

Application number: 036/SOL/023/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Whanganui Pirates Rugby Football Club** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Westpac Chopper appeal event'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Whanganui Pirates Rugby Football Club** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Pirates Club's premises, 2 Sarjeant Street, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'Westpac Chopper appeal event'.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Friday 23 May 2025, between 5.00pm and 10.00pm**

2. Application

The application was received on 9 April 2025 and included a supporting letter, menu, drinks list and floor plan.

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 Police report dated 11 April 2025.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 14 April 2025.

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 complete file and inspectors report noted the following pertinent points in determining this application –

- The applicant is a body corporate incorporated in 1971.
- The applicant has described this as a hosted charity event to raise funds in support of the Westpac Chopper appeal where Club members will be in attendance but where additionally non-affiliated people will also be attending. The applicant estimates that the event may attract up to 90 people (small event) where attendance is likely less and mature people but also families made up of persons of all ages. Event attendance is by ticket only and includes a sit down meal. The venue is solely available to this event.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise and club licence has been in existence for many years and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The premise is suitable for the type of event and layout has been suitable in the past. The marked floor plan was included which for this event is the social area located on level two only.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- Certified managers are nominated for the event including other security staff. This is seen as sufficient to cover the functions.
- A non-designation for the event is requested and supported.
- Both the Police and MOH have no objections to the application

4. Decision

The application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspector's report.

DATED at Whanganui this 14 day of April, 2025.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

