

APPLICATION No.

036/SOL/046/2024

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Rochelle Howard**
for a special-licence pursuant to section
138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Quiz
Fundraising Event'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Rochelle Howard** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Ad Astra Hostel, Whanganui Girls College, 119 Anzac Parade, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a fundraiser "Faulty Towers Dining Experience" for the "Whatever" formally known as Youth Services Trust.

This is a ticketed event which costs \$45.00 to attend, which includes dinner, the Faulty Towers experience and alcohol can be purchased at the event. Members of the Rotary Club will ensure that only ticket holders attend this event and they will also help manage the event.

The event will likely attract up to 100 people (small event) with an age range from 40 to 80 years old.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Saturday, 20th July 2024, 6.00pm to 10.00pm,**

2. Application

The application was received on the 21 June 2024 and included a site/floor plan and letter of permission from School to use the hall and flyer.

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 25 June 2024.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 2 July 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 complete file including inspectors report noted the following pertinent points—

- The applicant is an individual who also manages Ad Astra hostel at Whanganui Girls College. She has a vested interest to ensure it's a well-run event. An alcohol management plan is submitted with the application.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The area to be licensed is shown on the floor plan with the application and is the entire delineated area being the Main Dining Area at Ad Astra Hostel, Whanganui Girls College, and is to be designated as "**Restricted**".
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager is nominated for the event 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 8th day of July, 2024.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

