

Decision No. GREYDLC 069/2023

**IN THE MATTER**

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

**AND**

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of an application by **BLAKETOWN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED** pursuant to s.120 and s.127 of the Act for renewal and variation of a Club Licence in respect of premises situated at 1 Packers Quay, Blaketown and known as the "Blaketown Rugby Club"

**BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Blaketown Rugby Football Club Inc has made an application for the renewal and variation of a club licence to sell and supply alcohol for consumption on premises situated at 1 Packers Quay, Blaketown and known as the "Blaketown Rugby Club".

The current licenced days and hours are:

Monday to Thursday 5pm to 10pm

Friday 5pm to 12 midnight

Saturday 1pm to 12 midnight

Sunday and Public Holidays 2pm to 10pm

The applicant is seeking a variation to the days and hours of Monday to Thursday 5pm to 10pm, to Monday **and** Thursday 5pm to 10pm, thereby removing Tuesdays and Wednesdays from their licenced days.

The premises holds a Club Licence No. 055/CLUB/36/2017 which expired on 14 May 2023.

The premises are zoned rural and this activity is permitted within this zone. The principal entrance to the premises is from 1 Packers Quay, Blaketown.

The inside bar area and outside covered concrete pad area is designated undesignated as per the plan attached to the application.

**DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **grants** an application by the Blaketown Rugby Football Club Incorporated for the renewal and variation of the Club Licence in respect of premises situated at 1 Packers Quay, Blaketown and subject to the following conditions:

## CONDITIONS

1. Alcohol may be sold for consumption on the premises on the following days and during the following hours:
  - a. Monday 5pm to 10pm
  - b. Thursday 5pm to 10pm
  - c. Friday 5pm to 12 midnight
  - d. Saturday 1pm to 12 midnight
  - e. Sunday and Public Holidays 2pm to 10pm
2. The licensee must take all practicable steps to ensure that
  - a. there are all times a secretary of the club, and
  - b. 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
  - c. All proceeds from the sale of liquor belong to the club;
3. The licensee must ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied to any person for consumption on the premises unless the person is
  - a. a member;
  - b. a guest of a member;
  - c. an authorised visitor,
  - d. a guest of an authorised visitor.
4. The club premise is designated as an undesignated area.
5. The licensee must ensure that, while the premises are open for the sale or supply of alcohol, no person consumes on the premises any alcohol not sold or supplied on the premises by the licensee.
6. The following steps must be taken to ensure that the provisions of this Act relating to the management of the premises concerned are observed:
  - a. Certified manager to be on duty whenever the bar is open.
7. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol a reasonable range of non-alcoholic refreshments. Water is to be provided at no cost to authorised customers from a water supply prominently situated on the premises or across the bar.
8. Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises.
9. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol, in accordance with the example menu submitted with the application for this licence, or menu variations of a similar range and standard.
10. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.
11. The following other steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:
  - a. Evidence of age documents will be requested where appropriate.

- b. 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. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by which name the manager for the time being on duty.

**The premises are as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 14 April 2023. 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.

The principal activity is sports club and the inspector reports that the amenity and good order of the area has not been adversely affected and that the applicant has sound host responsibility practices.

The inspector does not oppose the application, however he indicates a level of complacency from the club regarding their obligations under the act and that the club has recently been provided education on certain legislation requirements in relation to holding non-club related events at the premises. While he suggests further oversight and monitoring going forward, he reports that the applicant is committed to ensuring the premises continue to operate professionally in order to achieve the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

I am satisfied the club operates within its principle purposes being only open as a service to members and will continue to do so with regard to their obligations under the Act.

There are three experienced, certified managers listed on the application.

The Police and Medical officer of Health do not have any matters in opposition. The renewal application was duly notified on Council website and no objections were received.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

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 and it is satisfied as to the matters that it must have regard to as set out in sections 4, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

**DATED** at GREYMOUTH this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023

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Rachel M van der Geest  
Chairperson/Commissioner