

Functions of the Waikato District Licensing Committee

Annual Report for the 12 month period ending 30 June 2025

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires the Waikato District Council submit an annual report. This report is for the 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 licensing period. The information detailed in this report is based on an information request from ARLA for this annual return.

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Licences 2024/2025

Licence Type	New Licence	Licence Renewed	Licence Refused
On Licence	4	23	0
Off Licence	3	19	1
Club Licence	0	24	0

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Managers Certificates 2024/2025

Number Issued (New)	75
New Applications Refused	0
Number Renewed	143
Number Renewals Refused	1
Number Withdrawn	2

As of 30 June 2025, there were 54 On-Licences, 51 Off-Licences and 46 Clubs holding a licence within the Waikato licensing district.

Comments on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2024-2025

Committee Member Response:

Cross Examination: The removal of cross-examination of agencies, witnesses and objectors by the applicant has increased pre-hearing and hearing workload of the committee members. Previously the parties, counsel or consultants have asked most of the questions. Now, the questioning falls to the committee members to prepare and ask the questions. Counsel and consultants have a reduced role during a hearing. The removal of cross-examination has opened the door to a more inquisitorial approach by the committee.

Case Law Developments: As case law develops, the Committee members searching and reading workload has increased. For example the development of extended suitability 'elements' and its application in a licensing district with areas of high deprivation. Workload is impacted by easier access to legal databases or not.

Agency Reports: The depth and breadth of the tri-agency reports can assist the Committee with its workload. At times, one or more of the agencies has not reported and or reported about vulnerability/extended suitability when this has been raised by the objector or Police have not reported about alcoholrelated policing matters.

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New Initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2024/2025

Committee Members Response:

- Karakia at the start of the hearing and the end of the day
- Inviting local kaumatua to say karakia
- Asking people not to stand when the DLC enters and leaves a room
- witnesses not standing when giving evidence
- less emphasis on formal attire by DLC members
- enabling seating arrangements that accommodate people's needs, e.g. community objectors sit together
- at times hearing from witnesses in a different order from usual

Has your Territorial Authority developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

Yes, at 30 June 2025, the Local Alcohol Policy had been adopted.

Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its objective. Note: the objective of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that: A) The sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and B) The harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

Commissioner Response:

Generally, believe that the Act is achieving its purpose.

Committees Members Response:

In 2024-25, the provisions regarding LAPs and the appeal process, meant the WDC did not have a LAP (had a P-LAP)

that reflected more recent voices of the community members. This allowed a gap for applicants to seek off-licences in communities that endorsed harm minimisation and licence limits.

The tikanga provisions have fostered reduced formality and greater level of objector comfort in making submissions about the alcohol related harm in their communities.

The ability for witnesses and objectors to appear online is a strength and assist with achieving the objective

What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

Committee Member Response:

ARLA decisions seem to be lacking consistency or are silent on emerging issues

ARLA to provide declaratory judgments or practise notice guidance on issues such as, minimum price point etc

Seeing a lot of tick box compliance from the licence holder, rather than true engagement in safe supply of alcohol. They submit generic materials but have no ownership of the material, especially around communication with the community.

Licensing Inspector Comment:

Since the Community Participate Amendment (CPA) Act came in to force the number of co-ordinated objections appears to have increased

with some objections unfortunately lacking the depth of evidence necessary to provide weight to the objection.

What changes to practices and procedures under the Act (if any) would you find beneficial?

Commissioner Response: The fees schedule in the Act has not changed since its inception. Councils are far from full cost recovery in terms of licensing. It would be good to address this centrally, rather than relying on individual councils to pass bylaws to change the licensing fees.

Falling far short of full cost recovery puts pressure on councils and creates unhelpful time and workload pressure on licensing inspectors.

On a related note, the rates paid to committee members and chairs/commissioners have also not changed since the Act was brought in. If we want to attract high-quality committee members, DLCs must be able to offer competitive remuneration as recognition of the time commitment expected. The longer that rates remain the same, the greater this problem is going to get.

Committee Member Response: The development of a procedures document that also address s203 A.

That tikanga is part of all aspects of DLC licensing processes.

Training - Tri-agencies are well versed in extended suitability and include their inquiries on this matter in their reports.

Access to a caselaw data base.

Sensitive sites need to reflect local tikanga.

