

Application number: 036/SOL/080/2021

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Whanganui District Council** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Heartland Rugby Matches'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by Whanganui District Council for a special licence in regard to a series of events to be held at the Cooks Gardens Events Centre, 99 St Hill Street, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is 'Heartland Rugby Matches'.

The dates and hours sought is –

- **Saturday 21 August 2021, between 12.00 midday and 5.30pm.**
- **Saturday 4 September 2021, between 12.00 midday and 5.30pm.**
- **Saturday 18 September 2021, between 12.00 midday and 5.30pm.**
- **Saturday 2 October 2021, between 12.00 midday and 5.30pm.**
- **Saturday 16 October 2021, between 12.00 midday and 5.30pm.**
- **Saturday 23 October 2021, between 12.00 midday and 5.30pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on 11th August 2021 and included a site plan, floor plan, Host Responsibility Plan, s. 208 waiver, menu 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 11th August 2021.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 16th August 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 Territorial Authority who run three corporate boxes for the event and have taken responsibility for the licence. The events are Heartland Rugby matches.
- The applicant has managed these types of events at this venue previously.
- Suitability is not challenged
- The premises is a premier sporting facility in the middle of the town and CBD. The issuing of a special licence should not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality.
- The licensed area layout was provided. The area to be licensed is the corporate boxes 1-3, which are designated 'supervised'.
- The hours appear relevant for the events being undertaken.

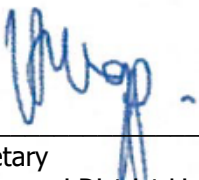
- One certified manager has been nominated for the licence. Other security guards are also employed to assist.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

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

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 17th August 2021.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

