

Application number: 036/SOL/012/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Rosalie Matthews** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'fundraising dinner, auction and dance'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Rosalie Matthews** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Fordell Community Hall, Station Road, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'fundraising – dinner, auction and dance'.

The date and hours sought is -

- **Saturday, 22 March 2025, between 6.00pm and 11.00pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on 11 February 2025 and included a site plan, and a letter from the organising committee detailing the event.

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 17th February 2025.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 3 March 2025.

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.

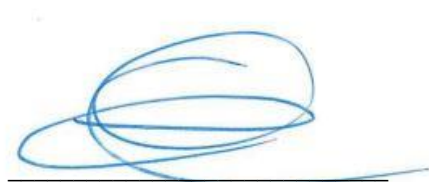
The full application file noted the following pertinent points –

- The applicant is an individual who is part of the local community fundraising Committee formed to raise funds for the community hall.
- The community has run and been granted similar licences before with no known issues raised. This event will attract around 120 attendees with pre-purchased tickets and is an on licence type special.
- The applicant has run the local hotel previously and held a managers certificate. Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise is the community hall within the rural village. The granting of the special licence should not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A non-certified manager is nominated for the event to ensure compliance. A s. 213(2) waiver is requested and supported for this.
- A 'supervised' designation for the event has been requested and 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 and a s. 213(2) waiver.

DATED at Whanganui this 4th day of March, 2025.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

