

Application number: 036/SOL/104/2024

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Caroline's Limited** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of 'New Year's Eve Function'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Caroline's Limited** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at Caroline's Boatshed, 181 Somme Parade, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'New Year's Eve Function' which requires an extension of hours.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Wednesday 1 January 2025, between 1.00am to 2.00am.**

2. Application

The application was received on 6th November 2024 and included a floor plan, correspondence and menu.

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 received on 13 November 2024.

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 inspector noted the following pertinent points in her report –

- The applicant is a well-recognised licensee with great experience in the industry who has been contracted to run the bar for the event.
- The extension is for New Year's Eve to allow patrons to see the New Year in and extend the normal closing time from 1.00am to 2.00am.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise is the licensee's On-licence facility that has been in situ for many years. The facility is purpose built for this type of event. The granting of the special licence should not reduce the 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 shows the area to be licensed.
- The hours appear relevant for the special event being undertaken.
- One certified manager is nominated for the event and other staff and security persons will be in attendance.
- The normal designations of the premise for the event is supported.
- The Inspector suggests a one way door clause from 1am which is normal for 2.00am closing. This is 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 and a one way door clause to operate from 1.00am to 2.00am.

DATED at Whanganui this 11th day of December, 2024.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

