

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application for a special licence
pursuant to s. 137 by Westland
Community Center Incorporated in
respect of premises known as The
Regent Theatre at 23 Weld Street,
Hokitika on the occasions of the
mountain film festival and the New
Zealand Mountain Film and Book
Festival fundraiser nights.

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.

Conflict of Interest:

For the record, I am a member of the Westland Community Centre Management Committee. The granting, or otherwise, of this application gives no pecuniary advantage to me and I believe that the only conflict is one of perception in that I am, at least partly, the applicant and I am the decision maker. The nature of the conflict is such that there is no need for mitigation measures.

Summary of Evidence

Two special licenses are sought for the purposes of providing an Alcohol service at The Regent Theatre at 23 Weld Street, Hokitika on the occasion of the Mountain Film Festival Docu' Film night which is to be held on Friday 17 July 2020 between the hours of 6.00PM and 11.00PM the same day and the occasion of the New Zealand Film and Book Festival to be held on Friday 7 August, 2020 between the hours of 6.30pm and 11.00pm the same day

A report from the Inspector concludes that the applicant is suitable to operate the event under a special licence.

A report from the Police has no objection to the grant of the licence.

A report from the Medical Officer of Health has no opposition to the grant of a licence.

Evaluation of Evidence

I have considered the application on the basis of the uncontested reports received and the complete file which has been made available to me. The application was not publicly notified. The matter can, therefore, be dealt with on the papers.

The Westland Community Center's Regent Theatre has played host to many occasions and events for which special licenses have been granted. To the best of my knowledge, all those events have been without incident or unwarranted drama.

Any Special Licence is required to be managed by an appropriate person. In this case Michael David Keenan who is the holder of a Manager's certificate has been nominated to be the Manager for the event. Mr. Keenan is well known in several capacities and he is no stranger to the management of premises subject to a special licence. I am confident that the event management is in capable hands and that decisions involving the evening occasion will be sound and well considered.

I am confident that there are no amenity and good order issues to be addressed.

No designations are proposed or required.

The application is, as is usual for the Westland Community Centre, well made and properly covers those matters required to be considered by an applicant for a special licence.

Decision and Reasons

I am satisfied as to those matters provided for in s.142 of the Act.

The application is granted on the papers pursuant to s.202 (1) of the Act as Decision Number 092-2020 and I direct that licenses be issued pursuant to s.64 of the Act.

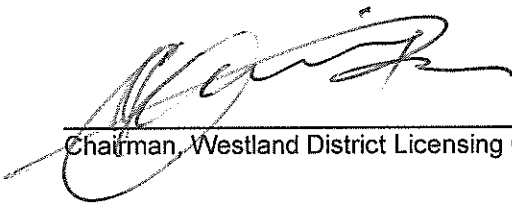
The terms and conditions will be:

Pursuant to s. 213(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, Michael David Keenan is appointed to be the manager for the events to which the application refers.

The Licences may be exercised for the sale and supply of alcohol to any person lawfully attending the premises on Friday 17 July 2020 between the hours of 6.00PM and 11.00PM the same day AND on Friday 7 August 2020 between the hours of 6.30PM and 11.00PM the same day

Pursuant to section 147(3)(b) of the Act drinking water shall be freely available at the bar to all customers at all times that the licence is being exercised.

Dated at Hokitika this 17th day of July 2020.



Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee

