

APPLICATION No. **036/SOL/059/2023**

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Christopher
Hayton** for a special-licence pursuant to
section 138 of the Act for an event called
'Don McGlashan Concert'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Christopher Hayton** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at 37A Tawa Street, Whanganui, known as the Gonville Town Hall. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a music concert.

The date and hours sought is –

- **Saturday, 23 September 2023: 7.30pm to 10.30pm**

2. Application

The application was received on the 18 August 2023 and included a site plan, manager's certificate and menu.

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 received on 29 August 2023.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition.

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 complete file including inspectors report noted the following pertinent points—

- The applicant is an individual who has his own On-licence Brewery (Brews on Dregs) and he is a certified Manager. I have no record of him running a special licence event but I am sure he has the credentials to run a compliant event.
- This is a new event and venue in relation to Whanganui is well known as the old Gonville Town Hall. The event is to be on-licence in type and indoors,
- The applicant has not come to notice of authorities previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premises is an old town hall and is inside as per the floor plan. The special licence for this type of event should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager is nominated for the event and will be supported by other staff.
- A '**Supervised**' designation for the whole licensed area has been recommended and supported. The area is shown on the marked up plan.
- 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 20 day of September, 2023.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

