

Decision number: 17/CL/001/2023.

IN THE MATTER

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

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application
by **SOUTHERN UNITED
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
INCORPORATED**
pursuant to s.120 & 127 of
Act for a renewal and
variation of the CLUB
Licence in respect of
premises situated at 3-37
Mossop Road, Tokoroa and
known as **'SURF Club'**

BEFORE THE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

SOUTHERN UNITED RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED applies for
a renewal and variation of the CLUB Licence in respect of premises situated at 3-
37 Mossop Road, Tokoroa and known as **'SURF Club'**.

The applicant seeks to renew the existing licensed days and hours of with
variation for the Friday hours:

Monday to Thursday 6.00pm to 11.00pm
Friday & Saturday 1.00pm to 1.00am the following day
Sunday 11.00am to 10.00pm;

The application was publicly notified in the South Waikato News on 19 April 2023
and no objections were received from the public.

The Club has a basic range of food options on site and low and non-alcoholic
beverages available at all times.

Neither the reports of the Police nor that of the Medical Officer of Health raises any matters in opposition.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health have raised any matters in opposition however the Club has come to the attention of reporting agencies in an adverse way in recent times.

A violent dispute erupted between rival families in the carpark after a game in June 2023.

There are ongoing enquiries involving the Club and the Police.

Clubs hold a special place in communities and the Club bar can ONLY be open around official club activities. It cannot open as a bar if no sport related activity is occurring around that date and time.

We strongly encourage the Club to take up the offer of the Inspectorate for a training session with bar staff and club officials.

We agree with the Inspectorate that a strong certificated manager be on duty on game days and other big occasions.

A condition to that effect will be imposed on the Licence as follows.

A certificated manager must be on duty on game days, prizegiving nights, and any time when the club is hosting another club in the clubrooms.

The Club is put on notice that any further unsavoury incidents at the Club Rooms will trigger a request to rehear this renewal.

The variation is granted but must be respected as explained above.

Subject to the above, I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s. 120 and 131 of the Act.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **approves** an application by **SOUTHERN UNITED RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED** for a **renewal and variation of the CLUB Licence in respect of premises situated at 3-37 Mossop Road, Tokoroa and known as 'SURF Club'** subject to conditions.

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

Conditions:

The licence is subject to following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises but only on the following days and hours:
Monday to Thursday 6.00pm to 11.00pm
Friday & Saturday 1.00pm to 1.00am the following day
Sunday 11.00am 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. While the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol no BYO alcohol may be consumed 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. At all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol a range of substantive food must be readily available. A minimum of three types of food should be available. Menus must be visible, and food should be actively promoted.
6. A certificated manager must be on duty on game days, prizegiving nights, and any time when the club is hosting another club in the clubrooms.
7. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.

8. Alcohol can be sold and supplied to guests of members of clubs with which the licensee has an arrangement for reciprocal visiting rights for members
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. A copy of the licence attached to the inside of the premises so as to be easily read by persons using the premises.

DATED at TOKOROA this 11th day of July 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Clearwater', with a long, sweeping tail.

Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
South Waikato District Licensing Committee