

Decision number:

163-2025

**IN THE MATTER**

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Clock  
Tower Café 2017 Limited**  
pursuant to s. 100 of the Act  
for an ON Licence in respect  
of premises situated at 29  
Weld street, Hokitika to be  
known as "**Clocktower Cafe  
& Bar**"

**BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**The Application**

**Clock Tower Café 2017 Limited** applies for an ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 29 Weld street, Hokitika to be known as "**Clocktower Cafe & Bar.**"

It is proposed that this business will operate as a Class 3 restaurant/cafe and bar in Hokitika.

The days and hours sought for this licence are **Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 11.00pm**

These hours are within the default national maximum trading hours for an on-licence of 8.00am to 4.00am.

The applicant has provided a list of substantive food options and the low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments that will be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.

The food is to be prepared on-site, and the inspector is satisfied that it is of an acceptable variety and price range and will be provided within a reasonable timeframe of placing an order.

Water jugs and glasses will be available on request at all times, plus water is given to all seated customers as part of table service.

The application was publicly notified on 2 September 2025, and no public objections were received.

Building and Planning Certificates have been sought and issued for this activity.

**Both the Police and the Medical Officer of Health have raised 'interim' matters in opposition.**

## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant has provided an acceptable menu together with a list of both low and non-alcoholic refreshments that will satisfy the requirements of the Act.

Certificated managers are attached to the application and will oversee the sale and supply of alcohol. The Inspector has spoken with the applicant and is satisfied there will be sufficient certificated managers to operate the business.

The Inspector reports that the amenity and good order of the area is unlikely to be reduced by more than a minor extent. A licence to occupy the frontage is under enquiry but will be for dining only, no alcohol.

I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.105 and s.106 of the Act.

The business will be operating as a **low risk Class 3 café** and no designation is required.

The final fit out is still underway and the licence cannot issue until it is completed and the matters in opposition raised by Police and MOoH resolved.

Accordingly, I deal with the ON Licence application 'in principle' on the papers.

## **DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **grants** an application by **Clock Tower Café 2017 Limited** '**IN PRINCIPLE**' for an ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 29 Weld street, Hokitika to be known as **"Clocktower Cafe & Bar"** subject to conditions.

**The Licence is not to issue until it is ready for business and can be inspected by the regulatory agencies and be deemed fit for purpose.**

**The Licence is valid for 12 months from the date of issue.**

**Conditions:**

The licence is subject to the conditions listed as follows:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:  
**Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 11.00pm;**
2. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1pm on Anzac Day to any person other than a person who is on the premises to dine;
3. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises;
4. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages;
5. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application for this licence or menu variations of a similar range and standard. Menus must be visible, and food should be actively promoted;
6. **A properly appointed certificated, or Acting or Temporary, manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises;**
7. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises;
8. The Licensee must display:
  - a. At every point of sale, signs detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;

- b. At the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the premises, a sign stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for sale of alcohol;
- c. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises.

**DATED at HOKITIKA** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025



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Murray Clearwater  
**Chairperson/Commissioner**  
**Westland District Licensing Committee**

