

# Notice of Decision



Decision No. 57/ON/497/2019

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

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of an application by Amuri Estate Limited for an on-licence pursuant to s.99 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 128P Medway Road, Hanmer Springs known as “Amuri Estate”

**BEFORE THE Hurunui District Licensing Committee**

Chairperson: Mayor M Black

**DECISION (ON THE PAPERS)**

This is an application by Amuri Estate Limited for an on-licence in respect of premises situated at 128P Medway Road, Hanmer Springs, known as “Amuri Estate”.

The general nature of the business to be undertaken is that of a Wedding Venue/Function Centre with the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol between Monday to Sunday from 12.00 midday to 11.30pm.

The applicant company was renamed, Amuri Estate Limited on 7 August 2017. The company was previous Red Oak Premium Angus Limited. Richard Orr (Vanessa’s father) is the company director and the shareholder is Red Oak Stud Limited.

Vanessa Orr is the venue manager and will be the duty manager for the premises. She was issued a manager’s certificate on 7 January 2020. Vanessa has previous hospitality experience including employment at Vbase in Christchurch as bar and wait staff between 2014 and 2016 and also Moveable Feasts as casual bar and wait staff from 2018 to 2019.

The venue is primarily for weddings but will also cater for other types of functions. The premises is in the final stages of completion with first wedding booked for mid March 2020.

The premises has been purpose built and is awaiting the issue of the Code of Compliance for the building work. There is a main function venue with additional outdoor areas for wedding ceremonies and for patrons to socialise.

A plan of the licensed areas was attached to the application.

The outdoor licensed areas on the plan were an indication of the areas which are defined by paving or plantings. The applicant does not have finalised plans or aerial photographs of the site with the buildings and landscaping completed. The aerial photographs showing these features are expected to be available prior to the renewal of the licence.

All the licensed areas will be undesignated, which is appropriate for the nature of the venue and events to be held there.

The on-licensed areas are:

- The main hall and meeting room in the function centre, and
- The outdoor paved areas and the wedding lawn.

The applicant has implemented the following positive steps in terms of Host Responsibility:

- A Host Responsibility Policy has been developed for the premises.
- Free water will be provided on tables, bar and 2 to 3 water stations.
- Food will primarily be provided by outside caterers such as Moveable Feasts.
- The licensee will provide an all-day snack menu for some events.
- The applicant has stated that no events with alcohol will be accepted unless catered.
- All alcohol will be served at the bar, i.e. no table service or glass top-ups.
- The low alcohol options will include DB Export Citrus 2% and other low alcohol beer.
- The non-alcoholic drink options will include 0% beer, juice and soft drinks.
- The licensee will provide details of the local bus driver when bookings are made so groups can make their own arrangements. At the events, staff will advise patrons of the alternative transport options that are available.

The applicant advised there may be loud amplified music, however if this is played after 7.00pm the doors and windows will be shut. The building has alternate forms of ventilation which will assist in ensuring the venue interior is ventilated to reduce the temptation to open the doors. No music will be played outdoors.

The application was duly advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received.

In their reports, the Police, Medical Officer of Health, and District Licensing Inspector have raised no matters in opposition to this application.

We are satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s. 105 of the Act and we grant the applicant an on-licence authorising the sale and supply of alcohol, to any person for consumption on the premises and to let people consume alcohol there.

A Code of Compliance Certificate has been issued by the Council's Building Officers.

### **Requirements on holders of on-licences**

The applicant's attention is drawn to ss. 51 to 54 of the Act where it is a requirement for all holders of an on-licence to ensure that:

- (1) at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, there is available for sale and consumption on the premises, at reasonable prices, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic drinks.
- (2) at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of food is available for sale and consumption on the premises, in portions suitable for a single customer, at reasonable prices and within a reasonable time of being ordered.
- (3) ensure that, at any time customers are lawfully on the premises there is readily available free, comprehensive, and accurate information about the forms of transport from the premises that are available at that time.

The applicant's attention is drawn to ss. 56 and 57 of the Act obliging the holder of an on-licence to display:-

- (1) A sign attached to the exterior of the premises, so as to be easily read by persons outside each principal entrance, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of alcohol ; AND
- (2) A copy of the licence, together with a statement of all conditions subject to which it is issued, attached to the inside of the premises so as to be easily read by people entering each principal entrance.

DATED at Amberley this 14 February 2020



Secretary

**Hurunui District Licensing Committee**