

Application number: 036/SOL/111/2023

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Whanganui District Council Social Club** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of 'Social Events for 2024'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Whanganui District Council Social Club** for a special licence in regard to a series of events to be held at the Whanganui District Council Chambers, Whanganui.

The nature of the events for which the licence is sought is 'Social Club Events for 2024'.

The dates and hours sought are –

- **Friday 26 January 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 23 February 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 22 March 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 26 April 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 31 May 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 21 June 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 26 July 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 30 August 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 27 September 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Friday 25 October 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Tuesday 5 November 2024 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm**
- **Friday 29 November 2024 from 4:30pm until 11:00pm**
- **Tuesday 24 December 2024 from 11:30am until 9:00pm**

2. Application

The application was received on 15 November 2023 and included a site plan, owner's permission, waiver request for lateness and emails.

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.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report dated 27 November 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 full file, including inspectors report, noted the following pertinent points:

- The applicant is a social club that have organised special licence functions before. The licence is to cover the social clubs monthly staff happy hours through the 2024 year.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The events will only be open to social club members and guests.
- The premise is the Council social club/staff room area. Extra special licences should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- A marked floor plan was included. No issues noted.
- The hours appear relevant for the events being undertaken.
- A non-certified manager has been nominated to run the event and a s. 213(2) waiver was applied for. This is seen as sufficient to cover the functions.
- No designation for the event is requested and 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 22 December 2023.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

