

Application number: 036/SOL/028/2024

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 'Dinner with Rt Hon Christopher Luxon'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

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

The nature of the event for which the licence is sought relates to a 'Dinner with Rt Hon Christopher Luxon'.

The date and hours sought are –

- **FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024** **5:30 PM – 10.00 PM**

2. Application

The application was received on 16 April 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:
(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 19 April 2024.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 17 April 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 respectable person who should be able to run a good event of this nature. The event is invite/ticket only and the majority of attendees will be over 60.
- 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, Heritage Room and Wanganui Club lounge. It is to be undesignated.

- 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 19 day of April, 2024.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

