

Kaipara District Licensing Committee Annual Report 2025- 2026

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority of the general activity and operation of the Kaipara District Licensing Committee for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. The report is pursuant to s.19 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013.

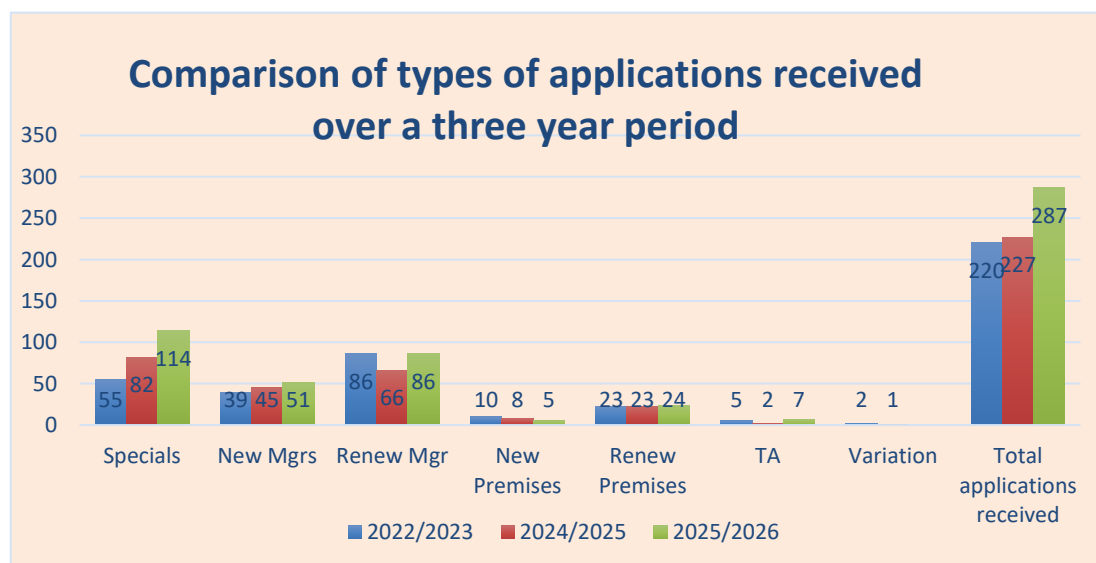
One District Licensing Committee (DLC) operates within the Kaipara District. The Council made the following appointments to form the District Licensing Committee on Wednesday 29 July 2020 for a five-year term. During 2025, the Kaipara District Licensing Committee members were reappointed until 1 August 2026.

Name	Role
Chair	Mark Farnsworth
Member	Grace Le Gros
Member	Gordon Lambeth
Member	Murray Clearwater
Member	Amy Munn

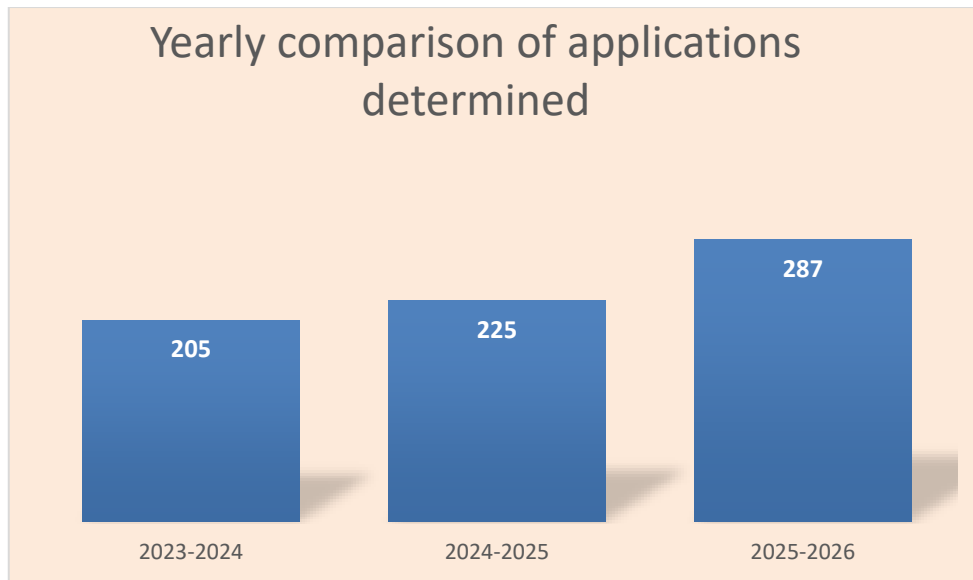
Overview of the District Licensing Committees Workload

