

Decision No. GREYDLC137/2019

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 has made application for a special licence to sell and supply alcohol to cover a specific event in the club.

The proposed events and hours applied for are as follows:

Sunday 8 December 2019	3pm to 1am the following morning	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 31 December 2019	3pm to 1am the following morning	New Year's Eve Party

Bar premise and outside area is designated as undesignated as per plan provided. The Club Licence No. 55/CLUB/84/2015 hours are 10am to 1am Monday to Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 10pm with the premise area being undesignated.

The first event has an estimated number of 50 people attending with probable age distribution of people between 50 - 80 years of age. The second event has an estimated number of 50 people with ages between 18-80 years of age.

The main entrance way is from 19 Hart Street, Blackball.

Further explanation of the events are in the Inspectors detailed report and sufficient for the committee to not have to comment further.

DECISION

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairman, 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 the following events subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

The event and hours applied for are to be as follows:

Sunday 8 December 2019	3pm to 1am the following morning	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 31 December 2019	3pm to 1am the following morning	New Year's Eve Party

1. Drinking water must be freely available at no charge to patrons.
2. Food as listed by the applicant to be available on the premises on each occasion this licence is operated.
3. Low and non-alcoholic beverages must be available for sale and supply from the bar at all times.
4. Noise levels to be monitored at all times by the duty manager.
5. 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.
6. The Licensee must provide patrons assistance with, or information about alternative forms of transport.
7. The premise area is designated as undesignated.
8. The principle entrance being the rear foyer area is designated as the principle entrance to the premises;
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Payment of the fee prescribed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013.

The Premises area as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 7 November 2019. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The applicant has provided 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. They have previously operated Special Licences without incident.

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

The Inspector's report indicates that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent.

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 Special Licences without incident and has undertaken in their application to provide the following measures with regard to responsible sales or supply of alcohol and that harm will be minimised:

- Food in the form of a pot lunch dinner as well as pies, lasagne toppers, mini pizzas etc.
- free water will be available at no charge throughout the events
- Non and Low alcoholic beverage is available for sale

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

Special Licences have been issued to the applicant in the past 12 months. These events have been undertaken with no concerns for the reporting Agencies or neighbouring properties.

The applicant is reminded that they must ensure noise does not become a nuisance for neighbouring properties and monitors the events vigilantly especially the outside area.

I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.105 and s.142 of the Act.

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 27 day of November 2019



Alan T O'Connell
Chairman/Commissioner

