Decision No.LicRen28/2026

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Breaking Bread 2024 Limited for renewal of an on-licence pursuant to s.127 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 2 Newcastle Street NGARUAWAHIA known as "Breaking Bread Cafe".

1) This is an application by Breaking Bread 2024 Limited for renewal of an on-licence in respect of premises situated at 2 Newcastle Street NGARUAWAHIA, known as "Breaking Bread Cafe".

2) The general nature of the business undertaken is that of a Restaurant.

3) The application was advertised in accordance with section 127(3) and there have been no objections by members of the public. The Liquor Licensing Inspector and Police have provided reports and do not oppose the application. The Medical Officer of Health has not reported, and it is assumed there are no matters of concern. Accordingly, the matter is decided on the papers (section 134).

4) The object of the Act is that the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

5) In deciding whether to renew an on-licence, the Licensing Committee must have regard to sections 105 and 131 of the Act. Therefore, this Committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
   a) Is the applicant suitable?
   b) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable? Is the design and layout of the premises suitable?
   c) Does the applicant propose to engage in the sale of goods or provision of services other than those directly relating to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments and food?
   d) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law?
   e) Have the police, inspector and medical officer of health raised any relevant considerations?
   f) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be increased by more than a minor extent by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence?
   g) Has the applicant sold, displayed, advertised or promoted alcohol in a responsible manner?
   h) Does the application comply with the Waikato District Local Alcohol Policy?

6) I am satisfied that Breaking Bread 2024 Limited is a suitable applicant to hold an on-licence. The company has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The company has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy. There are two certificated duty managers who are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. The Licensing Inspector has raised concerns regarding the frequency and adequacy of staff training. She reports that the only formal training undertaken by staff of Breaking Bread 2024 Limited has been through the online ServeWise module. While online training provides a useful foundation, it should be supplemented by regular, practical workplace training and direction from an experienced duty manager. It is an expectation of the Licensing Committee that staff training should occur at least every six months.

7) The Licensing Inspector has discussed this with the director of Breaking Bread 2024 Limited who has agreed to this being formalised as a condition of the licence. Staff training is vital to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act and to ensure staff understand their responsibilities in relation to the responsible sale and supply of alcohol. Breaking Bread 2024 Limited has also since provided an annual staff training plan at the request of the Committee that sets out its approach to six monthly training. This plan supports the Inspector's concerns, as it provides a structured approach to training throughout the year and supports staff in maintaining their knowledge and understanding of their responsibilities.

8) Breaking Bread 2024 Limited proposes to continue operating as a café/restaurant from 11.00am to 10.00pm, Monday to Sunday. I am satisfied that the proposed hours remain appropriate. An amendment to the Act, which came into force 3 April 2026, now allows on-licence premises to sell alcohol for on-site consumption on any day of the year, and customers no longer need to be dining or staying to be served. This means Breaking Bread 2024 Limited can now choose to open and operate as normal on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Anzac Day, and Christmas Day.

9) The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Waikato District Local Alcohol Policy.

10) The Licensing Inspector reports that Breaking Bread 2024 Limited has completed an assessment of the premises against Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines and I am satisfied that the design and layout of the premises are appropriate. The café is located within the commercial zone and operates under resource consent LUC0014/19. The licensed area does not extend to the outdoor grassed area immediately in front of the premises. No changes to the layout or design of the licensed area are proposed since the previous licence application.

11) I am satisfied that the renewal of the on-licence will not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality by more than a minor extent. There have been no reports of any nuisance, vandalism or noise problems associated with this premises in the past 12 months.

12) Therefore, I renew the licence until 24 July 2029, that being three years from the most recent date of expiry and authorise the issue of a notice of renewal and replacement licence.

13) The present conditions of the licence are replaced with the following conditions:

(a) Alcohol may only be sold or supplied while trading as a café/restaurant and only from **11.00am to 10.30pm, Monday to Sunday**.

(b) Food must be always available for consumption on the premises when open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the restaurant menu submitted with the application for this licence, or variations of a similar range and standard.

(c) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be always available when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol.

(d) Drinking water must be freely available at the service counter or upon request to staff while the premises are open for business.

(e) The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:
- Display appropriate signs adjacent to every point of sale detailing the statutory restrictions on the supply of alcohol to minors and the complete prohibition on sales to intoxicated persons.

(f) The entire premises is undesignated.

(g) The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the management of the premises are observed:
- All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act, with at least two training sessions conducted annually. Training will be recorded and made available on request.
- A sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises, which identifies by name the manager on duty or of the person responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.

(h) The sale, supply and consumption of alcohol is authorised on the premises generally. The premises situated at 2 New Castle Street, Ngaaruawaahia, are more precisely identified in a plan dated and stamped as received by the Waikato District Licensing Committee on **3 June 2024**

DATED at this 23rd October 2026

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