

Decision No. GREYDLC 057/2022

IN THE MATTER

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

AND

IN THE MATTER

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 the local Vets annual get together and information evening.

The event is a catered dinner with an estimated number of 40 people attending, with the probable age distribution of between 18 – 60 years.

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 14 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:

Tuesday 28 June 2022	Vets Annual Dinner	5pm to 11pm
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The Club Licence No. 55/CLUB/84/2015 hours are Monday to Saturday, 10am to 1am and Sundays, 11am to 10pm 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 the Vets Annual Dinner.

Conditions:

The hours applied for are to be as follows:

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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 premises 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. A Courtesy van is available to patrons.
7. The premise area is designated as undesignated.
8. The principal entrance being the rear foyer area is designated as the principal 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:
 - a. minors and intoxicated persons 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 are as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 7 June 2022. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

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 catered dinner and items available as per the attached menu.
- Free water will be available at no charge throughout the event.
- Non-alcoholic and low alcoholic beverages are available for sale.
- A courtesy van is available.

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.

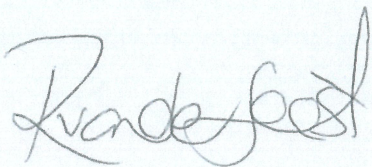
The applicant has previously operated numerous Special Licences without incident or cause for concern to any of the agencies involved.

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 Sections 105 and 104 of the Act.

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 15th day of June 2022.



Rachel M van der Geest
Chairperson/Commissioner