

**APPLICATION NUMBER**

**036/SOL/108/2024**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Whanganui (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the '2025 Downer NZ Masters Games'.

**BEFORE THE WANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner  
Mr S G Hylton



**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by **Whanganui (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the NZ Masters Games Village, War Memorial Centre, Watt Street, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the 2025 bi-annual Downer NZ Masters Games.

The date and hours sought are -

- **FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025 THROUGH TO SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025 (INCLUSIVE) 12:00 NOON – 12:00 Midnight**

**2. Application**

The application was not advertised. Accordingly we deal with the matter on the papers in accordance with section 202(1).

In considering the application for special licence the committee had regard to the following criteria under section 142 of the Act:

- (a) the object of this Act:*
- (b) the nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought and, in particular,—*
  - (i) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods; and*
  - (ii) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:*
- (c) the suitability of the applicant:*
  - (d) any relevant local alcohol policy:*
  - (e) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:*
  - (f) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:*
  - (g) the design and layout of the premises concerned:*
  - (h) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law:*
    - (i) any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas:*
    - (j) any steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that the requirements of this Act in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:*
  - (k) the applicant's proposals relating to—*
    - *(i) the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food; and*
    - *(ii) the sale and supply of low-alcohol drinks; and*
    - *(iii) the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises:*
  - (l) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health, or an inspector made under [section 141](#).*

### 3. Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 141 of the Act.

**Police Report** – No opposition within report received on the 20 November 2024.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received on 4 December 2024.

**Licensing Inspector Report** – Full report provided by the inspector including assessment of application against section 142 criteria. The Inspector concludes that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria of the Act. Draft conditions are also offered by the inspector.

The inspector noted the following pertinent points in her report –

- The applicant is an incorporated body established in 2014.
- The applicant has run similar events without any noted issues. The NZ Masters Games of this nature is run every two years since its inception in Whanganui with the bar and alcohol sales amended slightly each year depending on the licence operator.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- An Alcohol Management Plan has been submitted and agreed to by the reporting agencies.
- Council has given permission for the Trust to use the site and venue.
- The area and venue is built for this type of purpose. Issuing a special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality and should not generate the issues previously experienced at Springvale Park. A Resource Consent for the use has been applied for and granted with steps in place to address any noise issues as they arise. The event will take place on the forecourt of the War Memorial Centre. There will be 2.5m high fence around the forecourt area. Only Master Game's participants, supporters and ticketed entry for the general public will be allowed in this area. The War Memorial Complex (Internal Area) is proposed as an adverse weather (alternate) venue
- A Noise Management Plan, AMP and a Traffic Management Plan is submitted to ensure the event runs well. Professional security services are provided for additional nuisance mitigation and compliance management.
- The hours are reasonable for the whole event.
- The design and layout is suitable for the site and systems are in place to manage the outlets/licensed areas. An Alcohol Management Plan is in place and has been discussed with applicant, Police and Inspector.
- The applicant and inspector have agreed that the licensed area be designated "**supervised**".
- Four managers are nominated to manage the licence. Additional bar staff will be on duty with a minimum of two on at anyone one time. Security staff will assist.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

### 4. Decision

The application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspectors report.

**DATED** at Whanganui this 14 day of December, 2024.



Secretary

**Whanganui District Licensing Committee**

