

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application for two special licences pursuant to s. 137 in respect of premises situated at 42 Hamilton Street, Hokitika and known as Hokitika Club Incorporated by Hokitika Club Incorporated.

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

The applicant seeks a special licence for two events; The Westroads Christmas Function and the prizegiving for the Jim Hamilton Fun-Run.

The events will occur on Friday 20 December 2019 from 4.00PM until 1.00AM the next day for the Westroads Christmas Function and Thursday 26 December 2019 from 2.00PM to 6.00PM for the Jim Hamilton Fun-Run prize-giving.

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

A report from the Medical officer of Health does not oppose the grant of a licence.

A report from the Police has no objection 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 applicant is Hokitika Club Incorporated, which is an incorporated Society and is, accordingly, permitted to hold a special licence.

As with similar applications involving Hokitika Club Incorporated, I am required to assume that the purpose of the application is to allow people who are not members of the Club on the premises for the purposes of attending the two events named in the application.

I am of the view that the Westland District licensing Committee can have confidence in the Club's application as it is a licence holder of considerable experience with Special licenses in particular. The applicant has nominated a particular person to be the manager of the events applied for.

Decision and Reasons

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

The applications are granted on the papers pursuant to s.202 (1) of the Act as Decision Number 198-2019 and I direct that licences be issued pursuant to s.64 of the Act.

The terms and conditions will be:

The Licences may be exercised for the sale and supply of alcohol to any person attending the premises on

- Friday 20 December, 2019 from 4.00PM until 1.00Am the next day AND
- Thursday 26 December 2019 from 2.00PM to 6.00PM

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

The gaming Room is to be designated a restricted Area.

Dated at Hokitika this 4th day of December 2019



Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee