

Decision No. GREYDLC084/2021

IN THE MATTER

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

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **GREYMOUTH SQUASH RACKETS CLUB INCORPORATED** pursuant to s.127 of the Act for a renewal of the Club Licence in respect of premises situated at 46 Alexander Street, Greymouth known as the "Greymouth Squash Club"

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Greymouth Squash Rackets Club Inc. has applied for a renewal of the Club Licence in respect of premises situated at 46 Alexander Street, Greymouth known as the "Greymouth Squash Club".

The applicant currently holds a club licence No. 55/CLUB/91/2015.

The general nature of the activity is that of a club and has been operating for a number of years.

The premise is located on land zoned commercial in the Grey District Plan.

The main principal entrance is noted as the downstairs front door off Alexander Street Entry is restricted to members with key entry required at the front door.

The applicant seeks the retention of the existing days and hours of operation:

1. Monday to Thursday – 3pm to 11pm
2. Friday and Saturday – 11am to 1am the following day.
3. Sunday – 11am to 10pm.

There is no variation to the current conditions.

It is noted that there are 5 sensitive sites within 500m of the Club. These are listed below, and their locations are as per the attached map.

- The Children's House - a pre-school
- St Patricks Primary School,
- Well woman's Centre
- The Civic Centre
- residential properties and homes

DECISION

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by the Greymouth Squash Rackets Club for a renewal of the Club Licence in respect of premises 46 Alexander Street, Greymouth known as the "Greymouth Squash 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 Thursday - 3pm to 11pm
 - Friday and Saturday – 11am to 1am the following morning
 - Sunday - 11am to 10pm

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 whole premise area is designated as undesignated.
4. 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.
5. 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.
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 Premises area as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 14 July 2021. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

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 Grey District Licensing Inspector advises she does not oppose the application, and reports that the amenity and good order of the area has not been adversely affected.

The Inspector reports the applicant has sound host responsibility practices and is suitable to hold a licence.

In regard to the sensitive sites and neighbouring properties, the inspector advises the club has had no impact on nearby residents and believes the renewal of the licence will not disadvantage any neighbouring landowner or occupier.

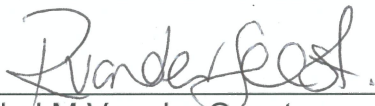
The Police and Medical Officer of Health raise no matters in opposition.

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 16th day of August 2021



Rachel M Van der Geest
Chairman/Commissioner