1.1 Noticeable increase or decrease in the TA's business:

During the last three years the number of applications received by the Territorial Authority has increased. For the 2025–2026-year applications received by the Kaipara Territorial Authority increased by 60 in comparison with the 2024-2025 year.



Applications determined by the Kaipara District Licensing Committee increased from the previous year.



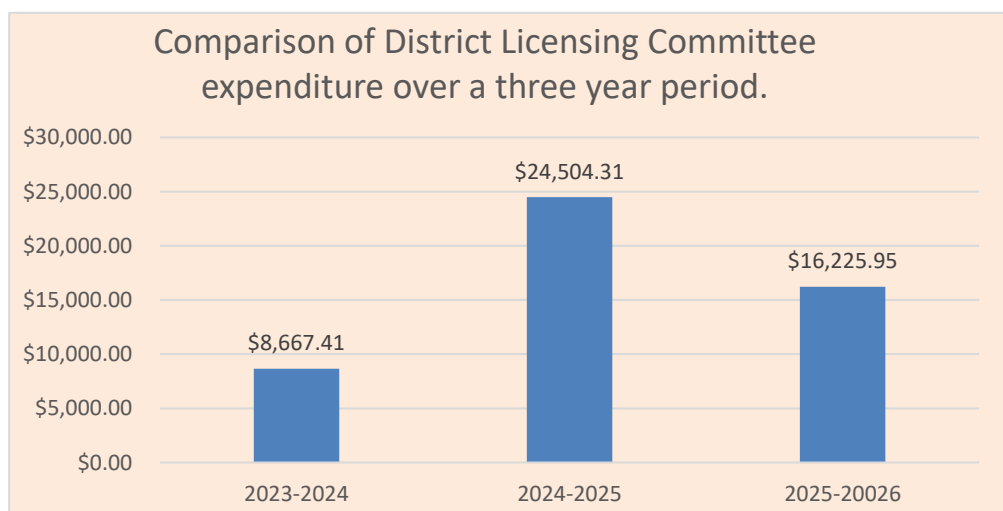
Revenue:

The revenue paid to the Territorial Authority for application fees and annual fees continues to partly finance the inspectorate, administrative and committee components with regard to the preparing of all applications which must be determined by the District Licensing Committee.

A schedule of applications received is compiled monthly and sent to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA) in Wellington, together with a remittance to cover the proportion of fees due in terms of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations SR 2013/452. Application and Annual fees payable to ARLA for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 amounted to \$8096.00.

