

APPLICATION NUMBER

036/SOL/007/2022

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Gipsy Foster** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Wedding Reception'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Gipsy Foster** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the War Memorial Entertainment Centre, Queens Park, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'Wedding Reception'.

The dates and hours sought is –

- **Saturday 19 March 2022 between 5.00pm and 12.00 midnight.**

2. Application

The application was received on 8 February 2022. The application included copy of email explaining licensed area, menu, floor plan, flyer and copy of manager's certificate.

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 1 March 2022.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 11 October 2021.

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 file and statutory reports noted the following pertinent points to assist the Committee's decision:

- The applicant is an individual who works with a wedding planning company to organise the event. They have run similar events.
- This is a medium sized family wedding where alcohol consumption should not play a big part of events. Only invited guests will be able to enter.
- Suitability is not challenged.

- The premise has been in existence for some years, is a historical public building and has held these types of licences previously. An extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The premise is suitable for the type of event and layout has been suitable in the past. The marked floor plan was included which shows the Pioneer Room as the area to be licensed. A non-designation is supported.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- A non-certified manager have been nominated for the event along with staff and security personnel. A s. 213(2) waiver is recommended and endorsed.
- 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.

DATED at Whanganui this 4 day of March, 2022.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

