

DECISION NUMBER

1468/2020

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **EVENT-RITE LIMITED** for an On- Licence pursuant to section 100 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of the premises situated at 32 Latham Street, Napier South, Napier and known as “McClean Park”.

BEFORE THE NAPIER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The application for a new On-Licence was advertised in the Hawkes Bay Today on the 10 and 17 August 2020; together with statutory signage on the building. No objections were received and no s. 103 reports noted any opposition.

Therefore the matter is considered by the Napier District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of s.202 (1) and 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Commissioner:Stuart Hylton

RESERVED DECISION OF THE NAPIER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Application

- (1) The application was made on the 3 August 2020 on the prescribed form. The application seeks to re-license an existing venue due to change of licensee. The Council currently has the licence for the venue however the applicant has negotiated with Council the rights to run the licensed premises for a specified period of time. The Council will surrender their licence upon approval of this application. The premises is at 32 Latham Street, Napier South Napier.

The general nature of the business will be that of a ‘function centre style’ ON-licence.

- (2) The premises (venue) at 32 Latham Street, Napier South, Napier is owned by the Napier City Council/Hawkes Bay Rugby Union who have given permission for this application. The licensed area is the whole premise including corporate boxes, stands, lounges and pavilion, as demarcated on the application’s floor plan dated 1 August 2020. The principle entrance is that off Gate 1, Latham Street, Napier.
- (3) The applicant is an incorporated company with two director and two shareholders.
- (4) The premise is known as ‘McClean Park’ and is seeking to remain ‘undesigned’ throughout.
- (5) The complete file that the District Licensing Committee received included evidence that the following was provided as part of the application –
 - The application
 - Certificate of incorporation
 - Floor plan

- A s. 100(f) RMA/ Building Act compliance letter from Council
- Letter from applicant's landlord agreeing to the application to be licensed.
- Letter from landlord representative as having the necessary evacuation scheme
- Copy of public notice on the building
- Host Responsibility Policy
- Full menu
- Public Advert wording
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

Decision Making

(6) In considering this application for On-Licence the District licensing Committee (here in after referred to as the 'Committee') had regard to the criteria specified under s. 105 of the Act.

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

This is a new licensee for an existing licence operation within an existing licensed premise which comes about from a change of responsibility. The applicant provided a Host Responsibility Policy that shows how alcohol will be sold in a responsible manner under the licence. If followed this should ensure the object of the Act continues to be complied with.

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

The applicant, EVENT-RITE LIMITED, is an incorporated company with two directors and two shareholders. The directors and shareholders have an interest to ensure the licence is a success and the statutory responsibilities are adhered to as they have a contract with the Council to perform the roll. The Inspector reports there has been no previous issues with the applicant under previous licensed events they have been involved in.

Two certified managers are named for the licence application. This is seen as adequate.

(9) The inspector and reporting agencies do not challenge suitability of the applicant and neither do I.

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

The Napier LAP has been adopted. The inspector has noted that the application accords with the LAP.

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

The applicant has applied for the following days and hours –

- **Monday to Sunday, 8.00am to 1.00am the following day,**

These are the same hours that have operated under the previous licence and they accord with the national default maximum trading hours.

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

The application included a floor plan that shows the area to be licensed. The whole of the licensed premise is to be 'undesigned' which is supported by the inspector.

- (13) **whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods:**

No.

- (14) **whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, to more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:**

Within the agency reports there are no concerns about the possible reduction in amenity and good order from any licence issue.

The premise is an existing use in an appropriately zoned area which should ensure the amenity and good order of the locality are not effected by more than a minor extent.

- (15) **whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality are already so badly affected by the effects of the issue of existing licences that—**

(i) **they would be unlikely to be reduced further (or would be likely to be reduced further to only a minor extent) by the effects of the issue of the licence; but**

(ii) **it is nevertheless desirable not to issue any further licences:**

No concerns raised.

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

If the host responsibility policy is followed the licence holder should have no problems with compliance. The applicant has taken their licensing responsibilities seriously previously and there is no reason to suggest this will not continue.

Reporting Agencies

- (17) The following reports were received under section 103 of the Act.

- (18) **Police** – Report received on 19 August 2020, offering no opposition.

- (19) **Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 12 August 2020, offering no opposition.

- (20) **Licensing Inspector**

Full report dated 1 September 2020. The inspector provided a comprehensive report into the application, has met the applicant and concluded that the application is complete, appears to meet the criteria for a new on-licence and therefore has no opposition to the application. The inspector has suggested possible conditions.

Committees Decision and Reason

- (21) Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, lack of opposition from the relevant agencies, my assessment above, I conclude that the application meets the s. 105 criteria under the Act to be granted an on-licence for the premise situated at 32 Latham Street Street, Napier South, Napier and known as “McClean Park”.

(22) Accordingly the application is **approved** for issue for one year subject to the conditions identified in the Inspectors report.

3 Decision

Accordingly the application is **Approved** for issue from this date.

Dated at Napier District this 9 September 2020.

Signed



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Stuart Hylton
Napier District Licensing Commissioner