Current Licenced Premises

Application ID	Category	Primary Property	Full Details
14/CL/03/2023	ClubLic	116 Vaile Road, NEWSTEAD	Hamilton Car Club
14/CL/13/2025	ClubLic	1991 River Road, HORSHAM DOWNS	Horsham Downs Golf Club
14/CL/11/2024	ClubLic	1550 Gordonton Road, GORDONTON	Hukanui Golf Club Incorporated
14/CL/18/2024	ClubLic	Taihua Road, HUNTLY	Huntly Bowling Club Incorporated
14/CL/13/2024	ClubLic	41 Rotowaro Road, HUNTLY	Huntly College Old Boys Rugby Football Club
14/CL/20/2022	ClubLic	40 Evans Road, HUNTLY	Huntly Fish Game & Clay Target Club
14/CL/01/2025	ClubLic	540 Te Ohaki Road, HUNTLY	Huntly Golf Club Incorporated
14/CL/19/2022	ClubLic	38 B William Street, HUNTLY	Huntly Quoit Club Incorporated
14/CL/12/2024	ClubLic	42 William Street, HUNTLY	Huntly RSA
14/CL/05/2025	ClubLic	21 Wight Street, HUNTLY	Huntly Squash Club
14/CL/06/2024	ClubLic	Taihua Road, HUNTLY	Huntly Thistle Association Football Club
14/CL/08/2024	ClubLic	40 Golf Road, MANGATAWHIRI	Maramarua Golf Club -
14/CL/09/2024	ClubLic	State Highway 2, MARAMARUA	Maramarua Rugby Club
14/CL/17/2022	ClubLic	40 Golf Road, MANGATAWHIRI	Maramarua Squash Club 5/2/25
14/CL/22/2022	ClubLic	643 Tauwhare Road, TAUWHARE	Matangi-Hillcrest Sports Club Inc
14/CL/05/2024	ClubLic	24 Carr Street, TUAKAU	Mokai Awhina Sports Cultural & Recreation Club
14/CL/11/2025	ClubLic	605 Ruakura Road, RUAKURA	Newstead Sports and Social Club Incorporated
14/CL/09/2025	ClubLic	62 Herschel Street, NGARUAWAHIA	Ngaruawahia Bowling Club
14/CL/04/2025	ClubLic	5925 Great South Road, NGARUAWAHIA	Ngaruawahia Golf Club Incorporated
14/CL/03/2024	ClubLic	4 Market Street, NGARUAWAHIA	Ngaruawahia RSA Memorial Club
14/CL/16/2024	ClubLic	19 A Whatawhata Avenue, NGARUAWAHIA	Ngaruawahia Rugby League Club
14/CL/13/2022	ClubLic	Waikato Esplanade, NGARUAWAHIA	Ngaruawahia Squash Racquets Club
14/CL/15/2024	ClubLic	Havelock Road, NGARUAWAHIA	Ngaruawahia United Association Football Club
14/CL/10/2024	ClubLic	1693 Churchill Road, TUAKAU	Onewhero Golf Club
14/CL/17/2024	ClubLic	14 Hall Road, TUAKAU	Onewhero Rugby Football Club Incorporated
14/CL/06/2025	ClubLic	14 Hall Road, TUAKAU	Onewhero Society of Performing Arts Incorporated
14/CL/07/2025	ClubLic	19 James Street, RAGLAN	Raglan Bowling Club
14/CL/14/2024	ClubLic	22 Bow Street, RAGLAN	Raglan Club
14/CL/18/2022	ClubLic	77 Te Hutewai Road, RAGLAN	Raglan Golf Club
14/CL/21/2022	ClubLic	33 Cross Street, RAGLAN	Raglan Rugby Sports Club
14/CL/12/2025	ClubLic	156 Harris Street, HUNTLY	Taniwharau Rugby League Sports And Cultural Club Incorporated
14/CL/12/2022	ClubLic	9 Onslow Avenue, TAUPIRI	Taupiri Bowling Club
14/CL/19/2024	ClubLic	60 Murphy Lane, TAUPIRI	Taupiri Rugby Club

