Limited.

The days and hours that the licence will operate are Saturday 11 March 2023 from 11.00AM through to 7.00PM the same day.

A report from the Inspector concludes that the applicant is suitable to hold a special licence.

The Police have no opposition to the licence being issued.

The Medical Officer of Health has no opposition to the licence being issued.

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 applicant is Destination Westland Ltd which is a company and is permitted to hold a special licence.

The purpose of the Licence is to operate two beer tents at the Wildfoods Festival, provide a wine service from two separate tents and operate the bar at the VIP tent. The application also seeks approval to allow three other alcohol outlets at the venue the operators of which will provide their own managers.

The three outlets are: (a) Stall number 1 "The Buzz Club Mead"
(b) Stall Number 23 "Wild and wonderful Beers"
(c) Stall Number 30 "The Alchemist"

The beer and wine outlets and the VIP tent will be managed by the Contracted Operator which is the Marist Rugby Club from Greymouth.

Designations are not sought and are not required. The premises are defined by a fence around the perimeter of Cass Square.

Management of the premises is in the hands of three holders of manager's certificates: Kiri Lee Russell, Peter Low and Anna Korean Ritchie.

There was obviously a problem with the application when it was first made as both the Police and the Medical Officer of Health had opposition to the proposal mostly on the basis of a lack of clarity. That opposition was subsequently lifted when the applicant provided additional information. The file that I have does not appear to include the earlier documentation; I only have the information that clarifies the layout and proposal but it has taken me sometime of reading and analysis to get clarification as to layout and procedures. I do note that the application includes a document titled "Alcohol Management Plan 2022". In my view it is a sloppily put together document that is very generic and, accordingly, lacks commitment. The best that can be said is that it "will do".

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 **025-2023** and I direct that a licence be issued pursuant to s.64 of the Act to Destination Westland Limited.

The terms and conditions will be:

The Licence may be exercised for the sale and supply of alcohol to any person lawfully attending the premises on Saturday 11 March 2023 from 11.00AM through to 7.00PM the same day.

Pursuant to s. 213(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, Peter Low, Anna Korean Ritchie and Kiri Lee Russell are appointed to be the managers responsible for the sale and supply of alcohol for the event.

Pursuant to section 147 (3)(b) of the Act drinking water shall be freely available from the bar area to all customers at all times that the licence is being exercised.

Dated at Hokitika this 2 day of March, 2023.



Richard Simpson
Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee

