

Application number: 036/SOL/062/2022

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 2022'.

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 an event to be held at the Whanganui District Council Chambers, Whanganui.

The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'Social Events for 2023'.

The dates and hours sought are –

- **FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 26 MAY 2022 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 28 JULY 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023 3:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
- **FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2023 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM**

2. Application

The application was received on 29 September 2022 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 within report dated 10 October 2022.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report dated 3 October 2022.

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 2023 year.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The event 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 11 October 2022.


Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