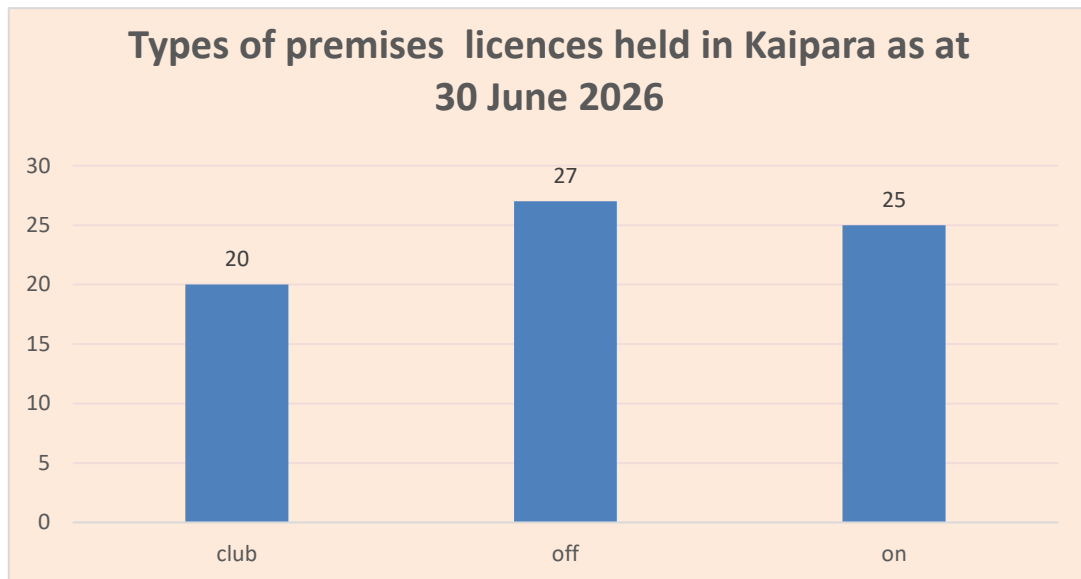
DLC expenditure:

The Chair and members and associated costs for the 2025 - 2026 financial year decreased in comparison with the previous year due to no applications requiring a full committee hearing.



The alcohol licensing team continues to spend considerable time on applications received by Council, to ensure a great customer experience is given whilst ensuring consistency and compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 are maintained.

There are 72 licences granted to premises in the Kaipara District as of 30 June 2026. The Inspector received enquiries regarding prospective new premises within the Mangawhai area and potentially within the Paparoa area and we are encouraging these types of proposals as best we can, including arranging on-site meetings with new applicants and reporting agencies.



1.2 Agency meetings:

Meetings are usually held for the Kaipara Alcohol Accord on an as when required basis. These meetings are well supported by the licensees who have expressed their desire to continue to meet with agency representatives. The meetings are held and hosted at alternating venues to allow maximum licensee attendance across the district. One Accord meeting was held in person in June 2026 at Dargaville and covered the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Improving Alcohol Regulation) Amendment Bill; Addiction Services in Kaipara and Whangarei and verifying the age of patrons.

From the agency perspective, the Licensing Inspectors, Police, Medical Officer of Health and Fire Service continue to work together collaboratively in satisfaction of s.295 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The agencies have implemented a policy of meeting with prospective licensees for higher risk premises.

A Controlled Purchase Operations (CPO's) was undertaken to test if licensed premises would sell to any minors. During the year 2025-2026 no sales were made to minors.

Announced Compliance checks were conducted by the Alcohol Licensing Inspector to all licensed premises with unannounced spot checks of premises also undertaken.

1.3 Noticeable trends or issues faced by the Territorial Authority:

Monitoring and policing the alcohol control areas is vital to ensure compliance with the recently amended Alcohol Control Bylaw adopted by Council on 31 July 2024. The Bylaw amendments were improvements around clause placement, formatting and grammar.

2 Territorial Authority Initiatives

2.1 New initiatives adopted or tried by the Territorial Authority:

The reporting agencies meet with prospective new licensees. This service aims to ensure that all prospective licensees fully comprehend the obligations and responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act.

3 Sale of Alcohol Policy

3.1 Sale of Alcohol Policy and when last reviewed:

Kaipara district does not have a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP). The Territorial Authority continues to successfully work closely with the Police, Ministry of Health, Fire Service and other agencies to provide a joint collaborative and consistent approach when reporting on applications.

