

Decision number: 17/OFF/001/2025

**IN THE MATTER**

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by  
**K BEEZ PUTARURU  
LIMITED** pursuant to  
Section 127 of the Act for  
the renewal of an OFF  
Licence in respect of  
premises situated at 6-12  
Princes Street, Putaruru  
known as '**K BEEZ  
PUTARURU**'

**BEFORE THE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**The Application**

**K BEEZ PUTARURU LIMITED** applies for the renewal of an OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 6-12 Princes Street, Putaruru known as '**K BEEZ PUTARURU**'.

The general nature of the business is that of a grocery store and they stock a full range of food products and other household goods.

The current days and hours are **Monday to Sunday 9.00am to 9.00pm. No changes are sought.**

The application was notified on council's website from the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, and no objections were received from members of the public.

The alcohol is displayed in a single alcohol area (SAA) in part of the store away from main thoroughfares and any direct access to the checkouts.

Verified revenue figures have been provided showing that food products are the principal revenue stream at over 50%.

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health (no report within the statutory timeframe) oppose the renewal of this licence.

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The application was duly advertised, and no public objection was received.

However, the application drew an opposed report from the Inspector. In summary the inspector has found a number of reoccurring, mainly administrative, deficiencies at the store over the last three years such as, no training records available for review, late lodging of the renewal applications, and more seriously, no manager on duty.

The DLC Chair set the matter down for a hearing to examine the applicant and his practices.

This action has prompted Mr. Patel to engage a consultant who has assisted him to put new processes and practices in place.

At a recent inspection the Inspectors were satisfied with the level of improvement and have withdrawn the opposition to the renewal.

However, the inspector invited the DLC to consider a truncated renewal and the production of some administrative records to ensure that the gains made are retained.

The applicant has consented to a truncated renewal and invites the DLC to vacate the proposed hearing and consider the renewal on the papers.

The Committee is satisfied that the business is that of a grocery store and has a well-defined Single Alcohol Area.

Grocery stores are no different to bottle stores and taverns if they want to sell alcohol. They are all bound by the provisions of the Act and are required to respect that privilege and operate compliantly at all times.

We are not impressed that on more than one occasion the store has been found open for business while there was no certificated manager on duty.

We will require weekly rosters to be supplied to the Inspector and 6-monthly reports of sale of alcohol training including who took part, who conducted the training, and the topics covered.

There is no doubt that the premises will be closely monitored by the Inspectorate and the Police over the period of renewal. Any breaches of the Act will see the applicant back before the DLC to explain themselves.

Subject to the above I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.112-115, 131 of the Act.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

### **DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **approves** an application by **K Beez Putaruru Limited** for the renewal of an OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 6-12 Princes Street, Putaruru known as “K Beez Putaruru” subject to conditions.

### **Conditions:**

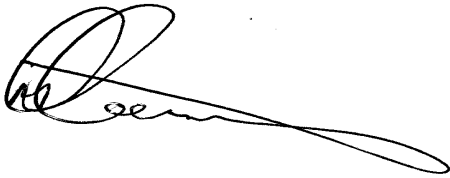
The licence is subject to the following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold on, or delivered from, the premises for consumption off the premises and supplied free as a sample for consumption on the premises, only on the following days and hours: **Monday to Sunday 9.00am to 9.00pm;**
2. No alcohol is to be sold on or delivered from the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1.00 pm on Anzac Day;
3. No alcohol may be sold other than –
  - i. beer that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for beer; or
  - ii. mead that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for mead; or
  - iii. fruit or vegetable wine that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for fruit or vegetable wine; or
  - iv. grape wine that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for grape wine;
  - v. or a food flavouring, prepared for culinary purposes, that is unsuitable for drinking undiluted;

4. While alcohol is being supplied free as a sample, water is to be provided to patrons at no cost from a water supply prominently situated on the premises;
5. The Licensee must have available for purchase 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. **A properly appointed Certificated, or Acting or Temporary, Manager must be on duty, at or nearby the point of sale, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.**
7. The Licensee must display signage as follows:
  - i. At every point-of-sale detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
  - ii. A copy of the licence attached to the inside of the premises so as to be easily read by people entering each principal entrance to the premises; and
  - iii. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
8. The “single alcohol area” for the premises is as described on the plan attached at Appendix 'A' to this decision. The licensee must ensure that:
  - i. No alcohol is displayed, promoted or advertised outside the single alcohol area; and
  - ii. No products other than alcohol, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic beer, wine or mead are displayed, promoted or advertised inside the single alcohol area.
9. **A weekly roster of certificated managers is to be forwarded to the Inspector by 4pm each Monday until further notice.**
10. **A 6-monthly report is to be forwarded to the Inspector detailed sale of alcohol training sessions including details of who attended, who conducted the training, and the topics covered.**

A renewal will be for two (2) years from the expiry of the current licence, and a Replacement Licence is to be issued.

**DATED** at TOKOROA this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025

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

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Murray Clearwater  
**Chairperson/Commissioner**  
**South Waikato District Licensing Committee**