

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

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of an application by **Castlecliff Club Incorporated** for a renewal of Club Licence pursuant to section 127 of the Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The application for renewal of Club Licence (036/CLUB/003/2015) was publically advertised in the Rivercity Press on the 13 June 2024. A photo of the public notice was displayed on the premise in accordance with the Regulations. No public objections were received.

No matters of opposition were raised under section 128 and 129 reports; therefore the matter is considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary.

**Commissioner: Stuart Hylton**

**DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1. Application**

**Castlecliff Club Incorporated** made the application on the prescribed form received on the 10th June 2024. The application for renewal of Club Licence is in relation to the clubs premises at 4 Tennyson Street, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of a Chartered Club. The Castlecliff Club Incorporated has been incorporated and operated on the current site since 1962.

The renewal seeks to keep the same conditions as the current licence and the premise has not come to the notice of officials during the renewal period.

A letter was provided by the applicant advising that the premises has a current and compliant evacuation scheme in place.

The complete file included –

- The application
- Floor plan
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector
- Club's Host Responsibility Policy
- Fire Evacuation Scheme letter of compliance from applicant
- Food / Drink list menu
- Floor Plan
- Copy of current licence
- Notice of renewal
- Copy of public advertisement
- Photo showing compliance with s.101(a) public notice requirement

**2. Decision Making**

In considering this application for Club-Licence the licensing committee had regard to the criteria under section 131 and 105 of the Act.

**Section 105/131 assessments:**

**(a) the object of this Act:**

The inspector notes that the applicant has supplied a Host Responsibility Policy stating the measures to be undertaken to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol. There have been no issues raised concerning previous operations so if the policy is followed then compliance with the object of the Act should be able to be achieved.

**(b) the suitability of the applicant:**

The applicant is an incorporated society and located and run a licence on the current site since 1962. The club has a number of adjuncts. The applicant has supplied the name of three certified managers for the licence. This is considered to be adequate to manage the licence.

The suitability of the applicant is not challenged.

**(c) any relevant local alcohol policy:**

No local policies currently in place.

**(d) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:**

Applicant has applied for the same days and hours as currently enjoyed i.e.

- **Monday to Sunday, 8.00am to 12.00 midnight,**

This is seen as adequate and has operated in the past without incident.

**(e) the design and layout of any proposed premises:**

A floor plan was provided with the application and indicates that no changes to layout have been made since the previous renewal. The two floor layout appears to function satisfactorily and security cameras assist surveillance of entire area. The Club is undesignated apart from the gaming room which is restricted.

**(g) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises 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:**

Nil.

**(j) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:**

Previous operations have been excellent and therefore systems seem very appropriate. The applicant has indicated staff have a good understanding of the Act. The inspector notes no failure from past inspections.

**(k) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, an inspector, or a Medical Officer of Health made under [section 103](#). (see 3 below)**

**(s.131(1)(b))whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be increased, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence:**

No issues raised and amenity and good order should not be compromised by the renewal of the licence.

**(s.131(1)(d))the manner in which the applicant has sold (or, as the case may be, sold and supplied), displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol.**

No issues raised within file.

### **3 Reporting Agencies**

The following reports were received under section 103 and 129 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

**3.1 Police** – No opposition within report dated 13 June 2024.

**3.2 Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 2 July 2024 of no opposition.

**3.2 Licensing Inspector** – Full report dated 19 July 2024. The inspector is satisfied the application is complete and having regard to the required criteria together with the performance of the applicant, has no opposition to the renewal application.

**4 Conclusion**

Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, my assessment above of section 105/131 matters and the past operation of the premise/licensee, I conclude that the application meets the statutory criteria to be granted a renewal of Club-Licence **(036/CLUB/003/2015)** under the Act for a period of three (3) years.

**5 Decision**

The licence can be issued subject to the existing conditions.

The application is **Approved** for issue immediately.

**Dated at Whanganui District this 21 day of July 2024.**

**Signed**



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**Stuart Hylton**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner**