(NB - *For Council to consider the implementation of a LAP, there would need to be evidence based statistical data directly linked to alcohol related harm within Kaipara district. To date no evidence has proven conclusive to necessitate the progressing of a LAP for Kaipara district*).

4 Enforcement and Inspections

4.1 Alcohol-related Bylaws:

As previously referred to, the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018 was reviewed in 2024. Police are responsible for monitoring the alcohol control areas in Mangawhai, Dargaville, Ruawai, Kaihu, Aranga, Omamari, Baylys Beach, Glinks Gully, Pouto, Te Kopuru and Tinopai.

4.2 Summary of inspections undertaken of licensed premises:

Compliance checks of licensed premises were undertaken by the warranted licensing inspectors. Licensed premises have been subject to inspections as and when required with the aim of visiting 100% of all licensed premises annually and this was achieved for the year 2025-2026.

5 Liaison with Other Agency Groups

5.1 Accord Liaison Group Meetings:

The Kaipara Alcohol Accord continues to meet, and the attendance is strong from a cross-section of licensees across the district representing hotels, taverns, bottle stores, supermarkets, grocery stores, restaurants and clubs. The Territorial Authority continues to facilitate the meetings and to encourage customer driven creative ideas targeting the reduction in alcohol related harm.

5.2 Joint initiatives

The Inspectors continue to work closely with the Police, Public Health and the Fire Service in relation to inspections and any complaints lodged with the Territorial Authority. General checks for compliance are undertaken during both scheduled and impromptu visits to licensed premises. Joint agency / licensee meetings are held as required to resolve any issues of concern in a positive manner.

Police, Public Health, Fire Service and Inspectors from the Far North, Kaipara and Whangarei Councils are continuing to meet to discuss common issues and strategies for reducing alcohol harm in Northland.

6 Statistical Information

6.1 An annual return for the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA)

A quantitative return is prepared annually and furnished as requisite to the TA. (Attachment B.)

7 Current listing of licensed premises

7.1 The list of currently licensed premises currently operating at 30 June 2025 within the Kaipara District is included and circulated with this report (Attachment C.)

Conclusion:

The Alcohol licensing team has continued to work closely with licensees, manager's and reporting agencies whilst continuing to explore business improvement opportunities to ensure that all applications are processed in a timely manner. The formative setting of a regular weekly hearing date for unopposed applications for determination by the Committee Chair continues to provide for streamlined administrative procedures.

From a chair's perspective the DLC is well served by staff during 2025 - 2026. We have arrived at an operating system for uncontested applications which is low key, effective and efficient.

ARLA Reporting

On-site Off-site Clubs	Very Low Risk			Low Risk			Medium Risk			High Risk			Very High Risk			Total Fees (Revenue)	ARLA Fees (Expenses)		
	Number	Fee	Sub Total	Number	Fee	Sub Total	Number	Fee	SubTotal	Number	Fee	SubTotal	Number	Fee	Sub Total				
On Licence New	0	\$368.00	\$0.00	2	\$609.50	\$1,219.00	2	\$816.50	\$1,633.00	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$2,852.00	\$1,173.00		
On Licence Variation	0	\$368.00	\$0.00	0	\$609.50	\$0.00	0	\$816.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$0.00			
On Licence Renewal	1	\$368.00	\$368.00	3	\$609.50	\$1,828.50	7	\$816.50	\$5,715.50	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$7,912.00			
Off Licence New	0	\$368.00	\$0.00	0	\$609.50	\$0.00	1	\$816.50	\$816.50	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$816.50			
Off Licence Variation	0	\$368.00	\$0.00	0	\$609.50	\$0.00	0	\$816.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$0.00			
Off Licence Renewal	0	\$368.00	\$0.00	0	\$609.50	\$0.00	7	\$816.50	\$5,715.50	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$5,715.50			
Club Licence New	1	\$368.00	\$368.00	0	\$609.50	\$0.00	0	\$816.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$368.00			
Club Licence Variation	0	\$368.00	\$0.00	0	\$609.50	\$0.00	0	\$816.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$0.00			
Club Licence Renewal	5	\$368.00	\$1,840.00	0	\$609.50	\$0.00	0	\$816.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,023.50	\$0.00	0	\$1,207.50	0.00	\$1,840.00			
Fee paid to ARLA per licence	7	\$17.25	120.75	5	\$34.50	172.50	17	\$51.75	\$879.75	0	\$86.25	\$0.00	0	\$172.50	0.00				
													Licensing		Number	Fees			ARLA Charges
													New Managers		51	\$316.25	\$16,128.75	1,466.25	\$28.75
													Renewal Managers		86	\$316.25	\$27,197.50	2,472.50	\$28.75
													Number TA's		7	\$296.70	\$2,076.90	0	
													Number TL's		0	\$296.70	\$0.00	0	
													Special Licence Class 1		2	\$575.00	\$1,150.00	0	
													Special Licence Class 2		48	\$207.00	\$9,936.00	0	
													Special Licence Class 3		64	\$63.25	\$4,048.00	0	

Number Permanent Club Charter Payments Received	0
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ANNUAL FEES FOR EXISITING LICENCES

Licence Type	Very Low Risk			Low Risk			Medium Risk			High Risk			Very High Risk			Total Fees (Revenue)	ARLA Fees (Expenses)
	Number	Fee	Sub Total	Number	Fee	Sub Total	Number	Fee	SubTotal	Number	Fee	SubTotal	Number	Fee	Sub Total		
On Licence	1	\$161.00	\$161.00	7	\$391.00	\$2,737.00	18	\$632.50	\$11,385.00	0	\$1,035.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,437.50	\$0.00	\$14,283.00	\$2,984.25
Off Licence	1	\$161.00	\$161.00	4	\$391.00	\$1,564.00	22	\$632.50	\$13,915.00	1	\$1,035.00	\$1,035.00	0	\$1,437.50	\$0.00	\$16,675.00	
Club Licence	17	\$161.00	\$2,737.00	2	\$391.00	\$782.00	1	\$632.50	\$632.50	0	\$1,035.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,437.50	\$0.00	\$4,151.50	
Fee paid to ARLA per licence	19	\$17.25	\$327.75	13	\$34.50	\$448.50	41	\$51.75	\$2,121.75	1	\$86.25	\$86.25	0	\$172.50	\$0.00		
Fees Revenue																\$35,109.50	\$2,984.25

Total payment to ARLA	\$8,096.00	(Applications received and annual fees for existing licences)
Total Gross Revenue to KDC	\$115,150.65	
Total Net Revenue to KDC	\$107,054.65	

