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ŌTOROHANGA
DISTRICT COUNCIL

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Decision	018-0661
IN THE MATTER	the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
AND IN THE MATTER	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, on the premises situated at 124 Omimiti Street, Kāwhia to any person attending the Kasha Snapper fishing 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 the following days and during the following hours:
   Thursday 26 November 2026, from 5.00pm to 11.00pm
   Friday 27 November 2026, from 5.00pm to 11.00pm
   Saturday 28 November 2026, from 5.00pm to 11.00pm

   (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 **27 October 2026** 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. 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 water cooler 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 on the premises while the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence: a la carte menu available.

(i) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be always available 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 clearly displayed.

(k) The entire premises is undesignated

REASONS

1. The applicant seeks a special licence for the annual 3-day Kasha fishing competition, to be held at the Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club's facilities from 26-28 November 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 are not opposed to the 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 principal purpose of the event is to host the annual Kasha fishing competition. This is a ticketed event ($50 per person) and between 70 and 120 people are expected to attend, the largest crowd is anticipated on Saturday for the prizegiving. The sale and supply of alcohol will occur only during the evening events, after the completion of the day's fishing competition. The Licensing 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 Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club Incorporated is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and holds a current club on-licence. 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.

7. Kāwhia Boating and Angling Club Incorporated has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. Two experienced duty managers will be present on the premises for the duration of the proposed event to ensure compliance with the Act and will be supported by 4 bar staff/ committee members. All staff will receive training in the requirements of the Act.

8. 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 clubrooms are located on the upper level of the building and are accessed via external stairs. The principal entrance is situated at the front of the premises, and patrons entering the clubrooms are visible from the bar area. A front balcony is proposed to form part of the licensed area, and ranch sliders at the front of the clubrooms provide staff with visibility over this space. The entire premises is proposed to operate as 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. The applicant will provide sufficient food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. and the sober driver services will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

Conclusion

10. 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.

11. The application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 11th day of November 2026



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