

Decision number: 17/OFF/003/2026

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012(the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **VALUE
LIQUOR LIMITED** pursuant
to s. 127 of the Act for the
renewal of the OFF Licence
in respect of premises
situated at 29 Arapuni
Street, Putaruru known as
**'THE BOTTLE-O
PUTARURU'**.

BEFORE THE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Application

VALUE LIQUOR LIMITED applies for the renewal of the OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 29 Arapuni Street, Putaruru known as **'THE BOTTLE-O PUTARURU'**.

The business a stand-alone franchised bottle store and has been operating for several years.

The renewal was publicly notified on council's website from the 23rd of June 2026. No objections were received from members of the public.

The current days and hours are:

Monday to Sunday 9.00am to 10.00pm. No changes are sought.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The applicant has operated this business compliantly during the renewal period and neither the Inspector nor the Medical Officer of Health has raised any matters in opposition.

However, the Police raised a conditional opposition as there was only one certificated manager appointed to the business. The Police stance has been that there must be three certificated managers appointed to the business to cover the potential 91 hours of operation. The Police submit that that level of appointment is required for to cover for leave, sickness, taking breaks and managing fatigue.

Whilst we hold similar concerns to those of the Police, there are provisions in the Act for the appointment of Temporary and Acting Managers for sickness and annual leave but **NOT** for taking of breaks or working regular shifts.

We note that communications have been ongoing with the agencies and the applicants agent. There is now an additional certificated manager available to the business and a third staff member has their LCQ and has applied for a managers certificate.

The licensee has gone on record, and have stated in their Social Responsibility Policy, that a **certificated manager will be on duty** whenever the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.

On that basis we deem that the conditional Police opposition is now satisfied, and the ball is firmly in the applicant's court to ensure that they are complying with the provisions of the Act at all times.

We are sure the agencies will be conducting compliance inspections from time to time. If the applicant gets caught out without a certificated manager on duty or evidence that staff are working long periods without proper breaks they will have only themselves to blame.

Subject to the above, I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.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 **VALUE LIQUOR LIMITED** for the renewal of the OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 29 Arapuni Street, Putaruru known as **'THE BOTTLE-O 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, or supplied free as a sample for consumption on the premises, only on the following days and hours:

Monday to Sunday 9.00am to 10.00pm

2. No alcohol is to be sold on, or delivered from, the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Christmas Day or before 1.00 pm on Anzac Day;
3. While alcohol is being supplied free as a sample, water is to be provided to patrons free of charge at the place where the samples are being supplied,
4. The whole of the premises is designated as a **Supervised Area**;
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 all times, within the licensed area, when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises;**
7. The Licensee must display:
 - a. At every point of sale, signs detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
 - b. At the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the premises, a sign stating the

- ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for sale of alcohol;
- c. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.

The renewal will be for three years from the expiry of the current licence, and a replacement licence is to be issued.

DATED at TOKOROA this 23rd day of August 2026

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