

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application for an off-licence
pursuant to s. 99 in respect of
premises situated at 250
Woodstock-Rimu Road, Hokitika and
known as the Woodstock Hotel by
Trappers Limited.

**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

I am in possession of a copy of the complete file relating to this application.

Trappers Limited is a private company; the Directors of which are Colin Stuart Cutler and Leanne Michelle Cutler. Colin and Leanne have extensive experience in the Hospitality Industry spanning a 25 year period. 16 of those 25 years have been at the Woodstock Hotel.

This application extends the operation of the Woodstock Hotel to provide a service allowing the purchase of alcohol for consumption at other locations.

The application is detailed and appears to have been made with some conviction.

The Inspector has reported and has concluded that the applicant is suitable to hold an off-licence, the hours proposed (Monday to Sunday from 8.00am until 10.00pm) are reasonable and that the nature of the premises is satisfactory.

The Police have no objection to the grant of this new on-licence.

The Medical Officer of Health has no opposition to the grant of this new on-licence.

Evaluation of Evidence and Reasons

I have considered the application on the basis of the uncontested reports received and I have noted that there have also been no public objections. The matter can, therefore, be dealt with on the papers. I have no concerns as to the suitability of the applicant company.

I do note that the applicant has adopted a Host Responsibility Policy for the premises and it is good to know that the applicant is taking those matters seriously. I regard such a policy as important because it sends a clear message to the enforcement agencies and the public that the

Woodstock Hotel can be regarded as a safe place to purchase and consume alcohol. The Policy, in its present form, relates principally to the on-licence but it is clear to me that the applicant takes Host Responsibility seriously and I suspect that it is a “living document” and may well have amendments made to it as experience is gained in the area of off-sales.

The hours of operation are to be Monday to Sunday from 8.00am until 10.00pm. I would judge these hours as suitable and I am certain that the local community will appreciate the flexibility of the service being provided.

The application and the inspector’s report address the need for designations to apply to particular parts of the premises. The designations proposed seem to be functional and follow the on-licence requirements. Sales under the Off-Licence will be across the Bar and the entire Bar area is currently a Supervised area. I don’t think that this functional approach needs improving on.

“The Woody” used to provide off-sales many years ago. The applicant is returning a service associated with *the good old days* but principally to allow for the sale of Craft Beer brewed on the premises. This will be a point of difference in comparison to other off-sales premises and although the Craft Beer will be a bit more expensive than those products sold through other off-outlets the new licence will provide an opportunity for locals and those who know the quality of the beer brewed on-site to enjoy the same at home.

I am satisfied as to those matters provided for in s.105 of the Act.

Decision

The application is granted on the papers pursuant to s.202 (1) of the Act as Decision Number **111-2022** and I direct that a licence be issued pursuant to s.64 of the Act.

The terms and conditions will be:

- (a) Alcohol may be supplied only on the following days and during the following hours:

Monday to Sunday from 8.00am to 10.00pm.

Except when the licensee also holds a special licence for the premises no alcohol is to be sold or delivered from the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day, or before 1 pm on Anzac Day to any person.

- (b) the following steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:

(i) There shall be a “Host Responsibility Policy”, similar to that which is entitled “Woodstock Hotel Host Responsibility Plan”, in place at all times.

(ii) The Principal Entrance is to be described as “The entrance from Woodstock/Rimu Road to the public bar”.

(iii) Pursuant to section 110(2)(c) of the Act, drinking water shall be freely available to all customers from the bar at all times that the licence is being exercised.

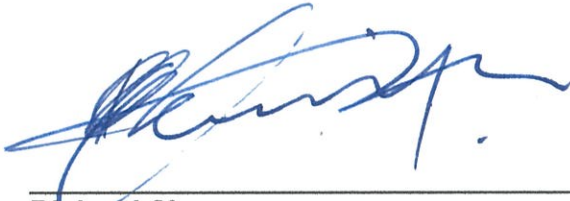
Duration

Subject to the requirements of the Act relating to the payment of fees, and to the provisions of the Act relating to the suspension and cancellation of licences, this licence continues in force—

- (a) either—

- (i) until the close of the period for which it was last renewed; or
 - (ii) if it has never been renewed, until the close of the period of 12 months after the day it was issued; but
- (b) if an application for the renewal of the licence is duly made before the licence would otherwise expire, either—
- (i) until the close of the period of 3 years after the period for which it was last renewed; or
 - (ii) if it has never been renewed, until the close of the period of 4 years after the day it was issued.

Dated at Hokitika this 17 day of April, 2023.



Richard Simpson
Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee

