

Application number: 036/SOL/105/2023

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Roots Brewing Company Limited** for an On-style special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasions of the 'Roots Summer Sessions'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Roots Brewing Company Limited** for a special licence (ON-type) in regard to a series of events to be held at the applicant's brewery, 43 SHW 3, Westmere, Whanganui.

The nature of the events for which the licence is sought is the "Roots Summer Sessions".

The dates and hours sought are –

- **Every Friday from 22 December 2023 to 23 February 2024, between 1.00pm and 8.00pm.**
- **Every Saturday from 23 December 2023 to 24 February 2024, between 11.00am and 8.00pm.**
- **Sunday 24 December 2023, between 11.00am and 7.00pm.**
- **Every Sunday from 31 December 2023 to 25 February 2024, between 11.00am and 8.00pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on 17 November 2023 and included a site plan, menu, and supporting letters.

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 23 November 2023.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 16 December 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 application file and inspectors report raised the following pertinent points –

- The applicant is a company who have an off-licence for brewed alcohol they make and wholesale. The applicant is familiar with licensing matters and laws. They have also run special licences before with no apparent issue.
- In terms of the particular series of events in respect of which the application is made, the applicant has described this as Roots Summer Sessions that include brewery open days, live music and games nights to provide a Licence for locals and visitors to the city. The applicant is making enquiries to apply for an On-Licence but this would not be issued before the time period required.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The area has an off licence and has been used for this purpose before. The licenced area includes the internal shop area and the external aspect of the premises and includes their fenced outdoor area that is demarcated by fencing and existing structures. The issuing of a special licence should not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality.
 - The licensed area layout was provided and is a particular site that will be demarcated.
 - The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
 - A certified manager has been nominated for the licence.
 - A '**supervised**' designation for the licensed area is supported for this type of event.
 - Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

I concur with the inspector's assessment and conditions for the proposed events.

4. Decision

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

DATED at Whanganui this 7 December 2023.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

