

**Questions:**

1. Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee.

**Waikato District Licensing Committee**

2. Please provide the name, email, and contact phone number of your Committee's Secretary.

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4. The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your Committee issued and refused in the 2020-2021 financial year.

**Note: the 2020-2021 financial year runs from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.**

**Licences 2020-2021**

In the 2020-2021 year, how many 'on licences' did your Committee issue?

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In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for 'on licences' did your Committee refuse?

**Nil**

In the 2020-2021 year, how many 'off licences' did your Committee issue?

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In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for 'off licences' did your Committee refuse?

**Nil**

In the 2020-2021 year, how many club licences did your Committee issue?

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In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for club licences did your Committee refuse?

**Nil**

**Managers' certificates 2020-2021**

In the 2020-2021 year, how many managers' certificates did your Committee issue?

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In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse?

**Nil**

In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn?  
**Nil**

**Licence renewals 2020-2021**

In the 2020-2021 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue?  
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In the 2020-2021 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse?  
**Nil**

**As at 30 June 2021 what is the total number of licences (new and existing in your licensing district)?**

**On-licences**

56

**Off-licences**

41

**Club licences**

46

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2020-2021.

**The number of foreign nationals seeking manager's certificates dropped during the initial and post first wave of the Covid crisis however we are seeing a small rise in applications towards the end of the reporting year.**

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2020-2021.

**Nil**

7. Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

**Yes**

7A. If the answer is yes, what stage is your Local Alcohol Policy at?

**In force**

8. If the answer to 7 is Yes, what effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having?

**It is only in the past 12 months that aspects of the LAP have been challenged by applicants. With growth and new entrants into the hospitality industry there is a lack of awareness that a LAP exists and the restrictions it places on new alcohol premises. In short the LAP has had little impact until now but there are current applications that will make the industry aware of and the requirement to avoid challenging the LAP provisions.**

9. If the answer to 7A is 'in force', is your Local Alcohol Policy due for review?

**Yes in 2022**

10. If the answer to 9 is Yes, has such a review been undertaken; and, if so with what result?

**Not yet.**

11. Please comment on the manner in which Covid-19 has impacted on DLC operations.

**All applications had to be filed and dealt with electronically. The impact was an initial 100% reduction in applications. Progressing through the four levels of Covid gradually saw an increase in applications. Pre Covid levels have, at the end of the reporting period, been achieved and in fact the level of applications being dealt with are now reaching 2015/16 levels. The DLC is now busier than at the start of the Covid response.**

12. Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its object. Note: the object 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.*

**Cheap alcohol is readily available via supermarkets and grocery stores. In many respects the Community has not gained the voice that the community believed would be achieved by the new Act. LAP's should be much easier to put in place and the alcohol industry should not be able to dominate its' position on local communities.**

13. To what extent, if any, do you consider that achievement of the object of the Act may have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic?

**'Local' bottle stores took advantage of the Covid notices and made access to alcohol at a stressful time much easier to access. There were unintended consequences that did not achieve the object of the Act.**

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

**A growth of Cafés and Restaurants in rural and semi-rural communities seeking to be licenced. High turnover of premises in competitive areas such as Raglan. The competition within Raglan has seen the introduction of a one way door policy in every premises licenced beyond midnight. The policy has assisted in the meeting of the Object of the Act by reducing those moving from premises to premises beyond mid-night and thus fights and assaults between groups or individuals.**

15. What changes to practices and procedures under the Act would you find beneficial?

**The ability for Chairs/Commissioners to make site visits when considering matters on the papers. First-hand knowledge would then assist determine the progress of an application, ie) dealt with on the papers or to public hearing.**

**Strengthen s103 (2) and require the Inspector to form an opinion or state an opinion in their report as to whether the support, oppose or are neutral towards an application.**

Thank you for completing your annual report.