

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Decision	018-0564
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<u>AND</u> <u>IN THE MATTER</u>	of an application by Ōtewā School Board of Trustees for a special licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for a special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Ōtewā School Board of Trustees is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the Ōtewā Hall premises situated at 929 Ōtewā Road, Ōtewā to any person attending the Ōtewā School Quiz Night.
3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) A copy of this licence with all the conditions must be displayed in a prominent place so all persons can read it and all staff must be familiar with the conditions.
 - (b) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on Friday 23 May 2025, from 7.00pm to 11.30pm.
 - (c) Alcohol may be sold or supplied to people present participating in the event this licence is issued for.
 - (d) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the District Licensing Committee on 24 April 2025 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (e) The holder of a manager's certificate or a properly notified manager shall be on duty and on the premises at all times alcohol is sold.
 - (f) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point-of-sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions
 - (g) Drinking water must be freely available from the bar and this must be clear to customers while the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.

- (h) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence: pork buns, salads and a variety of platters.
- (i) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- (j) 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 from the premises must be displayed.
- (k) The entire premises is designated as a restricted area (no persons under 18 are permitted on the premises).

REASONS

1. This is an application by the Ōtewā School Board of Trustees for a special licence for a school quiz night to be held at the Ōtewā Hall, 23 May 2025. This application was received more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137 of the Act.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health have no objection to this application for a special licence (s 141). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).
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). In deciding whether to grant a special licence the District Licensing Committee must have regard to the criteria in s 142 of the Act. Therefore, this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
 - a) What is the nature of the event? 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?
 - b) Is the applicant suitable?
 - c) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be reduced to more than a minor extent by the effects of the issue of the licence?
 - d) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
 - e) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable? Are any areas of the premises designated restricted or supervised areas?
 - f) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law? What steps will the applicant take to ensure that alcohol is not sold to prohibited persons?
 - g) What proposals does the applicant have in relation to the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food, low-alcohol drinks and the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises?
 - h) Have the Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health raised any relevant considerations?
 - i) Does the application comply with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy?
4. The licensing committee may refuse a special licence even if there was no objection to the application (s 144). Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

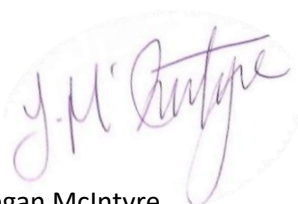
Should the special licence be granted?

5. The event is a fundraiser for Ōtewā School. The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the consumption of alcohol is not the principal activity. In addition to the quiz, there will be raffles and an auction during the event. Tickets are purchased through the school office. The fee to attend is \$200 for a table of 10 and includes a variety of complementary platter foods. Approximately 150 people expected to attend this event. The licensing committee is satisfied that the proposed trading hours are reasonable.
6. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy.
7. The licensing committee is satisfied that Ōtewā School Board of Trustees is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. They have been granted a similar special licence in the past and have demonstrated compliance with the Act. There is a certificated Duty Manager who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. All staff receive training in the requirements of the Act.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that suitable measures will be taken to ensure that alcohol is sold and supplied responsibly, and that harm caused by inappropriate or excessive consumption of alcohol is minimised.
9. Given the nature of the event and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties. The licensing committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The outside area will not be licensed, and all alcohol consumption will take place in the main body of the hall. The bar will have a view of the entrance and the main body of the hall. There are two exits' doors additional to the main entrance and exits are one way only. The entire premises is to be a restricted area.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will be provided at the bar. The use of sober driver, uber and taxi services will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

Conclusion

11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the grant of the special licence with the appropriate conditions will ensure the safe and responsible supply of alcohol and the minimisation of harm caused by excessive or inappropriate use of alcohol.
12. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 12th day of May 2025



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Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee