

Decision number: 038-2026

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by the
**partnership of Gerard
McSweeney and Anne
Saunders** pursuant to s127
of the Act for the renewal of
the ON Licence in respect of
premises situated on SH 6,
Lake Moeraki
known as "**Wilderness
Lodge, Lake Moeraki**"

BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Application

Gerard McSweeney and Anne Saunders, trading in partnership, apply for the renewal of the ON Licence in respect of premises situated on SH 6, Lake Moeraki known as "**Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki**."

The business is wilderness experience business that generally operates between September to late April the following year. They offer food, alcohol and accommodation to the visitors to the venue.

The current days and hours are **Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 12.00 midnight.**

These hours are within the default national maximum trading hours for ON licensed premises.

The application was publicly notified on the council website from the 20 January 2026. No objections were received from members of the public.

Reasons for the Decision

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

The inspector reports that the amenity and good order of the area has not been reduced by more than a minor extent.

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

I deal with the application on the papers.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **approves** an application by **Gerard McSweeney and Anne Saunders, trading in partnership, (“the licensee”)**, for the renewal of the ON Licence in respect of premises situated on SH 6, Lake Moeraki known as **“Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki ”** subject to conditions.

Conditions:

The ON licence is subject to the conditions listed below:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:
Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 12.00 midnight;
 2. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied on the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1pm on Anzac Day to any person other than a person who is on the premises to dine or lodging on the premises;
 3. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
 4. The following parts of the premises is designated as Supervised Area: **The Moeraki Lodge and the Red Dog Saloon.**
 5. 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.
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6. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application for this licence or menu variations of a similar range and standard. Menus must be visible, and food should be actively promoted;
7. A properly appointed certificated, or Acting or Temporary, manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises;
8. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises;
9. 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. At the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the premises, a sign stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for sale of alcohol;
 - c. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises;

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

DATED at Hokitika this 27th day of March 2026



Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
Westland District Licensing Committee

