

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Decision

018-0637

IN THE MATTER

the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Peter Alexander Burgess 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. Peter Alexander Burgess is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the Hauturu Memorial Hall premises situated at 613 Harbour Road, Oparau, Ōtorohanga to any person attending the Awaroa Pig Hunting Competition.
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 **Saturday 25 July 2026, from 1.30pm to 8.00pm.**
 - (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 June 2026** and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (e) The entire premises is undesignated.
 - (f) The persons nominated to manage the conduct of the sale and supply of alcohol at all times the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol are Faye Gilbert and Tim Gilbert and a sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises which identifies by name the persons responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.

- 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 after their shifts.
- (g) 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.
- (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 always available for consumption when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence: BBQ meats, salads and bread.
- (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. Sober drivers must be made available to transport people from the premises and this availability must be clearly displayed.

REASONS

1. This is an application for a Pig Hunting Competition to be held at Hauturu Hall, 613 Harbour Road, Oparau, 25 July 2026. 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?

Should the special licence be granted?

4. The event is a Pig Hunting Competition being held to raise funds for Harutu School. The competition spans three days; however, the special licence relates only to the final day, Saturday, 25 July 2026, when the weigh-in takes place. Food and alcohol will be available from 1.30pm. Most children and their families are expected to leave after the prize giving. Thereafter, hunting apparel donated by a local veterinarian will be auctioned. No alcohol or other prohibited items will be auctioned. Approximately 90 people (up to 40 minors) are expected to attend this locally promoted event. The Committee is satisfied that the proposed trading hours are reasonable.
5. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application complies with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy.
6. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that Peter Burgess is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Peter Burgess is entitled to hold an on-site special licence because he has attained the age of 20 years of age (s 28(a)) and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 in the past.
7. Peter Burgess does not propose to have a certificated duty manager at this event. However, the Licensing Committee is satisfied that an exemption may be granted from the requirement to appoint a duty manager (s 213). This is a small low risk event, and Peter Burgess is capable of managing it without a certificated duty manager. The licensing committee expects Peter Burgess will 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. Finally, Tim and Faye Gilbert will take responsibility for the management of the event and ensure that it complies with the Act. Faye Gilbert was the secretary of the Oparau District and Community Club Incorporated prior to the club's dissolution in 2022. She previously held a manager's certificate, which has since expired. Ms Gilbert has more than 15 years' experience serving alcohol at the Oparau Club and is familiar with the responsibilities of a certificated manager, having previously stepped into the role when the club's duty manager was not on site. She will be assisted by Tim Gilbert, who also has relevant experience. Both are well known within the district and to those attending the event.
8. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The licensed area included the interior of the Hauturu Hall which contains a small bar overlooking the hall, and the fenced carpark area which will be used to weigh in animals. The entire premises is to be an undesignated area.
9. 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. 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.
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 alternative transport 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 17th day of July 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee