

Application	SP1236
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<u>AND</u>	of an application by
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	Tainui Rugby Football Club 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. Tainui Rugby Football Club is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at Tainui-Wetere Domain, Mokau to any person attending the after match functions and fundraising quiz nights.
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 the following days and during the following hours:

After match functions

Saturday 5 August 2017, from 1.00pm to 7.00pm
 Saturday 12 August 2017, from 1.00pm to 10.00pm
 Saturday 26 August 2017, from 1.00pm to 7.00pm
 Saturday 2 September 2017, from 1.00pm to 7.00pm
 Saturday 9 September 2017, from 1.00pm to 7.00pm

Quiz Night

Saturday 30 September 2017, from 6.00pm to 10.00pm
 Saturday 7 October 2017, from 6.00pm to 10.00pm
 - (c) 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 28 June 2017 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (d) The persons 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 are Melissa Julia Jones, Jeffrey Morgan John Davis, William Jack Davis and a sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises which identifies by name the persons responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.
 - i) All bar staff must be trained in their responsibilities under the Act,
 - ii) Evidence of age documents must be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 25,
 - iii) There must be no consumption of alcohol by bar staff while on duty.

(e) The entire premises is designated as a supervised area (no persons under 18 can be in the area unless with their parent or legal guardian).

(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. A full evening meal must be available for any patrons on the premises after 4.00pm.

(j) 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.

(k) Sober drivers must be made available to transport patrons from the premises and this assistance must be displayed in a notice to patrons.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Tainui Rugby Football Club for a special licence for the after match functions and fundraising quiz nights to be held at Tainui-Wetere Domain, Mokau. 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 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 Waitomo 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?

5. The licensing committee may refuse a special licence even if there was no objection to the application (s 144). Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

Should the special licence be granted?

- 6. It is estimated that up to 80 people will attend the after match functions and quiz nights. However, up to 150 are expected to attend the function on 12 August 2017 because it will be filmed for a TV documentary. The licensing committee is satisfied that the proposed hours are reasonable.
- 7. The licensing committee is satisfied that Tainui Rugby Football Club is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. The Licensing Inspector has made enquires about the Club Secretary, Melissa Jones, and Club President, Mr Faull and is satisfied that the club officials are responsible representatives for the club.
- 8. The application complies with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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 designated as a supervised area (no persons under 18 can be in the area unless with their parent or legal guardian). The licensing committee notes that the outdoor area will be delineated with a fence and that no alcohol will be permitted beyond the fenced off area.
- 11. Tainui Rugby Football Club 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). The functions are relatively small and Tainui Rugby Football Club is capable of managing them without a certificated duty manager. Melissa Julia Jones, Jeffrey Morgan John Davis, William Jack Davis will take responsibility for the management of the event and ensure that it complies with the Act. The Licensing Inspector interviewed Melissa Julia Jones and is satisfied that she will manage the sale of alcohol in accordance with the Act and the conditions of the licence. Melissa Julia Jones is a well-respected member of the community and has been the secretary of the club for the past three years. There have been no reported breaches of the Act or the conditions of the licence for these events in past years. Finally, alcohol is a minor part of the quiz nights and the clubrooms can be easily monitored.
- 12. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. It is noted that the applicant will provide a full meal for all patrons remaining at the premises after 4.00pm. Free water will also be provided. Sober drivers will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

Conclusion

- 13. 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.

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

Dated this 13th day of July 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sara Brown', written in a cursive style.

Sara Brown
Commissioner