Current Licensed Premises

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CLUB

Type	File N°	Licence N°	Licence Type	Licencee	Business	Physical Address (1)
CL	CL0001	03/CL/006/2024	Club Sports	The Arapohue Bowling Club Incorporated	Arapohue Bowling Club	3338 Mititai Road, Mititai
CL	CL0002	03/CL/005/2024	Club Sports	Dargaville Bowling Club Incorporated	Dargaville Bowling Club	132-136 Victoria Street, Dargaville
CL	CL0003	03/CL/001/2026	Club Chatered	The Dargaville Club Incorporated	The Dargaville Club	53-55 Victoria Street, Dargaville
CL	CL0004	03/CL/003/2023	Club Sports	The Dargaville Rugby and Sports Club Incorporated	Dargaville Rugby and Sports Club	55 Murdoch Street, Dargaville
CL	CL0007	03/CL/003/2024	Club Sports	Kaiwaka Sports Association Incorporated	Kaiwaka Sports Association	14 Gibbons Road, Kaiwaka
CL	CL0008	03/CL/009/2024	Club Sports	Mamaranui Bowling Club Incorporated	Mamaranui Bowling Club	23 Mamaranui Road, Mamaranui
CL	CL0011	03/CL/007/2024	Club Chatered	Maungaturoto Recreational Society Incorporated	Maungaturoto Country Club	85 Bickerstaffe Road, Maungaturoto
CL	CL0012	03/CL/005/2025	Club Chatered	Northern Wairoa Boating Club Incorporated	Northern Wairoa Boating Club	21 Totara Street, Dargaville
CL	CL0013	03/CL/008/2024	Club Sports	Northern Wairoa Golf Club Incorporated	Northern Wairoa Golf Club	819 Baylys Coast Road, Dargaville
CL	CL0014	03/CL/002/2025	Club RSA	Northern Wairoa Memorial RSA Incorporated	Northern Wairoa RSA	29 Hokianga Road, Dargaville
CL	CL0018	03/CL/003/2026	Club RSA	Hakaru and District Memorial RSA Incorporated	Hakaru and District Memorial RSA	733 Settlement Road, Kaiwaka
CL	CL0021	03/CL/006/2025	Club Sports	The Ruawai Community Sports Club Incorporated	The Ruawai Community Sports Club	27 Ruawai Wharf Road, Ruawai
CL	CL0022	03/CL/001/2025	Club Sports	The Southern (Te Kopuru) Rugby Football Club	Southern (Te Kopuru) Rugby Football Club	1050 Pouto Road, Te Kopuru
CL	CL0026	03/CL/001/2024	Club RSA	Maungaturoto Memorial RSA Incorporated	Maungaturoto Memorial RSA	115 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto
CL	CL0027	03/CL/004/2025	Club Chatered	Mangawhai Club Incorporated	Mangawhai Club	191 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai
CL	CL0029	03/CL/004/2026	Club Sports	Paparoa Golf Club Incorporated	Paparoa Golf Club	91 Golf Couse Road, Maungaturoto
CL	CL0030	03/CL/002/2024	Club Sports	Kaihu Valley Rugby Football Club Incorporated	Kaihu Valley Rugby Football Club	Rima Haira Reserve, Kaihu Wood Road, Kaihu
CL	CL0031	03/CL/010/2024	Club Sports	Upper Wairoa Memorial Park Association Incorporated	Upper Wairoa Memorial Park Association	23 Pukehuia Road, Tangiteroria
CL	CL0032	03/CL/005/2026	Club Sports	The Ruawai Bowling Club Incorporated	Ruawai Bowling Club	1 Reeves Street, Ruawai
CL	CL0033	003/CL/002/2026	Club Chatered	Mangawhai Boating and Fishing Club OBFC Incorporated	Mangawhai Boating and Fishing Club	2A Alamar Crescent, Mangawhai

ON Licence						
Type	File N°	Licence N°	Licence Type	Licencee	Business	Physical Address (1)
ON	ON0001	03/ON/008/2024	Hotel	Brenda Jackson and Paul Thomas Jackson	Dargaville Central Hotel	18-22 Victoria Street, Dargaville.
ON	ON0009	03/ON/006/2024	Restaurant Full Licence	Tracy Marie Hill	Sharkys Bites and Bits	1 Seaview Road, Baylys Beach.
ON	ON0020	03/ON/009/2023	Tavern	Absolutely Fab Toka Toka Limited	Absolutely Fab Tokatoka Bar & Café	5370 State Highway 12, Tokatoka.
ON	ON0022	03/ON/011/2025	Tavern	Mangawhai Tavern Trading Limited	Mangawhai Tavern	2 Moir Street, Mangawhai
ON	ON0025	03/ON/001/2026	Restaurant Full Licence	Wood Street Limited	Wood Street Pizzeria	12a Wood Street, Mangawhai.
ON	ON0026	03/ON/001/2024	Restaurant Full Licence	Daman Enterprises (2007) Ltd	Shiraz Indian & European Family Restaurant	17 Hokianag Road, Dargaville.
ON	ON0027	03/ON/002/2026	Café	The partnership of Mark Alan Willy and Kay Frances Smith	Blah, Blah, Blah Café /Bar	101-103 Victoria Street, Dargaville.
ON	ON0073	03/ON/005/2026	Hotel	Tara Iti Golf Club Limited	The Member Cottages at Tara Iti Golf Club	114A -134 Rako Drive, Mangawhai.
ON	ON0089	03/ON/004/2025	Hotel	Robin Philip Dickens	Maungaturoto Historic Inn	35 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto.
ON	ON0097	03/ON/007/2024	Restaurant Full Licence	Brewed Intentions Limited	Brewed as Collective	Shop 13 and 14, 7 Wood Street, Mangawhai.
ON	ON0098	03/ON/012/2024	Restaurant Full Licence	Suphan Thai Restaurant Limited	Suphan Thai Restaurant	57 Victoria Street, Dargaville.
ON	ON0099	03/ON/003/2025	Restaurant Full Licence	The partnership of VtV Partners	Eutopia Café	1955 State Highway One, Kaiwaka
ON	ON0101	03/ON/010/2025	Restaurant Full Licence	R A N Enterprises Limited	Spice Lounge	1917 State Highway 1, Kaiwaka
ON	ON0102	03/ON/012/2025	Restaurant Full Licence	Gringas Limited	Gringas	Shops 15 and 16, 7A Wood Street, Mangawhai
ON	ON0103	03/ON/010/2023	Winery	Crocker Estate Limited	Brooke Lane Vineyard	52 Brooke Lane, Mangawhai.
ON	ON0108	03/ON/006/2023	Hotel	Three Furlongs Bar Limited	Three Furlongs Bar & Grill	1942 State Highway 1, Kaiwaka
ON	ON0112	03/ON/112/2024	Restaurant Full Licence	D Town Limited	D Town Indian Fusion Restaurant	75 Victoria Street, Dargaville.
ON	ON0114	03/ON/002/2025	Hotel	IM Hospitality Limited	The Northern Wairoa Hotel	70 Victoria Street, Dargaville
ON	ON0115	03/ON/009/2025	Function Center	The Bunker Limited	The Bunker	Units 3E & 3F, Main Street, Mangawhai
ON	ON0116	03/ON/007/2025	Restaurant Full Licence	Mangawhai Golf Limited	Mangawhai Golf Club	221 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai
ON	ON0118	03/ON/008/2025	Restaurant Full Licence	New Asian Restaurant Limited	New Asian Restaurant	73 Victoria Street, Dargaville
ON	ON0119	03/ON/003/2026	Restaurant Full Licence	Think Wave Limited	Dot India	Unit 1, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai
ON	ON0121	03/ON/005/2025	Restaurant BYO	Kallayanee Limited	Pad Thai Dargaville	52 Normanby Street, Dargaville
ON	ON0122	03/ON/006/2025	Restaurant Full Licence	H M N 2025 Limited	Blackstone Eatery	142 Hurndall Street West, Maungaturoto
ON	ON0125	03/ON/004/2026	Restaurant Full Licence	The Local Mangawhai Limited	The Local Kitchen & Bar	40 Moir Street, Mangawhai

OFF Licence						
Type	File N°	Licence N°	Licence Type	Licencee	Business	Physical Address (1)
OF	OF0009	03/OFF/001/2025	Grocery	Radha Kripa Limited	Maungaturoto Four Square	161-165 Hurndall Street West, Maungaturoto

