

Application number: 036/SOL/088/2021

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Begin Distilling Limited** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the 'Whanganui on the rocks festival'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Begin Distilling Limited** for a special licence (off sales stall) in regard to an event to be held at Majestic Square, 102-104 Victoria Ave, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the "Whanganui on the rocks festival".

The dates and hours sought are –

- **Saturday 23 October 2021, between 1.00pm and 6.00pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on 27 September 2021.

The application included a site plan, menu, permission letters from ground owner and event manager, Alcohol Management Plan, Managers Certificates and supporting letters.

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 5 October 2021.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 4 October 2021.

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 application file and inspectors report raised the following pertinent points –

- The applicant is a company who sell alcohol (off-style special licence) at the festival for people to take away and consume off the premises.
- This application is to allow the applicant to market and sell their alcohol at the festival. They will lease a stall (site 7) for the expo. They are well versed at selling their products at various shows around the Country.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The stall is part of a premier public place precinct that is being used solely for like-minded activities on the day. The issuing of a special licence should not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality.
- The licensed area layout was provided and is a particular stall. Sale of alcohol should be minor.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager has been nominated for the licence. Other security guards will be present as part of the expo.

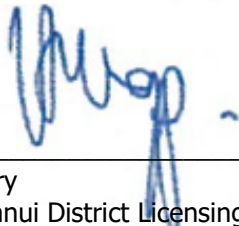
- A 'restricted' designation for the licensed area is supported for this type of event.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

I concur with the inspector's assessment and conditions for the proposed events.

4. Decision

Accordingly the application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspectors report.

DATED at Whanganui this 6 October 2021.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

