

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by Raglan Golf
Club Incorporated pursuant to
s.138 of the Act for a special
licence in respect of premises
situated at 77 Te Hutewai Road
RAGLAN known as "Raglan Golf
Club Incorporated".

BEFORE THE WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

Application:

1] This is an application by Raglan Golf Club Incorporated for an on-site special licence in respect of premises situated at 77 Te Hutewai Road, Raglan known as "Raglan Golf Club Incorporated". The application is sought to allow the sale or supply of alcohol, for consumption there, to people attending **Ethan and Ciara's Wedding on Friday, 20 November 2026 from 2:30 pm to 12.00 midnight**

2] The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health have no opposition to this application for a special licence (s 141). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).

Criteria for determining the application:

3] 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 issue a special licence, the Committee must have regard to the matters detailed in section 142 of the Act. These are:

- (a) The object of the Act;
- (b) The nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought;
- (c) The suitability of the applicant;
- (d) Any relevant local alcohol policy;
- (e) 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;
- (f) The days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol;
- (g) The design and layout of the premises concerned;
- (h) Whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law;

- (i) Any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas;
- (j) 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;
- (k) 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
- (l) Any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health or an Inspector made under section 141.

4] 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:

5] The nature of the event is a wedding and reception and it is anticipated that 81 family and close friends will be attending.

6] I am satisfied that Raglan Golf Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The club currently holds a club licence and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The club has experience hosting events, and has held several special licences previously with no adverse issues noted. The issue of a special licence for these events will allow the applicant to sell alcohol to non-members of the club attending the event.

7] There will be two certified duty managers present supported by three bar staff to ensure compliance with the Act. I am satisfied that the proposed trading hours are reasonable.

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

9] Given the nature of the event 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 clubrooms have an open-plan design, enabling effective supervision from the bar area. The premises is to be undesignated. This is in line with the clubs on-licence and is considered appropriate.

10] I am satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Dinner will be served at 6.30pm and late night snacks will be available from 10-10.30pm. Free water will be provided at the bar. The use of the raglan shuttle will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

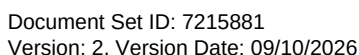
11] The Object of the Act is that the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised. The Inspector has indicated that they consider that "the applicant has demonstrated suitable measures to ensure responsible sales, supply, and consumption of alcohol and that harm will be minimised". I note that only beer

[12] In summary, I am satisfied that the grant of the special licence with the appropriate conditions will ensure the safe and responsible supply of alcohol and the minimisation of harm caused by excessive or inappropriate use of alcohol. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

The licence will be subject to the following conditions:

- 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 so as to be easily read by people using the premises.

J. M. Couture



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waikato District Licensing Committee