

IN THE MATTER
AND

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

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of an application by the
Wanganui Darts League Incorporated for
a renewal of Club Licence pursuant to section
127 of the Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The application for renewal of Club Licence (036/CLUB/001/2016) was publicly advertised in the Whanganui River City Press on the 27 February 2025 with no objections received. No matters of opposition were raised under section 128 and 129 reports; therefore, the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary.

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Application

Wanganui Darts League Incorporated made the application on the prescribed form received on 21 February 2025. The application for renewal of Club Licence is in relation to the club's premises situated at 388a Heads Road, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of a sports club (darts). The Club has been incorporated since 1971 and has held a liquor licence of some sort for a good number of those years. The sale and supply of liquor is not the main focus of the Club. The premises is undesignated and has not come to the attention of the authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period.

The renewal seeks to keep the same hours and conditions of the current licence.

The complete file included –

- The application
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector
- Host Policy
- Incorporation details
- Club activities list
- Fire Evacuation Scheme and declaration
- Site plan
- S. 208 request along with decision
- Copy of public advertisement

2. Decision Making

In considering this application for Club-Licence the licensing committee had regard to the criteria under section 131 and 105 of the Act.

Section 105/131 assessments:

(a) the object of this Act:

The inspector notes that the applicant has supplied a Host Responsibility Policy stating the measures to be undertaken ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol. There have been no issues raised concerning previous operations so if the policy is followed then continued compliance should be able to be achieved.

(b) the suitability of the applicant:

The applicant is an incorporated society since 1971. The applicant has supplied the name of one certified manager for the Club which is considered as the bare minimum for the Club. In saying this the manager is very conscientious and the Club is not open for sale and consumption that often.

The applicant appears to have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law. The Inspector will work with the applicant to encourage greater uptake of certified managers at the Club.

The premises has been inspected in the last 12 months and recently hosted their sport for the Masters Games with additional inspection. There was no compliance issues found during the inspections. All of the required signage was correctly displayed. Food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase at all times. Free drinking water is available at water stations outside of the bar as well as being available to patrons on request.

Suitability is not challenged.

(c) any relevant local alcohol policy:

No Local Policies currently in place.

(d) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:

Applicant has applied for the same days and hours as currently enjoyed i.e.

- **Monday to Friday, 5.00 pm to 12.00 midnight,**
- **Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 9.00 am to 12.00 midnight.**

This is seen as adequate and has operated without incident.

(e) the design and layout of any proposed premises:

No CPTED assessment received with application, but I concur with inspectors comment that there are no concerns with the layout of this premises. The floor plan provided has worked well over the years.

(g) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises 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:

Sports, darts principally.

(j) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:

One certified manager is adequate, the club implements good host responsibility measures and attends training events.

(k) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, an inspector, or a Medical Officer of Health made under [section 103](#). (see below)

(s.131(1)(b))whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be increased, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence:

No issues raised and agree with inspector's assessment.

(s.131(1)(d))the manner in which the applicant has sold (or, as the case may be, sold and supplied), displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol.

No issues raised within file.

3 Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 103 and 129 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

3.1 Police – Report received on 11 March 2025, of no opposition.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health - Report received on 13 March 2025, of no opposition.

3.2 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 4 April 2022. The inspector was satisfied the application is complete and appears to meet the criteria for renewal.

4 Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, my assessment above of section 105/131 matters and the past operation of the premise/licensee, I conclude that the application meets the statutory criteria to be granted a renewal of Club-Licence under the Act for a period of three (3) years.

5 Decision

The licence is issued subject to the existing conditions and to take effect from the latest expiry date.

The application is **Approved** for issue immediately.

Dated at Whanganui District this 4 day of April 2025.

Signed



Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

