

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Te
Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club
Incorporated pursuant to s.138
of the Act for a special licence in
respect of premises situated at
33 Mahi Road TE KAUWHATA
known as "Te Kauwhata Rugby
Sports Club".

BEFORE THE WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner: Tegan McIntyre

DECISION

The application for an on-site special licence is granted.

Application:

[1] This is an application by Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club Incorporated for an On Site special licence in respect of premises situated at 33 Mahi Road TE KAUWHATA, known as "Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club". The application is sought to allow the sale or supply of alcohol, for consumption there, to people attending the Bark Up Fundraiser

[2] The application is to allow an existing licensed premises to sell or supply alcohol at a time when the sale of alcohol on the premises would otherwise be unlawful.

[3] The days and hours sought for the licence are:

Friday, 9 October 2026, from 6.00 pm to 12midnight

[4] The application was not required to be notified in accordance with section 139(b) of the Act. No objection has been received under section 140 of the Act. Reports from the Police, Medical Officer of Health (MOH), and an Inspector do not raise any matters in opposition to the application. Accordingly, the application is determined on the papers.

Criteria for determining the application:

[5] The object of the Act is to ensure that the sale and supply of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is minimised (s 4). In deciding whether to grant a special licence the District Licensing Committee must have regard to the criteria in s 142 of the Act. Therefore, this Committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:

- (a) The nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought;
- (b) The suitability of the applicant;
- (c) Any relevant local alcohol policy;
- (d) Whether the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, by more than a minor extent by the effects of the issue of the licence;
- (e) The days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol;
- (f) The design and layout of the premises concerned;
- (g) Whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law;
- (h) Any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas;
- (i) Any steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that the requirements of the Act in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed;
- (j) The applicant's proposals relating to the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks, low-alcohol drinks and food and to the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises; and
- (k) Any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health or an Inspector made under section 141.

[6] Section 143 of the Act details further criteria that must be given regard in respect of a large-scale event. I do not consider the event to be a large-scale event to which section 143 of the Act applies.

Reasons and decision:

[7] The general nature of the event is a dog barking competition to raise funds for the North Waikato Young Farmers Club. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend this ticketed event.

[8] The Licensing Committee is satisfied that Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. The club currently holds a club licence and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The issue of a special licence for this event will allow the applicant to sell alcohol to non-members of the club attending the event. Two Duty Managers will be present on the premises for the duration of the event to ensure compliance with the Act. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.

[9] The Licensing Inspector reports that the application complies with the Waikato District Local Alcohol Policy.

[10] The Licensing Committee is satisfied that suitable measures will be taken to ensure that alcohol is sold and supplied responsibly, and that harm caused by inappropriate or

excessive consumption of alcohol is minimised. Given the nature of the events and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The licensed area is an open plan layout and can easily be monitored by staff from the bar and kitchen. The applicant will provide substantial hot BBQ foods, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will be provided.

[11] The applicant has sought for the premises to be undesignated, which is in line with their club licence. I determine that this is appropriate.

[12] Overall, and as outlined in paragraphs [7] to [11] above, I am satisfied with the matters to which I must have regard as set out in section 142 of the Act, and that the application is capable of meeting the object of the Act. Accordingly, I grant the applicant an on-site special licence.

Conditions

Sections 146 to 148 of the Act detail compulsory and discretionary conditions that may be imposed on a special licence.

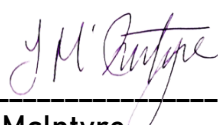
The licence is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on the following days and during the following hours:
Friday, 9 October 2026, from 6.00 pm to 12midnight
- (b) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is the clubs usual licenced area and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area. The entire premises is undesignated.
- (c) 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:
 - (i) 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.
- (c) The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the management of the premises are observed:
 - (i) All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act.
 - (ii) A sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises, which identifies by name the manager on duty responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.
- (f) Drinking water must be freely available at the following places while the premises are open for business: at the bar.
- (g) The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, always when alcohol may be sold under the licence, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages.
- (h) Food must be available for consumption on the premises as follows:
The range of hot food including a BBQ as shown on menu submitted or variations of a similar range and standard.
- (j) The licensee must take the following steps to provide assistance with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises: Provide a free telephone for use by patrons to call for alternative transport from the premises.

The licensee must ensure a copy of the licence and the conditions subject to which it is issued shall be attached to the interior of the premises to be easily read by people using the premises.

DATED at Ngaaruawaahia on 29th September 2026





Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waikato District Licensing Committee