14/CL/02/2025 ClubLic Te Akau Road, TE AKAU
 14/CL/02/2024 ClubLic 6 Waerenga Road, TE KAUWHATA
 14/CL/06/2023 ClubLic 33 Mahi Road, TE KAUWHATA
 14/CL/07/2024 ClubLic 33 Mahi Road, TE KAUWHATA
 14/CL/08/2025 ClubLic 28 School Road, WHATAWHATA
 14/CL/03/2025 ClubLic 29 Kawhia Road, TE MATA
 14/CL/05/2023 ClubLic 16 Carr Street, TUAKAU
 14/CL/04/2023 ClubLic 35 B River Road, NGARUAWAHIA
 14/CL/10/2025 ClubLic 66 Waerenga Road, TE KAUWHATA
 14/CL/04/2024 ClubLic 556 Holland Road, NEWSTEAD
 14/CL/07/2023 ClubLic McVie Road, HUNTLY
 14/CL/01/2024 ClubLic 628 Storey Road, WAITERIMU
 14/OFF/04/202 OffLicence Monument Road, MARAMARUA
 14/OFF/06/202 OffLicence 975 Aka Aka Road, FRANKLIN
 14/OFF/02/202 OffLicence 975 Aka Aka Road, FRANKLIN
 14/OFF/01/202 OffLicence 1638 Whaanga Road, RUAPUKE
 14/OFF/13/202 OffLicence 452 B Tauwhare Road, MATANGI
 14/OFF/05/202 OffLicence 4 - 65 Devine Road, TAMAHERE
 14/OFF/15/202 OffLicence 2 Market Street, NGARUAWAHIA
 14/OFF/10/202 OffLicence 101 Bailey Street, HUNTLY
 14/OFF/03/202 OffLicence 150 Great South Road, NGARUAWAHIA
 14/OFF/16/202 OffLicence 4 George Street, TUAKAU
 14/OFF/03/202 OffLicence 34 Te Awa Lane, TAMAHERE
 14/OFF/20/202 OffLicence 14 Bow Street, RAGLAN
 14/OFF/06/202 OffLicence 55 Te Kauwhata Road, TE KAUWHATA
 14/OFF/07/202 OffLicence 561 Horotiu Road, TE KOWHAI
 14/OFF/18/202 OffLicence 8 Liverpool Street, TUAKAU
 14/OFF/09/202 OffLicence 46 Main Street, HUNTLY
 14/OFF/11/202 OffLicence 12 - 16 Gateway Park Drive, POKENO
 14/OFF/15/202 OffLicence 2286 State Highway 2, MARAMARUA
 14/OFF/09/202 OffLicence 453 Tauwhare Road, MATANGI
 14/OFF/07/202 OffLicence 36 Riverbank Road, MERCER
 14/OFF/14/202 OffLicence 98 Great South Road, NGARUAWAHIA
 14/OFF/13/202 OffLicence 4 Main Road, TE KAUWHATA
 14/OFF/08/202 OffLicence 4 Wainui Road, RAGLAN
 14/OFF/04/202 OffLicence 39 Great South Road, POKENO
 14/OFF/13/202 OffLicence 22 Bow Street, RAGLAN

Te Akau Waingaro Community Complex Incorporated
 Te Kauwhata Bowling Club
 Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club
 Te Kauwhata Squash Club
 Te Kowhai Golf Club
 Te Mata Social Club Incorporated
 Tuakau Cosmopolitan Club
 Turangawaewae Rugby League Sports and Cultural Club
 Waikare Golf Club Incorporated
 Waikato Clay Target Club Inc
 Waikato Stock and Saloon Car Club
 Waiterimu Golf Club Inc.
 Little Wing Hospitality Limited Red Fox Tavern
 Aka Aka Brewing Company
 Aka Aka Brewing Company
 Barrelled Wines -
 Bootleg Brewery
 Chapter Two Limited - Four Square Tamahere
 Delta Hotel
 Four Square Huntly
 Fresh Choice Ngaruawahia
 Fresh Choice Tuakau
 Gin Club NZ Limited
 Harbour View Hotel
 Invivo & Co Ltd
 Kang Food Warehouse Limited
 Liquor Centre Tuakau
 Majha Holdings Limited - Blackbull Liquor Huntly
 Manaia Craft Brewers
 Maramarua General Store
 Matangi Four Square
 Muddy Waters Irish Pub
 New World Ngaruawahia
 New World Te Kauwhata
 PGS Limited - Super Liquor Raglan
 Pokeno Liquor
 Raglan Club Incorporated - Raglan Club

