

## ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

<b>Decision</b>	018-0616/SP1734
<b><u>IN THE MATTER</u></b>	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 Boating and Angling Club Incorporated 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. Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club Incorporated is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, at the Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club situated at 124 Omimiti Street, Kāwhia to any person attending the Annual Easter Family Fishing Competition on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
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 only on the following days and during the following hours:  
Saturday 4 April 2026 and Sunday 5 April 2026; 5p.m. to 11p.m each night.
  - c) Alcohol may be sold or supplied to people present participating in the event this licence is issued for.
  - d) The entire premises is undesignated.
  - 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.
    - (i) All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act.
    - (ii) Evidence of age documents will be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 25.
    - (iii) There must be no consumption of alcohol by staff or managers immediately before or during their shifts.

- 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) 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 3rd March 2026 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
- h) Drinking water must be freely available from the bar and water cooler and this must be clear to customers, while the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- i) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times when 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.  
The choices do not include nuts, crisps and the like. The availability should be clear to customers and food should be actively promoted.
- j) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must always be available when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol.
- k) 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.
- l) Alcohol may be sold in the following types of containers only: bottles and glasses.

## REASONS

1. This is an application by Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club Incorporated for a special licence for an Easter family fishing competition to be held at their premises, 124 Omimiti Street, Kāwhia on Saturday 4th April 2026 from 5.00 pm to 11.00 pm and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 from 5.00 pm to 11.00 pm.
2. This application was received more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137 of the Act.
3. 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).
4. 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).
5. 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?
6. 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?**

- 7. The general nature of the event is an Easter Family Fishing Competition. This event is not considered a “large scale event” to which section 143 of the Act applies. The licensing committee is satisfied that the proposed trading hours are reasonable.
- 8. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy.
- 9. The licensing committee is satisfied that Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. The club currently holds a club licence and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The issue of a special licence for this event will allow the applicant to sell alcohol to non-members of the club attending the event. A Duty Manager will be present on the premises for the duration of the proposed event to ensure compliance with the Act.
- 10. There are two staff members who hold managers certificates responsible for compliance for this event and 6-9 bar staff including committee members to assist. The licensing committee expects Sandra Butler and Grant Scott to brief all volunteer bar staff on their responsibilities under the Act and the conditions of this licence prior to the event to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities and obligations. Sandra Butler and Grant Scott will take responsibility for the management of the event and ensure that it complies with the Act.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The entire premises is to be an undesignated area. The club room is located on one level in an elevated position, and the principal entrance is located to the front of the premises. Entrants to the club can be seen from the bar. Drinking water is located on the bar and in a water chiller next to the bar. The premises are open plan with tables and chairs for patrons to use. The kitchen is well appointed, and toilets lead off the main floor area. The premises are well lit both inside and outside of the premises. There is a balcony to the front of the premises which is intended to be part of the licensed area. Ranch sliders to the front of the clubrooms provides staff a view of this area.
- 13. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant has submitted a menu with the application which is considered substantial and compliant with section 142(1) (k) (i) regarding its provision. The provision of low and non-alcoholic drinks will be low alcohol beer and wine, 0% beer, tea, coffee, and soft drinks. Water will be freely available as bottles at the bar and at the water chiller.

14. In terms of alternative transport options, the boat club is central to all accommodation and within walking distance to all baches, houses, hotel and camping grounds. Signage informing patrons on alternative forms of transport available will be displayed. Non – drinking committee members will support transporting people home if necessary.

**Conclusion**

15. 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.
16. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 23rd day of March 2026



Cr Roy Johnson  
Commissioner  
Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee