

Application number: **036/SOL/025/2023**

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Loren Symes** for a
special-licence pursuant to section 138 of
the Act on the occasion of the 'The Pink
Ribbon Winter Ball 2023'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Loren Symes** for a special licence in regard to an event which is to licence areas within the War Memorial Hall, Queens Park, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the 'The Pink Ribbon Winter Ball 2023'.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Saturday 11 June 2023, between 6.00pm and 12.00 midnight.**

2. Application

The application was received on 3 April 2023. The application included a site map, alcohol mgt plan etc

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.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 20 April 2023.

Licensing Inspector Report – Full report provided by the inspector including assessment of application against section 142 criteria. The report was very thorough and gives the DLC some comfort matters have been well planned and thought about. 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.

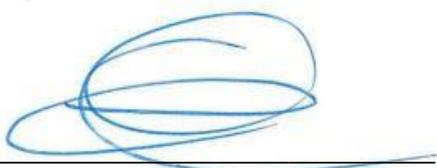
The inspector noted the following pertinent points in their report –

- The applicant is a natural person who is part of the organising committee.
- This is an annual fundraising event.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise (War Memorial Hall Interior) has been in existence for some years and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality. This premises has been used for similar type of large gatherings previously.
- The premise is suitable for the type of event and layout has been suitable in the past. The area to be licensed for the special event is the premise interior. The whole licensed area is to be designated "supervised".
- The hours appear reasonable for the events being undertaken.
- A certified manager is nominated for the event including other staff and security. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application and have worked with the applicant to ensure all concerns have been addressed.

4. Decision

The application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspectors report.

DATED at Whanganui this 5 day of May, 2023.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