14/OFF/17/202: OffLicence 3 Bankart Street, RAGLAN
 14/OFF/05/202: OffLicence 8 Rangiriri Road, RANGIRIRI
 14/OFF/03/202: OffLicence 1333 Horotiu Road, WHATAWHATA
 14/OFF/15/202: OffLicence 67 Te Paea Avenue, MEREMERE
 14/OFF/01/202: OffLicence 28 Great South Road, NGARUAWAHIA
 14/OFF/12/202: OffLicence 366 Great South Road, HUNTLY
 14/OFF/23/202: OffLicence 16 Bow Street, RAGLAN
 14/OFF/14/202: OffLicence 2 The Crescent, TAUPIRI
 14/OFF/09/202: OffLicence 20 Main Road, TE KAUWHATA
 14/OFF/22/202: OffLicence 46 Main Street, HUNTLY
 14/OFF/10/202: OffLicence 104 Great South Road, NGARUAWAHIA
 14/OFF/01/202: OffLicence 25 Market Street, POKENO
 14/OFF/08/202: OffLicence 31 George Street, TUAKAU
 14/OFF/19/202: OffLicence 86 Lee Martin Road, TAMAHERE
 14/OFF/11/202: OffLicence 22 Gateway Park Drive, POKENO
 14/OFF/09/202: OffLicence 4 Ralph Street, HUNTLY
 14/OFF/12/202: OffLicence 16 Carr Street, TUAKAU
 14/OFF/20/202: OffLicence 2 Buckland Road, TUAKAU
 14/OFF/07/202: OffLicence 35 Bow Street, RAGLAN
 14/OFF/17/202: OffLicence 2277 Waingaro Road, WAINGARO
 14/OFF/12/202: OffLicence 429 Whitikahu Road, WHITIKAHU
 14/OFF/10/202: OffLicence 350 Great South Road, HUNTLY
 14/OFF/23/202: OffLicence 2 Park Drive, RAGLAN
 14/OFF/22/202: OffLicence 1924 Miranda Road, MIRANDA
 14/OFF/02/202: OffLicence 58 Great South Road, POKENO
 14/ON/11/2024 OnLicence 452 B Tauwhare Road, MATANGI
 14/ON/09/2023 OnLicence 11 Davison Road, RUAKURA
 14/ON/20/2023 OnLicence 495 C Gordonton Road, ROTOTUNA
 14/ON/12/2023 OnLicence 685 A Karioitahi Road, WAIUKU
 14/ON/25/2022 OnLicence 49 Peach Road, GORDONTON
 14/ON/08/2023 OnLicence 111 Main Street, HUNTLY
 14/ON/17/2021 OnLicence 2 Market Street, NGARUAWAHIA
 14/ON/12/2025 OnLicence 2 - 65 Devine Road, TAMAHERE
 14/ON/23/2022 OnLicence 2 Wallis Street, RAGLAN
 14/ON/07/2023 OnLicence 3 George Street, TUAKAU
 14/ON/26/2022 OnLicence 151 Main Street, HUNTLY
 14/ON/02/2024 OnLicence 183 Brymer Road, ROTOKAURI

Raglan Four Square
 Rangiriri Hotel 2019 Limited - Rangiriri Hotel
 Rivers Hospitality Limited
 SJ Tiwana Limited - Meremere Superette
 Snowfield Limited - Super Liquor Ngaruawahia
 Super Liquor Huntly
 Supervalue Raglan
 Taupiri Tavern
 Te Kauwhata Trust Tavern
 The Bottle-O Huntly
 The Bottle-O Ngaruawhia
 The Bottle-O Pokeno - Double 9 Limited
 The Bottle-O Tuakau
 The Cocktail Cart 1.0 Limited
 The Pokeno Whisky Company Limited
 Thirsty Liquor Huntly
 Tuakau Cosmopolitan Club
 Tuakau Foodmarket
 Venus NZ Limited - Thirsty Liquor Raglan
 Waingaro Hotel
 Whitikahu Winery Limited
 Woolworths Huntly
 Workshop Brewing Limited T/A Workshop Brewing Company
 Wrapped NZ Limited
 WWNZ Pokeno
 Bootleg Brewery
 Camarosa Cafe
 Camilla Tea House
 Castaways Resort
 Cornerstone Kitchen
 Curry Delight Indian Restaurant
 Delta Hotel
 Dream Hospo Limited - The Boundary Restaurant + Bar
 East to West Trading Limited - Orca Restaurant and Bar
 Elsie's Restaurant and Bar
 Essex Arms - Chadha Hospitality Limited
 Everyday Eatery

