

NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION
DECISION NOTICE

MATTER: APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE WITH A MAJOR EVENT AUTHORITY

REFERENCE: LC2026-013

APPLICANT: Alice Springs Dingo Cubs Rugby Union Football Club Incorporated

PREMISES: Rodeo Grounds
Blatherskite Park
Len Kittle Drive
ILPARPA NT 0873

LEGISLATION: Part 3 Division 4 of the *Liquor Act 2019*

DATE OF DECISION: 28 August 2026

DECISION

1. In accordance with section 48 and section 47(1) of the *Liquor Act 2019* (NT) and pursuant to the delegation schedule issued on 4 July 2025, authorising a single Member of the Northern Territory Liquor Commission to issue a licence with a major event authority, I have determined to issue a licence with a major event authority to the Applicant in accordance with the conditions and restrictions as set out in the amended Application dated 21 August 2026 and contained herein.

REASONS AND CONDITIONS

2. The Applicant is seeking a major event authority to conduct the Alice Springs Rodeo on Saturday, 12 September 2026 from 14:00 hours to 23:00 hours. The Alice Springs Rodeo is an annual event which consists of the usual rodeo events involving horses, bulls, broncs, barrels and junior events. There will be cowgirl and Cowboy competitions for various titles.
3. It is anticipated that this major event will attract approximately 1,500 people as it has in the past.
4. Three bars will be open for the sale of liquor at 14:30 hours and on completion of the rodeo at 21:00 hours, one bar will close and two will remain open until completion of the post event entertainment at 23:00 hours.
5. The Applicant is authorised to supply serve sell and serve liquor between 14:00 hours to 23:00 hours on Saturday, 12 September 2026 at the above-mentioned premises subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The conditions of the licence include that authority conditions set out in Part Divisions 1 and 12 of the Liquor Regulations 2019 (the Regulations);

- b) The nominee must be present during all trading hours, supervise the sale of liquor and ensure compliance with these conditions.
 - c) The sale of liquor must be conducted by persons who hold a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate, or equivalent qualification approved by the Director of Liquor Licensing.
 - d) Persons under 18 years must not be engaged in the sale or supply of liquor.
 - e) The licensee must comply with the "Industry Code of Practice for the Promotion of Liquor", provide a safe drinking environment, prevent irresponsible or excessive consumption of liquor and ensure all staff are properly instructed to watch for and prevent drink spiking.
 - f) Liquor may only be sold in opened cans or plastic containers.
 - g) Wine must not be sold or served in containers larger than 150ml.
 - h) Spirits must not be sold in containers with more than 5% alcohol by volume.
 - i) All patrons must be issued with colour coded wristbands upon entry clearly identifying patrons who are:
 - i. 18+ years of age; and
 - ii. under 18 years of age.
 - j) No patron is to be sold, consume or possess liquor if they are not wearing an 18+ wristband.
 - k) Crowd controllers must be employed 2 licensed crowd controllers for the first 100 patrons attending the event, and one additional crowd controller for each additional 100 patrons attending the event, up to 5,000 patrons.
 - l) Soft drinks and water must be available from the bar but must also be available from separate outlets for those patrons under 18 years of age.
 - m) One or more designated 'Dry Area' must be established and maintained.
 - n) The licensee must clearly display signage that the premises is a Non-Smoking area.
 - o) A reference made under the *Tobacco Control Act 2002* that relates to smoke or smoking of tobacco products is to be read as including vaping or the other use of e-cigarettes as per section 4A of the *Tobacco Control Act 2002*.
6. The licensed premises is the area identified in page 3 of the brief provided to me by Mr Wood, Delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing on 6 August 2026.
7. The following additional conditions are fixed:
- a) The nominee must be presented during all Trading Hours, supervise the sale of liquor, and ensure compliance with these Conditions.
 - b) The sale of liquor must be conducted by persons who hold a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate, or equivalent qualification approved by the Director of Liquor Licensing.

