



**CENTRAL
HAWKE'S BAY**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

DISTRICT LICENSING ANNUAL REPORT

2019 - 2020



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Introduction

The Central Hawke's Bay District Council, as a territorial authority, is required to report annually on the proceedings and operations of the District Licensing Committee.

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires all District Licensing Authorities to report annually on their proceedings and operations. This report fulfils this statutory requirement for the financial year: 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Trends

We have not noticed any significant change in the numbers of applications or application types that we have received this financial year. However, there have been some notable trends:

- There has been an increase in managers' certificate renewals and new applications received. The total received in the 19/20 year is 58 compared to 44 received in the 18/19 year.
- We have issued 8 Temporary Authority Applications in the 19/20 year, compared with 0 in the 18/19 year. Temporary Authorities are issued where a premise has changed hands and is so the business can continue to run until their On/Off Licence has been granted under the new ownership.

Upcoming DLC Hearing

Last year we received an application for an On and Off Licence for the OngaOnga General Store. The application was opposed by the Liquor Licensing Inspector and agencies involved, being the NZ Police and the Hawke's Bay District Health Board.

A Hearing date has been set for the 23rd September. The purpose of a hearing is to provide the opportunity for each side of a dispute, and especially a person who may be deprived of his or her rights, to present its position.

Improvements

Proactive Monitoring of licensed premises

The Environmental Health Team, alongside the Hawke's Bay District Health Board and NZ Police undertook a Controlled Purchase Operation (CPO) in the Waipukurau and Waipawa townships late last year.

Controlled Purchase Operations (CPOS) are planned operations designed to monitor and enforce the provisions relating to the sale of alcohol to minors in the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (SSAA). They involve supervised volunteers aged under 18 years attempting to buy alcohol from licensed premises.

The businesses targeted for this CPO were supermarkets, restaurants and bottle stores. Three premises failed the CPO. Two of the businesses appealed to the Alcohol Regulatory &

Licensing Authority (ARLA). On 1st September a telephone Hearing was held between ALRA, the applicant and the NZ Police. As a result of the Hearing the Judge made an order of suspension of both licensed premises for a period of 48 hours. The duty manager at one of the premises was also given a 14 day stand down period of their duty certificate.

As an additional step we have planned to complete a Controlled Food Operation (CFO) in our district. A CFO is similar to a CPO. It is designed to ensure that licensed premises are offering substantial food while selling alcohol.

Seamless Delivery

We are continuing to focus on how we can streamline our services to our customers. We had planned to have an online application platform completed by end of June 2019, however there have been delays due to the pandemic as Business Connect, who we are working with, were assisting central government with the COVID-19 response.

Communication

Council has met its obligations under the Act regarding public notices (which requires public notices be published in a local newspaper and a timeframe is put in place for any objections to be raised).

Preparing for the Future

Central Hawke's Bay economic growth projections still provide some cause for optimism concerning future growth in the district. This includes increased population growth and localised pockets of high growth in the district. However due to the pandemic, we are not certain of the long-term sustainability of some businesses which may be affected by the effect of the pandemic.

We have planned to take a much more proactive approach to environmental health services in the 2020/21 year with a focus on education and communication around what services we can provide.

We will also be continuing to focus on additional monitoring of our premises, with a focus on the wider district, to ensure that we are meeting the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act which is that—

- a) the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and
- b) the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

DISTRICT LICENSING STATISTICS

Number of On-Licence, Off-Licence and Club Licence Applications received:

Application Type	Number received in fee category: Very Low	Number received in fee category: Low	Number received in fee category: Medium	Number received in fee category: High	Number received in fee category: Very High
ON Licence new		1	6		
ON Licence variation					
ON Licence renewal		2	6		
OFF Licence new			2		
OFF Licence variation					
OFF Licence renewal	2		4	1	
CLUB Licence new	1				
CLUB Licence variation					
CLUB Licence renewal	4				
TOTALS	7	3	18	1	0
Total fee payable to ARLA (GST incl)	\$120.75	\$103.50	\$931.50	\$86.25	-

Annual Fees for Existing Licences received:

Licence Type	Number received in fee category: Very Low	Number received in fee category: Low	Number received in fee category: Medium	Number received in fee category: High	Number received in fee category: Very High
ON Licence		7	6		
OFF Licence		1	3	1	
CLUB Licence	11				
TOTALS	11	8	9	1	0
Total fee payable to ARLA (GST incl)	\$189.75	\$276.00	\$465.75	\$86.25	-

Managers' Certificate Applications received:

Certificate Type	Number received
Managers Certificate NEW	27
Managers Certificate RENEWAL	31
TOTALS	58
Total fee payable to ARLA (GST incl)	\$,1667.50

Special Licence Applications received:

Licence Type	Number received in fee category: Class 1	Number received in fee category: Class 2	Number received in fee category: Class 3
Special Licence	5	10	7
TOTALS	5	10	7

Temporary Authority Applications received:

Certificate Type	Number received
Temporary Authority	8
TOTAL	8

Permanent Club Charter Payments received:

Certificate Type	Number received
Permanent Club Charter Payments	0
TOTAL	0