14/ON/05/2025 OnLicence	1060 Gordonton Road, GORDONTON	Farm Through IT Investments Limited - Matteblack Cafe & Catering Co
14/ON/21/2023 OnLicence	28 Devine Road, TAMAHERE	Gails of Tamahere
14/ON/24/2023 OnLicence	2 Bow Street, RAGLAN	George's Beach Club
14/ON/03/2023 OnLicence	685 A Karioitahi Road, WAIUKU	Glam Camping at Castaways
14/ON/14/2023 OnLicence	20 Hampton Downs Road, HAMPTON DOWNS	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park
14/ON/23/2023 OnLicence	14 Bow Street, RAGLAN	Harbour View Hotel
14/ON/06/2024 OnLicence	139 Dominion Road, TUAKAU	LaValla Functions Limited - LaValla Estate
14/ON/05/2024 OnLicence	Monument Road, MARAMARUA	Little Wing Hospitality Limited - Red Fox Tavern
14/ON/04/2024 OnLicence	15 Vaile Road, NEWSTEAD	Lord Cowell Holdings Limited
14/ON/14/2025 OnLicence	66 Main Street, HUNTLY	McGinty's Huntly
14/ON/11/2025 OnLicence	248 Wainui Road, RAGLAN	Montelux Limited - Cala
14/ON/10/2025 OnLicence	36 Riverbank Road, MERCER	Muddy Waters Irish Pub
14/ON/07/2025 OnLicence	37 George Street, TUAKAU	Mukesh Holdings Limited - The India Restaurant & Bar
14/ON/12/2024 OnLicence	1770 Waikaretu Valley Road, TUAKAU	Nikau Cave & Cafe
14/ON/13/2024 OnLicence	23 Bow Street, RAGLAN	Ozone Isobar Ltd
14/ON/10/2024 OnLicence	2 Roose Road, MERCER	Palms on George Limited
14/ON/03/2024 OnLicence	7 Selby Street, POKENO	Pokeno Motel
14/ON/02/2025 OnLicence	337 C Newell Road, TAMAHERE	Punnet Cafe
14/ON/10/2023 OnLicence	9 A Stewart Street, RAGLAN	Raglan Community Arts Council Incorporated
14/ON/01/2025 OnLicence	29 Bow Street, RAGLAN	Raglan Rasoi - Raglan Food Co Hospitality Limited
14/ON/13/2025 OnLicence	92 Wallis Street, RAGLAN	Raglan007 Limited - Raglan Boat Charters (Wahine Moe)
14/ON/09/2025 OnLicence	8 Rangiriri Road, RANGIRIRI	Rangiriri Hotel
14/ON/25/2023 OnLicence	571 Horotiu Road, TE KOWHAI	Saints Public House
14/ON/18/2023 OnLicence	2 The Crescent, TAUPIRI	Taupiri Tavern
14/ON/15/2023 OnLicence	152 Baker Road, TUAKAU	Te Karaka Lodge Limited
14/ON/08/2024 OnLicence	20 Main Road, TE KAUWHATA	Te Kauwhata Trust Tavern
14/ON/08/2025 OnLicence	1333 Horotiu Road, WHATAWHATA	The Backyard GastroPub
14/ON/06/2023 OnLicence	29 George Street, TUAKAU	The Bull Rider
14/ON/03/2021 OnLicence	10 Glasgow Street, HUNTLY	The Miners Tavern & Huntly Events Centre (SS Tourism & Hospitality Limited)
14/ON/13/2023 OnLicence	22 Gateway Park Drive, POKENO	The Pokeno Whisky Company Limited
14/ON/07/2022 OnLicence	19 Bow Street, RAGLAN	The Shack
14/ON/26/2023 OnLicence	495 C Gordonton Road, ROTOTUNA	The Vista at Zealong Tea Estate
14/ON/02/2023 OnLicence	75 Wallis Street, RAGLAN	The Wharf Kitchen and Bar
14/ON/06/2025 OnLicence	9 Bow Street, RAGLAN	The Yard Raglan Ltd - T/A The Yard Cafe & Venue
14/ON/09/2024 OnLicence	6 Wallis Street, RAGLAN	Ulo's Kitchen
14/ON/20/2022 OnLicence	2277 Waingaro Road, WAINGARO	Waingaro Hotel
14/ON/22/2023 OnLicence	934 Gordonton Road, GORDONTON	Willow Glen

14/ON/07/2024 OnLicence 42 Whitikahu Road, GORDONTON
14/ON/22/2022 OnLicence 132 Woodside Road, MATANGI
14/ON/03/2025 OnLicence 11 Bow Street, RAGLAN
14/ON/04/2025 OnLicence 44 Hopkins Road, HAMILTON

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Woodlands Garden Grove
Woodside Estate Café
Wyld Cafe -
Zenders Cafe & Venue and Hazel Hayes