

Decision No. GREYDLC 141/2021

IN THE MATTER

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

AND

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of an application by the **DOBSON BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED** pursuant to s.138 of the Act for an on-site Special Licence in respect of licenced premises situated at 70 Omapere Street, Dobson known as the "The Dobson Bowling Club"

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Dobson Bowling Club Inc has made an application for a special licence to sell and supply alcohol for two (2) events being bowling tournaments.

West Coast Open fours Men's and Women's Tournament	Fri 11 Feb, Sat 12 Feb, Sun 13 Feb, Mon 14 Feb, Tue 15 Feb, Wed 16 Feb and Thu 17 Feb 2022	11am to 7.pm
Hynds Mixed Triples	Saturday 5 March 2022	11 am to 7.30pm

The premises are not currently licenced.

The expected numbers attending the events are approximately 60-70 people with a probable age distribution of 20 to 80 years old.

The pavilion, bar area and the outside bowling green area of the premises will be undesignated.

The principle entrance is from Omapere Street, Dobson.

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 with the application being received 3 working days after Council's close of day in relation to the Christmas New year period. 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.

DECISION

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by the Dobson Bowling Club for a Special Licence for bowling tournaments as below and with the following conditions:

Conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on the following days and during the hours:

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2. The premise be classed as undesignated for the licence periods and is shown on the plan attached to this licence.
3. A certificated manager must be on duty 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.
4. The licensee must provide patrons assistance with, or information about alternative forms of transport from the licensed premises.
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:
 - a. All service staff must be trained in their responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
 - b. Evidence of age documents will be requested where appropriate.
 - c. The licensee must ensure that 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.
6. The Licensee must ensure that the following items are prominently displayed:
 - a. A sign at the premises, so as to be easily read by patrons, stating the hours of business during which the premises will be open for sale or supply of alcohol under the special licence.
 - b. A copy of the special 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 name the manger on duty.
7. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.

8. Food as listed by the applicant to be available on the premises during the licence hours.
9. Low and non-alcoholic beverages must be available for sale and supply from the bar at all times.
10. Payment of the fee prescribed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013.

The Premises licence area is as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 07 December 2021. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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:

- Substantive food options of Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea will be available throughout the events.
- Free water will be available at no charge throughout the events on a table next to the bar.
- Tea/coffee available.
- Non and Low alcoholic beverages available for sale

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, and he does not oppose the application.

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

It is noted that a nominated certified bar manager will hold full authority for the management and monitoring of alcohol consumption. The holder of this Special licence will defer to the bar manager should intervention be required.

The premises are surrounded by a substantial fence with only one point of access. Only Club Members and invited guests will be able to access the premises.

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.

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

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 13th day of December 2021


 Rachel M Van der Geest
 Chairperson/Commissioner

