Decision No. GREYDLC 143/2024

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol

Act 2012 (the Act)

<u>AND</u>

IN THE MATTER of an application by **GREYMOUTH**

RODDERS INCORPORATED for the renewal of a Club Licence pursuant to s.127 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 26-40 Cowper Street, Greymouth and known as the "Greymouth Rodders"

Clubrooms"

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

This is an application by Greymouth Rodders Incorporated for a renewal of their Club Licence for premises situated at 26-40 Cowper Street, Greymouth.

The applicant is an incorporated society number 9429042633983 and they currently hold a Club licence number 55/CLUB/001/2020. The current licensed hours are:

- a. Monday to Thursday 5pm to 10pm
- b.Fridays 5pm to 12 midnight
- c. Saturdays and Public Holidays 12 noon to 12 midnight
- d.Sundays 12 noon to 10pm

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

The premises are located at Anzac Park which is a large sporting area and is also in the Grey District Council CBD liquor ban area. It is surrounded by a walking track, netball courts, athletics fields, a rugby field, numerous car parks for the area and neighbouring residential homes.

It is zoned residential in the Grey District Plan and this activity is permitted within this zone and the principal entrance is upstairs from the car park at 26-40 Cowper Street, Greymouth.

The whole of the licensed area, including the outside balcony, is undesignated as per the site plan attached to the application.

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 Greymouth Rodders Incorporated for the renewal of the Club Licence in respect of premises at 26-40 Cowper Street, Greymouth and known as the "Greymouth Rodders Clubrooms", subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

- 1.Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises on the following days and during the following hours:
 - a. Monday to Thursday 5pm to 10pm
 - b. Fridays 5pm to 12 midnight
 - c. Saturdays and Public Holidays 12 noon to 12 midnight
 - d. Sundays 12 noon to 10pm
- 2. The licensed area of the premises is undesignated as per the plan attached to this licence.
- 3. 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.
 - 4. 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.
 - d. is on the premises at the invitation of, and is accompanied by, an authorised visitor and
 - e. no alcohol to be consumed outside the premise area.
- 5. A certificated manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- 6. The licensee must ensure that signs are prominently displayed within the premises detailing information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport from the premises.
- 7. The licensee must provide patrons information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport from the premises.

- 8. Drinking water is to be available free to patrons free of charge from a supply prominently situated on the premises.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times the premises are open for the sale of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages.
- 11. 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 Licensee must ensure the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons are observed, and signage displayed detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to such persons.
- 12. The Licensee must ensure the following items are prominently displayed:
 - a. 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;
 - b. a sign prominently displayed at the premises which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
- 13. 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 14 October 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 is one certified duty manager listed, Jamie Ruddle.

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, however both suggested in their reports that the balcony area be licenced from 5pm on a Saturday due to winter and summer sports held at the complex during the day. The licensed area is directly above and in view of the car park that complex users, including children, use.

Netball courts and athletics fields are in close proximity to the premises and the suggestion by the Police and Medical Officer of Health is a valid concern.

Emails received by this Committee from the West Coast Netball Association President (27 November 2024) and the Greymouth Athletic Club (28 November 2024) advise that there have been no issues with the applicant and they are both in support of the licence being renewed.

With regard to this, and the excellent history the applicant has in their years of operation, this Committee is satisfied that the applicant is considerate of the sensitive sites and has appropriate systems and staff to ensure no issues should arise. Consequently, the current licensed hours will be maintained.

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 26th day of November 2024

Rachel M van der Geest

Chairperson/Commissioner