- c) Persons under 18 years must not be engaged in the sale or supply of liquor.
- d) The licensee must comply with the “Industry Code of Practice for the Promotion of Liquor”, provide a safe drinking environment, prevent irresponsible or excessive consumption of liquor and ensure all staff are properly instructed to watch for and prevent drink spiking.
- e) Liquor may only be sold in opened cans or plastic containers.
- f) Wine must not be sold or served in containers larger than 150ml.
- g) Spirits must not be sold in containers with more than 5% alcohol by volume.
- h) No more than four alcoholic drinks may be sold to any one person at any one
- i) No liquor may be served in glass containers
- j) The licensee must clearly display signage to delineate non-smoking areas from the smoking areas and the holder must comply with smoking requirements contained in the *Tobacco Control Act 2002*. Food and drinks are not permitted to be taken into any designated smoking areas.
- k) The licensee shall exclude or remove from the premises any person who is wearing the colours, insignia or emblems of an outlaw motorcycle gang (Bikie Gang).
- l) The licence will be issued immediately following the publication of this decision.

8. Additional conditions include the authority conditions set out in Part 4 Division 1 and 12 of the *Liquor Regulations 2019*.

ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION

9. In accordance with s 59 of the Act, I have considered:

- a) The applicant's affidavit as required by s 54 of the Act;
- b) The suitability of the premises to be licensed, having regard to any law of the Territory regulating the sale, supply, service or consumption of liquor and the location, construction and or facilities at those premises;
- c) The financial stability, general reputation and character of the Applicant; and
- d) Whether the Applicant, including the nominee, is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

10. The information provided to me in the briefed material from Mr. Wood satisfies me of these issues.

11. The Applicant has provided adequate documentation regarding planning and management of the event.
12. In accordance with s 49 of the Act, I have also considered whether issuing the license is in public interest, and whether the license will have a significant adverse impact on the community. In particular, I must consider the matters set out in s 49(3) of the Act.
13. Having considered all of these matters, and having regard to the duration, location and benefit to the community of this event I find that the benefit to the community is substantial, I am also satisfied, for the reasons set out herein, that the public interest is well served by this event. The event has been conducted by this Applicant in 2023 and 2024 without incident.
14. The Nominee for the Licensee is Ms. Jodie Summers. Ms. Summers has provided adequate and appropriate documentation to satisfy her suitability.
15. I am satisfied that the Applicant has complied with the necessary sections of the Act and that the appropriate notification to the following stakeholders in compliance with s 56(4) of the Act has been made:

15.1 Northern Territory Police

On 30 Jul 2026, Police advise that they had no objections.

15.2 Alice Springs Town Council

No response was provided.

15.3 Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service

On 31 July 2026, they advised that they had no objection.

16.4 Liquor Compliance

They advised on 30 July 2026 that they had no objection.

16.5 St Johns Ambulance

Nil

16.6 Department of Health

The Department of Health responded on 31 July 2026 as follows:

" According to the national Health and medical Research Council's Australian to reduce the risk of harm from alcohol related disease or injury, healthy men and women should drink no more than 10 standard drinks a week and no more than 4 standard drinks on any one day.

Ready to drink (RTD) products often contain more than one standard drink per container. Suggest consideration be given to limiting alcohol content or restricting the number of RTD that can be purchased per transaction to reduce the risk of harm."

I accept this response is a relevant and well thought out submission, however for the purposes of this Application, it is not currently practical to enforce.

16. I am satisfied, for the reasons set out above and in accordance with s 49 of the Act that:

- a. The Applicant is a fit and proper person; and
- b. Issuing the licence is in the public interest and
- c. The licence will not have a significantly adverse impact on the community.

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Commissioner

Northern Territory Liquor Commission Commission

28/08 /2026

REVIEW OF DECISION

17. Section 34(2)(c) of the *Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2014* (the NTCAT Act) requires the Commission to notify the applicant and the Director that they have a right to request a statement of reasons for this decision. Whether or not the Commission receives such a request, the Commission proposes to issue and publish a statement of reasons for this decision.

18. Section 31(1) read with section 60(3) of the *Liquor Act 2019* provide that the decision set out in this decision notice is reviewable by the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT). Section 94(3) of the NTCAT Act provides that an application for review of a reviewable decision must be lodged within 28 days of the date of the decision.

19. In accordance with section 31(2) of the *Liquor Act 2019*, the persons who may apply to NTCAT for a review of the decision are the Director and the applicant.

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