

Application number: 036/SOL/115/2024

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Murray Corps** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Deb Webber and Sensing Murder Show'.

BEFORE THE WANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Murray Corps** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street, Whanganui.

The nature of the events for which the licence is sought relates to an occasion of "Deb Webber and Sensing Murder Show".

The date and hours sought are –

- **Monday 24 February 2025 6.30pm to 10.00pm**

2. Application

The application was received on 26 November 2024 and included a site plan and food list.

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:*

(1) 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 7 January 2025.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 2 December 2024.

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 inspector noted the following pertinent points in their report –

- The applicant is a well-known person who should be able to run a good event of this nature. The applicant is proposing to host entertainment shows within the lobby and heritage room known as Heritage House. The event is solely available to those pre-purchasing tickets and is limited to less than 100 people.
- The applicant is a certified manager and has provided professional licensed service in Whanganui and at this venue for a number of years. No concern is known.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise is a grand old building used for these types of events previously. Previous licences have operated well before and should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The site plan indicates the proposed licensed area as the lobby and heritage room. It is to be '**supervised**'.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager is nominated for the event which 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.

DATED at Whanganui this 7 day of January, 2025.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

