

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the District Licensing Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 12 November 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Venue: Rimu Room, 6th Floor, Community House, 43 Princes Street,
Dunedin

Sandy Graham
Chief Executive Officer

District Licensing Committee

Club Licence Renewal – Green Island Rugby Football Club

PUBLIC AGENDA

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

THE MEETING WILL OPEN THE MEETING WITH A KARAKIA TIMATANGA.

PART A REPORTS

REPORT FOR OPPOSED CLUB-LICENCE RENEWAL: "GREEN ISLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB", 82 NEILL STREET, GREEN ISLAND – FROM SECRETARY, DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Department: Civic

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Applicant’s Name:	Green Island Rugby Football Club Incorporated
Site Address	82 Neill Street, Green Island
Trading Name:	Green Island Rugby Football Club
Style of Licence	Club Licence
Application Number	CLU-2824-2006
Date received by Council	7 August 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 This is a report for an application by the Green Island Rugby Football Club Incorporated for the renewal of an alcohol club licence for their premises at 82 Neill Street, Green Island, and known as the “Green Island Rugby Football Club. The criteria found at section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) apply to this application.
- 2 The Applicant is seeking a slight change to their Saturday opening time from the current 2.00 pm to being able to open at 12.00 midday. All other conditions would remain the same. The Applicant is also wanting to extend their licenced area to take in a small outside courtyard space. The inspector considers that the sale and supply of alcohol under these conditions are consistent with the purpose of the Act and meets the criteria at section 131.
- 3 Public notice of the application did not attract any public objections.
- 4 Neither the Medical Officer of Health nor the Licensing Inspector have opposed the application. However, the Police have submitted an opposition report.

APPLICANT AND APPLICATION

Applicant

- 5 The Green Island Rugby Football Club was established in 1884 and became an incorporated society in 1958.
- 6 The club is seeking a slight change to the opening hours for Saturdays. They can currently open at 2.00 pm but they are seeking a 12.00 midday opening. They would also like to extend their licensed area to include a small courtyard against the building.
- 7 The club frequently applies for special licences to cover events not covered by their licence. There was an occasion during the test weekend in Dunedin earlier in 2024 when an event was held at the club without a special licence. The event was a fundraiser for a local high school and, although it was rugby related, it was not associated with the club. The school was using the premises as a venue.
- 8 When the event was brought to the attention of Council, the club spokesperson said they had been told by a former Licensing Inspector that a special licence was not required if it was rugby related. This advice was wrong and the club is now aware of the requirements for special licences.
- 9 In 2023 the club received a Graduated response Model warning for allowing two patrons leaving the clubrooms with alcohol and going to the side of the sports field to watch a game. There have been no further incidents recorded at the club.

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- 10 Public notice of the application did not attract any public objection.
- 11 Nether the Medical Officer of Health nor Licensing inspector oppose the application.
- 12 The Police, however, have opposed the renewal of this licence. Their ground for opposition are:
 - a) Section 105(1)(a) – object of the Act. They do not believe the club, as it is at the moment, can meet the object of the Act.
 - b) Section 105(1)(b) – suitability of the Applicant. While the club representatives had engaged with the ‘Game On’ initiative and been present at Dunedin Alcohol Agencies club training and licence renewal events, they have had to be spoken to about bar operations and special licence events.
 - c) Section 105(1)(j) – systems, staff and training. The Police do not believe the club has appropriate systems, staff or training to comply with the legislation.

CONCLUSION

- 13 This application is for the renewal of an alcohol club licence.
- 14 The opposition relates to incidents at the club. The first was dealt with by way of a formal warning and the second was a result of wrong information being supplied by a former Licensing Inspector.
- 15 The hearing will be an opportunity for the parties to put their points of view to the Committee.

Signatories

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Section 101(a), Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Green Island Rugby Football Club Incorporated has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Dunedin for the renewal of a club licence number CLU-2824-2006 in respect of the premises situated at 82 Neill Street Green Island and known as Green Island Rugby Football Club

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is Club.

The applicant seeks the licence on the following hours:

Monday to Thursday 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm

Fridays 5.00 pm to 12.00 midnight

Saturdays 2.00 pm to 12.00 midnight (Proposed: Saturdays 12.00 midday to 12.00 midnight)

Sundays 2.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

First publication date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024

Second publication date: Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Objections Close 5:00 pm Wednesday, 18 September 2024

- The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Dunedin District Licensing Committee at 50 The Octagon, Dunedin, or on-line at <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/licensing/alcohol-licence-applications>
- No objection to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
- Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the application may, not later than 25 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the Dunedin District Licensing Committee at 50 The Octagon, PO Box 5045, Dunedin 9058

