

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

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of an application for an on-licence  
pursuant to s.99 in respect of premises  
situated at 84 Revell Street, Hokitika and  
known as Stella Cafe by Stella Cafe  
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**

Stella Cafe has been part of the Hokitika hospitality scene for many years. The premises is principally a cafe and had its previous on licence lapse.

The Inspector has reported and has concluded that the applicant is suitable to hold a licence, that the hours proposed (Monday to Sunday from 8.00am until 1.00am the following day) are satisfactory 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 application.

**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.

The applicant is a registered Company with at least one of the Directors having had extensive experience in the hospitality industry at the Stella Cafe.

The application is made with conviction and the application is supported by the Inspector. I am satisfied as to the suitability of the applicant.

The application is accompanied by a Host Responsibility Policy which is relevant to the undertaking and tells me that the applicant is attempting to take the responsibilities of a licence holder seriously. My expectation is that the Policy will remain in place for the duration of the licence and that it will have been amended as circumstances change when it comes to any renewal.

The public part of the premises inside the building (with the exception of the toilet accommodation) is proposed to be undesignated as well as the outside dining area adjacent to the carriageway.

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 **147-2020** 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 sold only on the following days and during the following hours:  
Monday to Sunday from 8.00am to 1.00am the following day.

- (b) Except when the licensee also holds a special licence for the premises, no alcohol is to be sold on the premises on Good Friday, Christmas Day, or before 1 pm on Anzac Day to any person who is not—
  - (i) residing or lodging on the premises; or
  - (ii) present on the premises to dine.
- (c) The following steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:
  - (i) At all times that alcohol is being sold or supplied, there shall be a “Host Responsibility Policy” in place, similar to that which accompanied the application dated 16 September 2020.
- (d) The Principal Entrance is to be described as “The public entrance off Revell Street, Hokitika”.
- (e) Pursuant to section 110(2)(c) of the Act, drinking water shall be freely available to all customers from the counter at all times that the licence is being exercised.
- (f) The restaurant and outside dining area shall be undesignated.

**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 licenses, 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



**Cr David Carruthers**  
**Deputy Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee**

