

Application number: 036/SOL/032/2024

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Amber McKee** for a special licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of an 'Auction and Fundraising event to be hosted by the Whanganui Riding for Disabled Organisation'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application **Amber McKee** for a special licence in regards to an event to be held at 78 Purnell Street, (Whanganui Riding for Disabled Organisation rooms), Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is an 'Auction and Fundraising event to be hosted by the Whanganui Riding for Disabled Organisation'.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Friday 10 May 2024 from 5.00pm to 11.00pm.**

2. Application

The application was received late (waiver issued) on 3 May 2024 and included a site plan.

The application was not advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received under section 141 of the Act. 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.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 6 May 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 following matters from the full file including inspectors report are pertinent to this decision –

- The applicant is an individual applying on behalf of the Whanganui RDA Club. This applicant is a hospitality professional and holder of a Manager's Certificate. The Riding for Disabled Association have hosted similar events previously and with no known adverse event known. This looks to be their first application for this event to be hosted in their Association facilities.
- The event includes an Auction and formal dinner buffet. The applicant estimates that the event may attract up to 100 people (small event) 18 to 75 years of age. This is a ticketed event. Alcohol sale and consumption should not be a huge part of the event.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premises (RDA clubrooms) are to be licenced (On-license type) and have been in existence for some years and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of this rural locality.
- The premise is suitable for the type of event.
- The hours appear reasonable for the events being undertaken.
- A certified managers is nominated for the event.
- A '**Restricted**' designation for the event is supported.
- 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 9th day of May, 2024.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