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OF	OF0018	03/OFF/017/2023	Tavern	Absolutely Fab Toka Toka Limited	Absolutely Fab Tokatoka Bar Cafe	5370 State Highway 12, Tokatoka
OF	OF0021	03/OFF/015/2023	Grocery	Snowmass (NZ) Limited	Supervalue Mangawhai	43 Moir Street, Mangawhai
OF	OF0024	03/OFF/009/2025	Tavern	Mangawhai Tavern Trading Limited	Mangawhai Tavern	2 Moir Street, Mangawhai
OF	OF0042	03/OFF/005/2026	Bottle Store	Maungaturoto Off Licence Limited	Maungaturoto Liquor Centre	147 Hurndall Street West, Maungaturoto
OF	OF0044	03/OFF/019/2023	Winery	Millars Vineyard Limited	Millars Vineyard	26 Bush Lane, Mangawhai
OF	OF0046	03/OFF/006/2025	Complementary	Bennetts of Mangawhai Limited	Bennetts of Mangawhai	52 Moir Street, Mangawhai
OF	OF0053	03/OFF/003/2024	Winery	Nicola Madeline Deveraux	Te Whai Bay Wines	367 King Road, Mangawhai
OF	OF0054	03/OFF/004/2025	Supermarket	General Distributors Limited	Woolworths Dargaville	127-129 Victoria Street Dargaville
OF	OF0059	03/OFF/011/2023	Bottle Store	Adams Family Enterprises Limited	Super Liquor Mangawhai Village	Shop 1 & 2, 41 Moir Street, Mangawhai
OF	OF0060	03/OFF/014/2023	Bottle Store	Adams Family Enterprises Limited	Super Liquor Mangawhai	10 Wood Street, Mangawhai
OF	OF0066	03/OFF/007/2025	Bottle Store	Somal and Sons Limited	Kaiwaka Liquor	1921a State Highway 1, Kaiwaka
OF	OF0069	03/OFF/016/2023	Winery	Crocker Estate Limited	Brooke Lane Vineyard	52 Brooke Lane, Mangawhai.
OF	OF0071	03/OFF/004/2024	Hotel	Robin Philip Dickens	Maungaturoto Historic Inn	35 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto.
OF	OF0079	03/OFF/008/2025	Grocery	Dutch Cheese Limited	Kaiwaka Cheese Shop	1957 State Highway 1, Kaiwaka
OF	OF0081	03/OFF/002/2026	Grocery	Haezal Enterprise Limited	Paparoa Store	2024 Paparoa Valley Road, Paparoa.
OF	OF0082	03/OFF/003/2026	Bottle Store	SSA 2021 Limited	Super Liquor Dargaville	126-128 Victoria Street, Dargaville
OF	OF0087	03/OFF/013/2023	Hotel	Three Furlongs Bar Limited	Three Furlongs Bar & Grill	1942 State Highway 1, Kaiwaka
OF	OF0088	03/OFF/012/2023	Supermarket	Hendo Supermarket Limited	New World Mangawhai	2 Eagle Ray Road, Mangawhai
OF	OF0089	03/OFF/006/2024	Bottle Store	Dargaville Merchants Limited	Bottle-O Dargaville	70 Victoria Street, Dargaville
OF	OF0091	03/OFF/007/2024	Remote Seller	Pacific Coast Beverages Limited	Pacific Coast Beverages	25 Windsor Way, Mangawhai
OF	OF0092	03/OFF/007/2024	Bottle Store	Bacchus (Mangawhai) Limited	Liquorland Mangawhai	Units 3C & 3D, Main Street, Mangawhai
OF	OF0094	03/OFF/002/2024	Grocery	HR Townshend Limited	Molesworth 4 Square Limited	3 Wood Street, Mangawhai.
OF	OF0095	03/OFF/003/2025	Grocery	V & S Theva Limited	Four Square Ruawai	15 Freyberg Road, Ruawai
OF	OF0096	03/OFF/010/2024	Grocery	Macstein Limited	Four Square Kaiwaka	1 Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Road, Kaiwaka
OF	OF0097	03/OFF/005/2025	Bottle Store	AKC Empire Limited	Empire Liquor Centre Wines and Spirits	81 Victoria Street, Dargaville
OF	OF0105	03/OFF/004/2026	Grocery	Akshar Grocer Limited	West Coast Grocer	113 Victoria Street Dargaville 0310