

**DECISION NUMBER**

**4474/2024**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Taumarunui  
Cosmopolitan Club Inc.** for a renewal of  
Club Licence pursuant to section 127 of the  
Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

**BEFORE THE RUAPEHU DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The application for renewal of Club Licence (032/CLUB/3744/2021) was publically advertised in the Ruapehu Bulletin on the 20 June 2024. A notice was also placed on the premise door as required. No objections were received.

No matters of opposition were raised under section 128 and 129 reports; therefore the matter is considered by the Ruapehu District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary.

**Commissioner: Stuart Hylton**

**DECISION OF THE RUAPEHU DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1. Application**

**Taumarunui Cosmopolitan Club Inc.** made the application on the prescribed form received on 8 June 2024. The application for renewal of Club Licence is in relation to the clubs premises situated on the corner of Katarina & Miriama Streets, Taumarunui.

The general nature of the business is that of a service club. The Club has been incorporated and operating as a Club for a number of years. This is at least the clubs thirteenth renewal period applied for based on file evidence. The club has 390 members.

The renewal seeks to keep the same conditions as the current licence and the premise has not come to the notice of officials during the renewal period. Monitoring inspections conducted in the renewal phase found compliance with licence conditions.

- The complete file included –
- The application
- Floor plan
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector
- Host Responsibility Policy
- Fire Evacuation Scheme statement of compliance
- Food menu
- Supporting letter from landlord
- Copy of current licence
- Notice of renewal
- Copy of public advertisement

**2. Decision Making**

In considering this application for Club-Licence the licensing committee had regard to the criteria under section 131 and 105 of the Act.

**Section 105/131 assessments:**

**(a) the object of this Act:**

The file contains and the inspector notes the applicant has a Host Responsibility Policy stating the measures to be undertaken to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol. There have been no issues raised concerning previous operations so if the policy is followed then compliance with the object of the Act should be able to be achieved.

**(b) the suitability of the applicant:**

The applicant is an incorporated society and located on the current site for some time.

The applicant has supplied the name of two certified managers for the licence which is considered to be just adequate to manage the licence.

The inspector notes that the current licence has been monitored by authorities with no issues noted. The suitability of the applicant is not challenged.

**(c) any relevant local alcohol policy:**

Accords with local LAP.

**(d) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:**

The applicant has applied for the following same days and hours.

**Monday to Sunday 9.00am until 12.00 midnight**

**(e) the design and layout of any proposed premises:**

Following a sale of a portion of the premises to Ruapehu District Council in 2019, the licensed area remains as per the plan date stamped 5 February 2020 which was included with the application. There is a large open plan area off the main entrance foyer. The bar is opposite the main entrance.

The premises is located in the commercial/residential area and the neighbouring business and activities include local government buildings, an Indian restaurant/takeaway and a plumbing business.

**(f) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:**

Normal club ancillary services including 7 gaming machines.

**(j) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:**

The Inspector notes in this regard –

*“The applicant has provided evidence of the systems, staff and training of those staff that are in place, to ensure compliance with the Act.*

*Various staff training records covering the last licensing period were provided with the application. Topics covered include the Club licence, serving alcohol safely, the intoxication assessment (SCAB) tool, and authorised guests. Completed quiz sheets were also included. The Club keeps a record of what duty manager worked on what day. A copy of the Host Responsibility policy was included with the application. A review of the supporting information demonstrates that the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to meet the requirements of the Act and the Ruapehu LAP.”*

**(k) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, an inspector, or a Medical Officer of Health made under [section 103](#). (see 3 below)**

**(s.131(1)(b))whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be increased, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence:**

No issues raised within the file and in the Committee’s opinion the amenity and good order of the locality should not be compromised by the issue of the renewal licence.

**(s.131(1)(d)the manner in which the applicant has sold (or, as the case may be, sold and supplied), displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol.**

No issues raised within file.

### **3. Reporting Agencies**

The following reports were received under section 103 and 129 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

**3.1 Police** – Report received on 25 June 2024 of no opposition.

**3.2 Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 1 July 2024 of no opposition with some recommended records and signage matters for the applicant to maintain.

**3.2 Licensing Inspector** – Full report dated 29 July 2024. The inspector was satisfied the application met the relevant criteria and therefore supported the renewal of a club licence to **Taumarunui Cosmopolitan Club Inc.**, subject to the existing conditions.

### **4. Conclusion**

Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, my assessment above of section 105/131 matters and the past operation of the premise/licensee, I conclude that the application meets the statutory criteria to be granted a renewal of Club Licence under the Act for a period of three (3) years.

### **5. Decision**

The licence can be issued immediately subject to the existing licence conditions.

**Dated at Ruapehu District this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.**

  
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**Stuart Hylton**  
**Ruapehu District Licensing Commissioner**