

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Leeanne Palmer** for  
a special-licence pursuant to section 137  
of the Act on the occasions of an event to  
'Meet and greet for Durie Hill School 150<sup>th</sup>  
reunion".

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson  
Mr Stuart Hylton



**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by **Leeanne Palmer** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Durie Hill School Hall, 109 Portal Street, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a "Meet and greet for Durie Hill School 150<sup>th</sup> reunion".

The date and hours sought are –

- **Friday 20 October 2023, between 5.00pm and 10.00pm**

**2. Application**

The application 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 within report received on 13 October 2023.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received 11 October 2023.

**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 file including inspectors report noted the following pertinent points:

- The applicant is an individual who is part of an organising committee for the school reunion.
- The applicant has held and run special licence events before without apparent issue.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise to be licensed is a school hall that has been in existence for many years and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The premise is suitable for the type of events and layout has been suitable in the past. The marked floor plan was included.
- The hours appear relevant for the events being undertaken.
- A non-certified manager is nominated for the event including other staff. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function. A s. 213(2) waiver is supported for this to happen.
- A 'supervised' designation for the event is requested and 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 18 October 2023.

  
Secretary  
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

