

Application number: 036/SOL/089/2024

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Aramoho Whanganui Rowing Club Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the 'Jury Cup Regatta'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Aramoho Wanganui Rowing Club Incorporated** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Club's premises, 198 Somme Parade, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the 'Jury Cup Regatta'.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Friday, 6 December 2024** **5.00pm to 8.30pm (Sponsors Evening)**
- **Saturday 7 December 2024** **4.00pm to 8.00pm (Jury Cup Regatta)**

2. Application

The application was received on the 31 October 2024 and included a certificate of incorporation, Alcohol Management Plan, waiver application and floor 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 within report dated 3 November 2024.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 4 November 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 his report –

- The applicant is a body corporate incorporated and has held licences for special events like this before. This application seeks licensing for one event over two dates and is related to the Jury Cup Regatta and includes a preceding evening event to thank the event sponsors.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- This event is limited to attendees and invited guests. The applicant estimates there will be less than 100 people (small event) and will be a low-key event. In this matter a 'Supervised' designation is requested to assist their management of this.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise and Club has been in existence for many years and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The premise (lounge/event centre) is suitable for the type of event and layout has been suitable in the past. The marked floor plan was included.
- The hours appear relevant for the events being undertaken.
- Thomas Charles Monaghan, a non-certified manager, is nominated for the event. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function. A s. 213(2) waiver is sought and endorsed by the inspector.
- A '**Supervised**' designation for the event is requested and supported.
- Both the Police and MOH have no objections to the application

4. Decision

The application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspectors report and a s. 213(2) waiver.

DATED at Whanganui this 4th day of November, 2024.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

