

## ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

<b>Decision</b>	018-0612
<b><u>IN THE MATTER</u></b>	of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<b><u>AND</u></b> <b><u>IN THE MATTER</u></b>	of an application by Kāwhia Golf Club Incorporated for the variation and renewal of a club licence pursuant to s 120 and 127 in respect of the premises at 181 Pearl Avenue, Kāwhia and known as the Kāwhia Golf Club

### DECISION OF THE ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Kāwhia Golf Club Incorporated is authorised to sell and supply alcohol on the premises situated at 181 Pearl Avenue, Kāwhia and known as the Kāwhia Golf Club for consumption on the premises to any authorised customer or visitor as described in the licence conditions.
2. The on-licence 018/CLUB/001/23 is varied and renewed for a further period of 3 years. The licence may issue upon payment of the annual fee.
3. The present conditions of the licence are replaced as follows:
  - (a) Alcohol may only be sold and supplied to:
    - (i) a member of the club,
    - (ii) any member of any other club where this club has an arrangement for reciprocal visiting rights,
    - (iii) a person who is invited and accompanied by the members listed in (i) or (ii) above.
  - (b) Alcohol may be sold only on the following days and during the following hours:  
**Thursday 10.00am to 10.00pm (extended to 11.00pm during daylight savings)**  
**Friday to Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 am to 1.00 am the following day.**
  - (c) The club must always have a secretary.
  - (d) The club must inform the District Licensing Committee of the name of a new secretary within 10 working days of their appointment.

- (e) All proceeds from the sale of alcohol belong to the club.
- (f) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee on **13 April 2026** and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
- (g) The entire premises is undesignated (persons under 18 can be in the area).
- (h) A properly appointed certificated, acting or temporary manager must be on duty and on the premises at all times when the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol. If a duty manager is not present, then there must be no alcohol sales and a notice displayed advising the public of this fact.
- (i) A manager's register (as required by s.232 of the Act) is to be maintained and available on site.
- (j) The licensee must maintain and display a Host Responsibility Policy and ensure all staff and committee members receive training in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- (k) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons. Appropriate signage outlining these restrictions must be clearly displayed at every point of sale.
- (l) Drinking water must be freely available and this must be clear to customers while the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- (m) A range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol drinks must be always available when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- (n) Food must be always available for consumption on the premises when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence, or variations of a similar range and standard.
- (o) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport, including sober driver services and the availability of a courtesy vehicle, must be displayed and promoted.
- (p) No BYO alcohol is permitted on the premises while alcohol is available for sale.
- (a) The Licensee must ensure the following are displayed;
  - i) A copy of the original licence with all the conditions, displayed prominently in the premises.
  - ii) A sign in a prominent place identifying the duty manager.

## REASONS

1. This is an application by Kāwhia Golf Club Incorporated for the variation and renewal of a club licence in respect of the premises situated at 181 Pearl Avenue, Kāwhia. The club has been operating under a licence for a number of years. A variation is sought to reduce the licensed days to better reflect the operation of the club and to extend the licensed area to include an additional outdoor area to allow members to consume alcohol whilst watching rounds of golf.

2. The application was advertised, and no objections have been received from members of the public. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and the Medical Officer of Health have provided reports and do not oppose the application. Accordingly, the matter is decided on the papers (s 134).
3. The object of the Act is to ensure that the sale and supply of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is minimised (s 4).
4. In deciding whether to renew a club licence the licensing committee must have regard to sections 105 and 131 of the Act. Therefore, this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
  - a) Is the applicant suitable?
  - b) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
  - c) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable?
  - d) Does the applicant propose to engage in the sale of goods or provision of services other than those directly relating to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food?
  - e) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law?
  - f) Have the police, inspector and medical officer of health raised any relevant considerations?
  - g) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be increased by more than a minor extent by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence?
  - h) Has the applicant sold, displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol in a responsible manner?
  - i) Does the application comply with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy?
5. Section 132 provides that the licensing committee may vary or cancel any conditions applying to the licence before its renewal.

#### **Should the licence be renewed?**

6. The licensing committee is satisfied that Kāwhia Golf Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a club licence. The club is incorporated and has a membership of approximately 70 of which 16 are under 18 years old. The club has reciprocal rights with all clubs affiliated with Golf NZ and membership cards are required to access the club and bar facilities. The club has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
7. Kāwhia Golf Club Incorporated proposes to continue operating as a club but reducing its licensed hours to only Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Public Holidays. We are satisfied that these days reflect the operation of the club and are appropriate.
8. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application complies with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy.
9. The committee is satisfied that the premises has a suitable design and layout to meet the requirements of the Act. The clubhouse is single-level, and the existing licensed area includes a small deck at the front of the building. The club seeks to extend the licensed area by approximately 10 metres to the southwest of the clubhouse, encompassing a flat grassed area that provides members with a clear view of the golf course. Signage indicating “no alcohol beyond this area” is in place to inform members of the licensed boundary. The entire licensed area will remain undesignated.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the club has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy which demonstrates suitable measures will be undertaken regarding responsible sale and supply of alcohol and that harm will be reduced. It is a condition of this licence that staff employed by the

club and committee are trained in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. We are pleased to see this committee training actively taking place four times a year and the committee attend Club Champs annually.

11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the club has sufficient Duty Managers who serve on these premises to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol.
12. The licensing committee is satisfied that the renewal of the club licence will not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality by more than a minor extent. There have been no reports of any nuisance, vandalism or noise problems associated with this premises in the previous licensing period.

**Conclusion**

13. Therefore, the application for the variation and renewal of the club licence is granted.

Dated at this 20th day of April 2026



Tegan McIntyre  
Commissioner  
Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee