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 the Whataroa Community Association in respect of premises known as The Whataroa Hall

at 57 Main Road, Whataroa.

# 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**

A special licence is sought for the purposes of providing an Alcohol Service at the Whataroa community Hall on Friday 31 July 2020, Friday 28 November 2020 and on Friday 27 November 2020 for the purposes of a fundraising event, a social event and a community games evening with all three occasions being between the hours of 6.00pm and Midnight.

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

I note that it is intended to have a qualified Manager supervise the event.

The Police have no objection to the grant of the special licence.

The Medical Officer of Health has no opposition to the grant of the special 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 Inspector has, clearly, considered the measures to be taken by the applicant to ensure that the applicant has a range of strategies to ensure responsible sale and supply of alcohol. The provision of designated drivers to take patrons home if an alternative form of transport is required is a commendable approach and an excellent example of the community taking responsibility for its own safety. Accordingly, the licence will be mostly without conditions on the basis that the Community Association is well aware of its responsibilities and that the community can have some reliance on the events being managed with safety and responsibility.

I also note that the applicant is no stranger to holding Special Licenses. The application places the management of the event in the hands of Lisa Maree Stevenson who is the holder of manager's certificate.

#### **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 **093-2020** and I direct that a licence be issued pursuant to s.64 of the Act.

Pursuant to s. 213(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, the licensee shall appoint Lisa Maree Stevenson to be the manager.

The terms and conditions will be:

The Licence may be exercised for the sale and supply of alcohol to any person lawfully attending the premises on Friday 31 July 2020, Friday 28 August 2020 and on Friday 27 November 2020 from 6.00PM through to Midnight on each day.

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

Dated at Hokitika this 21st day of July 2020

Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee