

2018 2019 Waimakariri District Council Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority

1. **Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee – Waimakariri District Licensing Committee.**
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4. **The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your Committee issued and refused in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial years.**

Note: the 2018-19 financial year runs from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Licences 2017-2018

In the 2017-18 year, how many 'on licences' did your Committee issue? (15)

In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for 'on licences' did your Committee refuse? (0)

In the 2017-18 year, how many 'off licences' did your Committee issue? (6)

In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for 'off licences' did your Committee refuse? (1)

In the 2017-18 year, how many club licences did your Committee issue? (0)

In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for club licences did your Committee refuse? (0)

Licences 2018-2019

In the 2018-19 year, how many new 'on licences' did your Committee issue? (15)

In the 2018-19 year, how many applications for 'on licences' did your Committee refuse? (1)

In the 2018-19 year, how many new 'off licences' did your Committee issue? (5)

In the 2018-19 year, how many new applications for 'off licences' did your Committee refuse? (0)

In the 2018-19 year, how many new club licences did your Committee issue? (0)

In the 2018-19 year, how many new applications for club licences did your Committee refuse? (0)

Manager's certificates 2017-2018

In the 2017-18 year, how many managers' certificates did your Committee issue? (166)

In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse? (1)

In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn? (7)

Manager's certificates 2018-2019

In the 2018-19 year, how many new managers' certificates did your Committee issue? (61)

In the 2018-19 year, how many new applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse? (1)

In the 2018-19 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn? (3)

Licence renewals 2017 - 2018

In the 2017-18 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue? (30)

In the 2017-18 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse? (0)

Licence renewals 2018 – 2019

In the 2018-19 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue? (41)

In the 2018-19 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse? (0)

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2018-19.

The Committee has had two significant hearings where in one neighbours objected to noise matters, and in the second, the agencies were in opposition as they considered the applicant had not shown that suitable systems and processes in place to manage the premises.

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2018-19.

Having the DLC attend an ARLA hearing in person to gain better understanding of the workings of ARLA has been an excellent training exercise. As well, the DLC tries to attend significant hearings of neighbouring DLCs to better understand process and where possible to align procedure.

The DLC, through the Council, in 2018 initiated an early review of the LAP. This was not because of a perceived failure of the LAP. The DLC believed that because the legislation was new and the LAP was new, it was prudent to test the policy at the three year point rather than wait the six year term. The policy was adopted again with minor adjustment to hours to align on and off license opening hours and to clarify when premises can be open before public holidays.

7. Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

Yes

8. What stage is your Local Alcohol Policy at?

Initially adopted 2015. Reviewed after three years in 2018 and adopted.

9. Under the Local Alcohol Policy what are the maximum hours that apply for an on-license application?

7am to 11pm Sunday to Thursday

7am to 1am Friday and Saturday

10. Under the Local Alcohol Policy what are the maximum hours that apply for an off-license?

7am to 10pm

11. What effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having?

The Local Alcohol Policy came into force in the Waimakariri District on 16 February 2015 and was reviewed and re-adopted in 2018. Anecdotally the Police, Health, Community and the Council are impressed with the way the Policy is working. The Waimakariri LAP stipulates that new stand-alone off licences should be located only in Business 1 & 2 Zones. This has proved a robust condition and is well accepted by the community.

Since the adoption of the LAP, the inspectors' observations are the knowledge and competency of licenced premises staff has increased. There appears to be improved compliance across the whole industry with the only exception being one restaurant failing a controlled purchase operation out of several run through the year.

The LAP is now well embedded. From submissions to some applications, particularly off-licences, it appears the community feels it can be "heard" when concerns are expressed and people are more willing to participate in the process.

12. Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is achieving its object. Note: the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 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.

Inter- Agency Co-operation -The Act, in conjunction with the LAP, provides the DLC with a greater mandate in giving effect to the object of the Act. Local DLC's are more aware of local issues when it comes to alcohol licensing decisions affecting the community. The Act has resulted in a more formal communication and liaison between Police, MOH and Licensing Inspectors. This has shown to help DLC in its decisions, however there are areas which could be improved such as when one of the agencies provides evidence to a hearing it is supported by witnesses to substantiate the evidence. The DLC understand that sometimes operational necessity means witness statements have not always been sought, but notes that this absence can strongly disadvantage an avenue of enquiry.

Secretary

Waimakariri District Licensing Committee