

**IN THE MATTER**

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

**AND**

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of an application by the **BLACKBALL WORKINGMENS CLUB AND MUTUAL SCHOOL OF ARTS** pursuant to s.138 of the Act for an on-site Special Licence in respect of premises situated at 19 Hart Street, Blackball known as the "Blackball Workingmens Club"

**BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Blackball Workingmens Club and MSA have made an application for a special licence to sell and supply alcohol for a dinner for the Reader and Writers Festival.

The event is a smorgasbord and a desert event for the Readers and Writers Festival with an estimated number of less than 100 people attending, with the probable age distribution of between 20-60 years of age.

We make the observation that applications for special licences are required by section 137 of the Act to be filed with the District Licensing Committee's secretariat at least 20 working days before the day on which the event concerned begins. In this case, that requirement has not been met, there being only 15 working days between the time of application and the proposed event. Section 137(2) of the Act allows us to consider an application for a special licence that is filed inside 20 working days prior to the event if we are satisfied that the need for a special licence could not have been foreseen earlier. This has not been the case for this application with the failure to apply in the prescribed time appearing to be a matter of neglect or omission. However, the secretariat and inspector, with the co-operation of Police and the Medical Officer of health, have been able to complete the required reports at short notice. We are satisfied that the neglect or omission was not wilful, so pursuant to section 208 of the Act waive the requirement relating to the prescribed time for lodgement of the application.

The proposed hours applied for are as follows:

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Readers and Writers Dinner	3pm to 1am the following day
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The Club Licence No. 55/CLUB/84/2015 hours are 10am to 1am Monday to Saturday and 11am to 10pm Sundays with the bar premise and outside area being designated as undesignated as per the plan provided.

**DECISION**

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by the Blackball Workingmens Club & Mutual School of Arts for an on-site Special Licence for the premises at Hart Street, Blackball known as the Blackball Workingmens Club, for a Smorgasbord and desert event for the Readers and Writers Festival

**Conditions:**

The hours applied for are to be as follows:

1. Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Readers and Writers Dinner	3pm to 1am the following day
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2. Drinking water must be freely available at no charge to patrons.
3. Food as listed by the applicant to be available on the premises on each occasion this licence is operated.
4. Low and non-alcoholic beverages must be available for sale and supply from the bar at all times.
5. Noise levels to be monitored at all times by the duty manager.
6. A certificated manager must be on duty and on the premise at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed at the premises.
7. A Courtesy van is available to patrons.
8. The premise area is designated as undesignated.
9. The principle entrance being the rear foyer area is designated as the principle entrance to the premises.
10. 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:
  - a. minors and intoxicated persons must not be served alcohol.
11. The licensee must ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed and must 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.
12. Payment of the fee prescribed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant has provided in their application, host responsibility details which demonstrate that suitable measures will be undertaken with regard to responsible sale or supply of alcohol and that harm will be minimised. These measures include:

- Food in the form of a Smorgasbord and Desert
- Free water will be available at no charge throughout the event
- Non-alcoholic and low alcoholic beverages are available for sale.

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

The Licensing Inspector has no objections to the application.

Police or the Medical Officer of Health have no objections to the application.

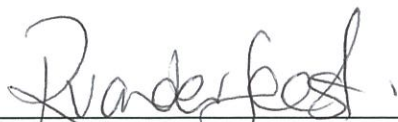
The application was not required to be publicly notified and no opposition or notice of desire to be heard has been received.

Accordingly I deal with the matter on the papers.

The applicant has previously operated numerous Special Licences without incident or cause for concern to any of the agencies involved.

I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in Sections 105 and 104 of the Act.

**DATED** at GREYMOUTH this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2021



Rachel M Van der Geest  
Chairperson/Commissioner

