

Decision	19/072/2024
<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 Vikki Maree Watson 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. Vikki Maree Watson is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises of the Piopio Memorial Hall situated at 49 Moa Street, Piopio to any person attending the Stars in Your Eyes event on 14 September 2024.
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 Saturday 14 September 2024, from 6.30pm to 12midnight.
 - (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 received via email by the Waitomo District Licensing Committee on 19 August 2024 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (e) A properly appointed certificated must be on duty and on the premises at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol. If a duty manager is not present, then there must be no alcohol sales and a notice displayed advising the public of this fact.
 - a. All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act;
 - b. Evidence of age documents will be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 25.
 - c. There must be no consumption of alcohol by staff or managers immediately before or during their shifts.

- (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. Menus and the availability of food should be clear to customers and food should be actively promoted.
- (i) 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.
- (j) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Sober drivers must be made available to transport patrons from the premises and this assistance must be displayed in a notice to patrons.
- (k) The entire premises is restricted.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Vikki Maree Watson for a special licence for the annual Stars in your Eyes fundraising event to be held at the Piopio Memorial Hall on 14 September 2024. 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?

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. The principal purpose of this event is to fundraise for Piopio Hall and Piopio College Japan Tour. Approximately 200 people aged between 18 and 80 are anticipated to attend this ticketed event. Tickets are priced at \$25 per person and include a light supper. The event flyer states this is an R18 event and therefore only adults will be attending this event. The evening will also feature an auction include farmers packs and hair dressing vouchers etc. No alcohol will be auctioned as a prize. The licensing committee is satisfied that the proposed trading hours are reasonable.
7. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that Vikki Maree Watson is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Vikki Maree Watson is entitled to hold an on-site special licence because she has attained the age of 20 years of age (s 28(a)) and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. Vikki holds a Manager’s Certificate and has been involved in this show since 2009. Vikki will be the Duty Manager for the event and responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. All staff receive training in the requirements of the Act.
9. The licensing committee is satisfied that suitable measures will be taken to ensure that alcohol is sold and supplied responsibly, and that harm caused by inappropriate or excessive consumption of alcohol is minimised. There will be reliable volunteers checking ID, the bar will be closed at a sensible time and there will be a number of volunteers who will be keeping watch on the day.
10. 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 entire premises is to be a restricted area. The licensed area includes an outdoor rear deck.
11. 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 taxi services will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

Conclusion

12. 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.
13. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 5th day of September 2024

Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner

Waitomo District Licensing Committee