

Decision No. GREYDLC073/2021

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act)

**AND**

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of an application by **RUNANGA CLUB INCORPORATED TRADING AS RUNANGA WORKINGMENS CLUB AND MUTUAL SCHOOL OF ARTS** pursuant to s.127 and S120 of the Act for a renewal and variation of the Club Licence in respect of premises situated at 15 Pitt Street, Runanga known as the "Runanga Workingmens Club"

**BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Runanga Club Incorporated trading as Runanga Workingmens Club and and MSA has applied for a renewal of the Club Licence in respect of premises situated at 15 Pitt Street, Runanga known as the Runanga Club.

The Club currently holds a club licence 55/CLUB/66/2015 and off licence 55/OFF/64/2016.

The general nature of the activity is that of a club and has been operating for a number of years and is registered under the Incorporated Societies Act number being 9429046915290.

The premise is located on a large corner section and is zoned as commercial land in the Grey District Plan. It is surrounded by neighbouring residential zoned homes. The main principal entrance is noted as Pitt Street Runanga.

The renewal was notified on Council website on 16 June 2021 and no objections were received.

The applicant has applied for the same current days and hours of operation:

1. Monday to Sunday - 9am to 1am the following morning

The request for variation is to increase the licence area to include the concrete area just outside the sliding doors as well as the under-roof area at the main entrance, as per the plan submitted with the application.

**DECISION**

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by the Runanga Club trading as the Runanga Workingmens Club and MSA for a renewal of the Club Licence in respect of premises 15 Pitt Street, Runanga known as the "Runanga Workingmen's Club" subject to conditions.

**Conditions:**

The licence is subject to the conditions listed below:

1. Alcohol may be sold and supplied on the following days and hours:
  - **Monday to Sunday - 9am to 1am the following morning**
2. The licensee must take all practicable steps to ensure that
  - there are all times a secretary of the club, and
  - Within 10 working days of the appointment of a new secretary, the Secretary of the Grey District Licensing Committee is told the name of the new secretary, and
  - All proceeds from the sale of liquor belong to the club;
3. The license area as per plan provided are designated as undesignated with the gaming area being restricted.
4. The following steps must be taken to ensure that the provisions of this Act relating to the management of the premises concerned are observed:
  - Certified manager to be on duty whenever the bar is open.
5. The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale or supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed: minors and intoxicated person must not be served alcohol.
6. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge at all times.
7. Food as listed by the applicant to be available on the premises during the licence hours.
8. Low and non-alcoholic beverages must be available for sale and supply from the bar at all times.
9. Signage for alternative form of transport to be displayed with staff to assist patrons with arranging transport.
10. The licensee must ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied to any person for consumption on the premises unless the person is –
  - A member of the club,
  - Is on the premises at the invitation of, and is accompanied by, a member of the club, or
  - An authorised visitor,

11. The following other steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:

- Evidence of age documents will be requested where appropriate.
- The Licensee must ensure the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons are observed, and signage displayed detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to such persons.

12. The Licensee must ensure the following items are prominently displayed:

- A sign at the premises, so as to be easily read by patrons, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open to sale of alcohol.
- A copy of the licence, and of the conditions of the licence, attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises.
- A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by which name the manager for the time being on duty.

13. The licence is subject to the payment of licence fees as required by the Sales and Alcohol (fees) Regulations 2013.

**The Premise area as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 15 June 2021. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.**

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant has operated for many years with a strong membership and has not come to the notice of the reporting agencies in an adverse manner.

The Grey District Licensing Inspector reports there is no question over the suitability and that the amenity and good order of the locality will not reduce, to more than a minor extent the amenity and good order of this locality.

There is no evidence before the Committee which would suggest that the applicant would manage the premises in any way which would contravene the requirements of the Act.

The Licensing Inspector advises that she does not oppose the application and recommends the licence be renewed for a further period of three years.

The Police and Medical Officer of Health raise no matters in opposition.

I am satisfied that the applicant has sufficient staff and adequate training to manage the Club in accordance with the Act.

As no objection to the application has been filed and no matters of opposition have been raised by the inquiring agencies, the application has been considered pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 by the Chairperson of the District Licensing Committee sitting alone.

Overall I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.105 and s.106 and s.131 of the Act.

**DATED** at GREYMOUTH this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021

  
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Rachel Van Der Geest  
Chairperson/Commissioner

