

Decision number: 076-2023

**IN THE MATTER** of the Sale and Supply of  
Alcohol Act 2012(the Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application  
by the **Hokitika Golf Club  
Incorporated**  
pursuant to s.120 & 127 of  
Act for the variation and  
renewal of the CLUB Licence  
in respect of premises  
situated at 206 Golf Links  
Road, Takutai, Hokitika  
known as  
the “**Hokitika Golf Club**”

**BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The **Hokitika Golf Club Incorporated** applies for the variation and renewal of the CLUB Licence in respect of premises situated at 206 Golf Links Road, Takutai, Hokitika, known as the “Hokitika Golf Club.”

The Club has 114 paid up members and seeks to renew the licence with the existing days but with **amended hours as follows.**

**Monday to Thursday 12.00 noon to 6.00pm.**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 12.00 noon to 8.00pm.**

**Effectively this is an increase from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Friday nights.**

The application was notified on the council's website from the 21st of June 2023 and no objections were received from the public.

Neither the reports of the Police nor that of the Medical Officer of Health raises any matters in opposition and the applicant has not come to the adverse attention of reporting agencies during the renewal period.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The inspector reports that the amenity and good order of the area has not been reduced by more than a minor extent, and the Club has sound host responsibility practices and operates within their principal purpose.

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health has raised any matters in opposition.

We note the agencies had a discussion with the Club around private/public events at the Club and the need for Special licences if members of the public are to be sold and supplied alcohol.

It is important that Clubs get this right. If the Club bar is operating, they can only sell and supply alcohol to **club members** and **their genuine guests**, and **reciprocal club members** and **their genuine guests**.

If attendees at an event at the Club do not fall into one of these 4 categories, then a Special licence must be sought by the entity profiting from the sale of alcohol.

If the Club rooms are hired out **and the club bar is closed**, and the hirer wishes to sell and supply alcohol, the hirer must apply for the Special licence.

If the hirer wishes to hold a birthday party or a wedding at the venue and supply alcohol free of any charge or koha to attendees no Special licence is required.

The Club should be very cautious about allowing BYO events at the Clubrooms as if these turn out badly it may reflect poorly against the Club as an entity.

Special Licences must be applied for at least 20 working days before the first event to allow the agencies sufficient time to enquire into the application and report on it, and for the DLC to consider it.

We also note that the Club provides potable water free of charge in the clubrooms.

Overall, I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.120 & 131 of the Act.

The request to amend the hours for Friday night is granted.

## **DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **approves** an application by the **Hokitika Golf Club Incorporated** for the variation and renewal of the CLUB Licence in respect of premises situated at 206 Golf Links Road, Takutai, Hokitika, known as the “**Hokitika Golf Club**” subject to conditions.

The renewal will be for three years from the expiry of the current licence and a replacement licence is to be issued.

We refresh the licence conditions to reflect best practice.

### **Conditions:**

The licence is subject to following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises but only on the following days and hours: **Monday to Thursday 12.00 noon to 6.00pm. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 12.00 noon to 8.00pm;**
2. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises;
3. **While the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol no BYO alcohol may be consumed on the premises.**
4. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages.
5. **At all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol a range of substantive food must be readily available. A minimum of three types of food should be available. Menus must be visible, and food should be actively promoted;**
6. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.
7. The Licensee must display:

- a. At every point of sale, signs detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons.
  - b. A copy of the licence attached to the inside of the premises so as to be easily read by persons using the premises.
8. **Alcohol can be sold and supplied to guests of members of clubs with which the licensee has an arrangement for reciprocal visiting rights for members.**

**DATED** at HOKITIKA this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



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Murray Clearwater  
**Chairperson/Commissioner**  
Westland District Licensing Committee

