

Decision number: 17/ON/001/2021

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **H & H
PUTARURU LIMITED**
pursuant to s.120 & 127 of
the Act for the renewal and
variation of the ON Licence in
respect of premises situated
at 57-61 Tirau Street,
Putaruru known as "**HOG &
HOUNDS SPORTS BAR**"

BEFORE THE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Application

H & H PUTARURU LIMITED applies for the renewal and variation of the ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 57-61 Tirau Street, Putaruru known as "**HOG & HOUNDS SPORTS BAR.**"

The business is a tavern with pokie machines in the township of Putaruru.

The renewal was publicly notified in the South Waikato News on the 7th and 14th of April 2021. No objections were received from members of the public.

The current days and hours are:

Sunday to Wednesday 10.00am to 10.00pm
Thursday to Saturday 10.00am to 1.00am the following day.

A variation is sought to increase the hours to:

Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 1.00am the following day.

A new Planning Certificate has been applied for and issued for the additional hours sought.

The applicant also asks that the designation of the premises be relaxed from a Restricted Area to a Supervised Area.

The rationale for the increase in hours is said to be “customer demand” but no evidence is provided as to what the extra hours would accommodate.

The reason for asking that the designation be relaxed is that the licensee is now offering Pizza from the tavern.

The applicant has provided a detailed menu of the food options they sell and the low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments that are available.

The food is prepared on site and the inspector advises that it is of an acceptable variety and can be provided within a reasonable time of placing an order.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The applicant appears to have operated this business compliantly during the renewal period however we note that one of the directors incurred a drink drive conviction in 2019.

Also, the Police were opposed to the increase in hours and the relaxation of the designation. We can only infer that the premises is one the Police consider high risk and requires overt supervision.

By agreement with the applicant the request for a designation change is withdrawn and only the closing time on Wednesday would be increased to 12.00 midnight.

The Medical Officer of Health has not raised any matters in opposition.

We intend to refresh the licence conditions to align with best practice gained over the renewal period. We also approve the extended hours for Wednesday night only.

We concur with the inspectors call for formal documented training to be undertaken. Taverns are high risk environments and must be managed by competent experienced managers.

We agree that the designation should remain as a Restricted Area. That means no persons under 18 years of age are permitted to enter, or be in, the licensed area.

Subject to the above, I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.120 & 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 **H & H PUTARURU LIMITED** for the renewal and variation of the ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 57-61 Tirau Street, Putaruru known as "**HOG & HOUNDS SPORTS BAR**" subject to conditions.

Conditions:

The licence is subject to the following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:

Sunday to Tuesday 10.00am to 10.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00 midnight

Thursday to Saturday 10.00am to 1.00am the following day

2. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied on the Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1pm on Anzac Day to any person other than a person who is on the premises to dine;
3. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
4. 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.
5. The whole of the licensed area is designated as **Restricted Area**;
6. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is 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. Menus must be visible, and food should be actively promoted;

7. A properly appointed certificated, or Acting or Temporary, manager must be on duty at all times 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;
8. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises;
9. 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 copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises;

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 5th day of February 2022



Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
South Waikato District Licensing Committee