

Decision No. GREYDLC 077/2024

**IN THE MATTER**

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

**AND**

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of an application by **DOBSON BRUNNER WORKINGMENS CLUB INCORPORATED** for the renewal and variation of a Club Licence pursuant to s.127 and s.120 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 87 A Omapere Street, Dobson and known as the "Brunner Workingmens Club"

**BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

This is an application by Dobson Brunner Workingmens Club Inc for the renewal and variation of their Club Licence for premises situated at 87 A Omapere Street, Dobson.

The applicant is an incorporated society number 2710311 and currently holds a Club licence number 55/CLUB/64/2015. The current licensed hours are Sunday to Thursday 9am - 12 midnight, Friday and Saturday 9am - 1am the following day, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve - 9am - 1am the following day.

The applicant is seeking a variation to the trading hours on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve to 12noon - 1am the following day.

The general nature of the activity is that of a workingmens club and they have been operating for a number of years.

The premise is zoned residential in the Grey District Plan and this activity is permitted within this zone. It is surrounded by neighbouring residential homes. The main principal entrance is from 87 Omapere Street, Dobson.

The whole of the licensed area is undesignated.

The application was duly notified on Council's website and no objections were received.

**DECISION**

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by Dobson Brunner Workingmens Club Incorporated for the renewal and variation of the Club Licence in respect of premises at 87 A Omapere Street, Dobson and known as "Brunner Workingmens Club", subject to the following conditions:

**Conditions:**

1. Alcohol may be sold and supplied for consumption on the premises on the following days and during the following hours:
  - a. Sunday to Thursday - 9am to 12 midnight
  - b. Friday and Saturday - 9am to 1am the following day
  - c. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve - 12 noon to 1am the following day
2. The licensee must take all practicable steps to ensure that;
  - a. there are at all times a secretary of the Club, and;
  - b. within 10 working days of the appointment of a new secretary, the Secretary of the Grey District Licensing Committee is told the name of the new secretary, and;
  - c. all proceeds from the sale of liquor belong to the Club.
3. The whole of the licensed area is undesignated, as per the plan attached to this licence.
4. While the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol no BYO alcohol may be consumed on the premises.
5. The following steps must be taken to ensure that the provisions of this Act relating to the management of the premises concerned are observed:
  - **Certified manager must be on duty whenever the bar is open**
6. The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale or supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:
  - **minors and intoxicated persons must not be served alcohol**
7. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a supply prominently situated on the premises.
8. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol, in accordance with the example menu with the application for this licence, or menu variations of a similar range and standard.
9. Low and non-alcoholic beverages must be available for sale and supply from the bar at all times.
10. Signage for alternative form of transport to be displayed with staff to assist patrons with arranging transport.
11. The licensee must ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied to any person for consumption on the premises unless the person is:
  - a. a member of the club or;
  - b. is on the premises at the invitation of, and is accompanied by, a member of the club or;
  - c. is a member of some other club with which the club has an arrangement for reciprocal visiting rights for members.

12. The following other steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:
  - a. evidence of age documents will be requested where appropriate;
  - b. the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons are observed;
  - c. signage displayed detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to such persons.
  
13. The Licensee must ensure the following items are prominently displayed:
  - a. a sign at the premises, so as to be easily read by patrons, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of alcohol;
  - b. a copy of the licence, and of the conditions of the licence, attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises;
  - c. a sign prominently displayed at the premises which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
  
14. The licence is subject to the payment of licence fees as required by the Sales and Alcohol (fees) Regulations 2013.

**The premises area is as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 18 June 2024. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.**

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant has operated for many years with a strong membership and has not come to the notice of the reporting agencies in an adverse manner.

There are two duty managers listed, Ruth Dodemaid and Tina Brickland. The new Club President, Stephen Winter, has also been named as an Acting Manager due to the resignation of the previous Club President, Mervyn Wilson on 22 July 2024.

The Licensing Inspector's report indicates that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent should this licence be granted, and that the applicant is suitable to hold this licence. She does not oppose the application.

The Police and Medical Officer of Health do not oppose the application.

As no objection to the application has been filed and no matters of opposition have been raised by the inquiring agencies, the application has been considered pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 by the Chairperson of the District Licensing Committee sitting alone.

There is no evidence before the Committee which would suggest that the applicant would manage the premises in any way which would contravene the requirements of the Act and it is satisfied as to the matters that it must have regard to as set out in sections 4, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

**DATED** at GREYMOUTH this 29th day of July 2024



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Rachel M van der Geest  
Chairperson/Commissioner

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