

**APPLICATION NUMBER: 32/SL/4417/2024**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Trek For Life Aotearoa/NZ Charitable Trust** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the 'annual Trek for Life Aotearoa event'.

**BEFORE THE RUAPEHU DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson      Mr Stuart Hylton**

**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by **Trek For Life Aotearoa/NZ Charitable Trust** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held on private properties situated at 485 Ongarue Waimiha Road, Ongarue and 33 Waitangi Access Road, Taringamotu. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the 'annual Trek for Life Aotearoa event'.

The date and hours sought are –

**Friday 29 March 2024 2.00pm until 12.00am (midnight)  
485 Ongarue Waimiha Road, Ongarue**

**Saturday 30 March 2024 2.00pm until 12.00am (midnight)  
33 Waitangi Access Road, Taringamotu**

**2. Application**

The application was received on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and included a site plan, event details, manager's certificates, useful letter from organiser explaining event, business plan, AMP and food list.

The application was not advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received under section 141 of the Act. Accordingly we deal with the matter on the papers in accordance with section 202(1).

In considering the application for special licence the committee had regard to the following criteria under section 142 of the Act:

- (a) the object of this Act:*
- (b) the nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought and, in particular,—*
  - (i) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods; and*
  - (ii) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event 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:*
- (c) the suitability of the applicant:*
- (d) any relevant local alcohol policy:*
- (e) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:*
- (f) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:*
- (g) the design and layout of the premises concerned:*
- (h) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law:*
  - (i) any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas:*
  - (j) any steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that the requirements of this Act in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:*
- (k) the applicant's proposals relating to—*
  - (i) the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food; and*
  - (ii) the sale and supply of low-alcohol drinks; and*
  - (iii) the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises:*
- (l) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health, or an inspector made under [section 141](#).*

### **3. Reporting Agencies**

The following reports were received under section 141 of the Act.

**Police Report** – No opposition within report received 12 March 2024.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received on 14 March 2024.

**Licensing Inspector Report** – Full report provided by the inspector including assessment of application against section 142 criteria. The Inspector concludes that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria of the Act. The Inspector has no opposition to the issuing of the licence subject to the recommended conditions.

The inspectors report/file noted the following key matters –

- This is a returning annual event involving 300 entrants and supporters. The event is a week-long horse trek from Kawhia to Taumarunui with nightly camps throughout the north island. The special licence is sought for the afternoon and evening of the last two nights of the trek, where food, entertainment and beverages will be on offer to participants to help boost fundraising efforts and provide a convivial atmosphere.
- The license will cover Day 7 -Campsite 6 (29th March 2024) and Day 8 - Campsite 7 (30th March 2024). The sale and consumption of alcohol should be minimal and secondary to the event itself.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The sites are on private land with owners consent received. The closest properties are kilometres away. The proposed licensed area is approximately 12m wide by 42m long as shown on the maps. The area will be delineated by a marquee, standards and tape.
- The whole of the licensed areas are to be undesignated.
- The proposed days and hours for this event are Friday 29 March and Saturday 30 March, from 2.00pm until 12.00am (midnight) on each date. There is a noise curfew of 11.00pm on each date.
- Two certified managers are nominated to be the responsible persons to oversee the licence. This is supported. All staff and volunteers working for Trek for Life Aotearoa/NZ Charitable Trust must complete the servewise programme.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application

#### **4. Decision**

The application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the following conditions.

#### **5. Conditions**

- a)** Alcohol may only be sold under the licence to persons attending the annual Trek for Life Aotearoa event on the following days and during the following hours:

**Friday 29 March 2024 2.00pm until 12.00am (midnight)**

**Saturday 30 March 2024 2.00pm until 12.00am (midnight)**

- b)** Alcohol must only be sold, supplied and consumed within the area marked on the plan submitted with the application date stamped as received by the District Licensing Committee on the 7 March 2024.
- c)** The entire licensed area is undesignated.
- d)** A copy of this licence with all the conditions, must be clearly displayed in a prominent place so all persons can read it.
- e)** Drinking water shall be freely available on the premises as specified in the application.
- f)** The licence holder must display appropriate signs adjacent to every point of sale detailing the statutory restrictions on the supply of alcohol to minors and the complete prohibition on sales to intoxicated persons.

- g)** Food must be available for consumption on the premises as specified in the application.
- h)** Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises as specified in the application.
- i)** Non-alcoholic beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises as specified in the application.
- j)** The licensee must provide assistance with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises as specified in the application.
- k)** The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of this Act relating to the management of premises are observed:

That a certified manager must be present at all times during the event to oversee the licence, and

The duty manager's name must be prominently displayed inside the licensed area.

**DATED** at Taumarunui this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2024.



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Stuart Hylton  
Commissioner  
Ruapehu District Licensing Committee