

Decision number: 17/SP/027/2025.

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by
**SOUTH WAIKATO
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
pursuant to s138
of the Act for
an on-site Special
Licence in respect of
premises situated
at 50 Kensington Street,
Putaruru known as '**THE
PLAZA**'.

BEFORE THE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

THE APPLICATION

SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL applies for an on-site Special Licence in respect of premises situated at 50 Kensington Street, Putaruru known as '**THE PLAZA**'.

The Plaza is hosting two touring events and up to 100 people are expected to attend each occasion.

The day and hours sought are:

Thursday 16 October 2025 7.00pm to 10.00pm NZ Highwaymen Tour

Saturday 6 December 2025 7.00pm to 10.00pm The Legends Live Tribute Show

Substantive food and low alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages will be available at all times.

The applicant seeks an exemption from having a certificated manager on duty to oversee the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol.

THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Inspector has provided a report on the application and believes the application meets the criteria for issue.

The Plaza has previously hosted similar functions, and these have not created any issues for the regulatory agencies or neighbours.

The exemption is granted for these events, but the applicant is put on notice that any future 'public' events must have a certificated manager on duty.

Also, events of this type trigger consideration of the provisions of Section 41 of the Act that says

Restrictions on issue of special licences

41No special licence where permanent licence or variation of permanent licence more appropriate

A special licence must not be issued in circumstances where (in the opinion of the licensing committee concerned) it would have been more appropriate for the applicant to apply for—

(a)an on-licence, off-licence, or club licence; or

(b)the variation of an existing on-licence, off-licence, or club licence.

Regular 'public' events should be hosted in ON Licensed premises.

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health has raised any matters in opposition.

I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.142 of the Act.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee, pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** the application by **SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL** for an on-site Special Licence in respect of premises situated at 50 Kensington Street, Putaruru known as **'THE PLAZA'** subject to conditions.

Conditions:

The licence is subject to the following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold and supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:
Thursday 16 October 2025 7.00pm to 10.00pm
Saturday 6 December 2025 7.00pm to 10.00pm
 2. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises;
 3. A certificated manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol;
 4. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application for this licence or menu variations of a similar range and standard;
 5. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages;
 6. The Licensee must display signage as follows:
 - a. At every point-of-sale detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
 - b. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises; and
 - c. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
 7. The licensee must provide information and advice about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.
 8. No BYO alcohol is to be brought into the event.
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DATED at TOKOROA this 16th day of October 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Clearwater', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
South Waikato District Licensing Committee