

Application number: 036/SOL/014/2019

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Wanganui Collegiate Schools Parents and Friends Association** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Welcoming Evening and Quiz Night'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Wanganui Collegiate Schools Parents and Friends Association** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Wanganui Collegiate 'Big School' Building, Liverpool Street, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'Welcome Evening for Parents and Friends'.

The dates and hours sought are

- **Friday 22 February 2019, between 6.00pm and 10.30pm,**
- **Friday 15 March 2019, between 5.15pm to 8.15pm,**
- **Friday 28 June 2019, 6.00pm to 10.30pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on 1 February 2019. The application included a floor plan, letter of support from school principal and flyer. The application was also granted a s. 137(2) waiver for late application.

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 12th February 2019.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 12th February 2019.

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 also noted the following pertinent points in her report –

- The applicant is a group who represent the School's parents and friends association. They are a prominent school in Wanganui who will not want any problems with a poorly run event.
- Previous events have been run without incident
- Suitability is not challenged
- The premise has been in existence for many years and is within the school confines. The event should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality. Alcohol should not be a big part of the event.
- The premise is suitable for the event and layout has been suitable in the past. People will be seated at tables for most of the event.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event
- Alexandra Grierson, a non-certified manager, is nominated as manager for the licence. The inspector has no concerns about her suitability provided a s. 213(2) waiver is approved. Other Committee members will also be helping to control the event.
- A '**Supervised**' designation for the event is supported.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application

4. Decision

Accordingly the application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspectors report and a s. 213(2) waiver.

DATED at Whanganui this 18 day of February, 2019.



Secretary

Whanganui District Licensing Committee

