

1. CANTERBURY CAR CLUB LIQUOR LICENCE

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The Area Parks Officer sought approval from the Community Board, on behalf of the Council (the lessor), for the Canterbury Car Club Inc to alter its liquor licence hours at Ruapuna Park.

The Canterbury Car Club currently holds a liquor licence for their premises at Ruapuna Park. This liquor licence is due for renewal on 14 December 1998. As part of renewal of this liquor licence the Canterbury Car Club wishes to make application to the District Licensing Agency for a variation to the opening hours of the club licence.

Any variation to the liquor licence hours requires approval of the lessor (the Council – as owner of the park) before the District Licensing Authority can consider any request for change. A club liquor licence does not allow the Canterbury Car Club to serve members of the public, only to provide for members and reciprocal members to and invitees to the Club.

The Canterbury Car Club leases Ruapuna Park from the Christchurch City Council for the purpose of motor sport racing and associated recreational activities. The lease commenced on 1 January 1997 and is for a term of 19 years 364 days, thus terminates on 30 December 2016.

It is the Council's policy that clubs applying for licences should have the approved hours specified in their leases to provide control by Council if their operation creates a nuisance to neighbours.

The Canterbury Car Club Inc currently holds a licence to serve liquor to members and guests for the following hours:

Saturday and Sunday	12 noon – 11.00 pm
Monday – Friday	5.00 pm – 11.00 pm

The requested new hours are as follows:

Saturday	12 noon – 12 midnight
Sunday and Public Holidays	12 noon – 11.00 pm
Monday – Friday	3.00 pm – 11.00 pm

The Canterbury Car Club has requested the extended hours to their liquor licence for the following reasons:

1. The majority of major meetings involve testing on Saturday and racing on Sunday. Therefore a number of crews are often involved in the final preparation of their vehicles on Saturday evening, and the extra hour would provide the flexibility to allow the crews to socialise after they finish work. It is not envisaged that the Saturday extension for one hour to midnight would be regularly used, but the extension would be of assistance if it is required.

2. Sunday hours remain unchanged, however with race meetings taking place on public holidays such as Labour Day, Show Day etc as well as Sundays, it is considered necessary to operate on these days for the same times as a Sunday.
3. On occasions when the Canterbury Car Club wishes to provide hospitality at a mid week function, such events normally conclude between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. The earlier opening time of 3.00pm would enable catering to be provided during this time.

The Christchurch City Council Host Responsibility Policy (29 October 1991) sets out guidelines for the management of social functions, provision of food and alternative drinks, safe transport and advise for servers of alcoholic beverages.

The Christchurch Car Club's current lease does not refer to the need for a Host Responsibility Program if a liquor licence is applied for. It is therefore appropriate that an extension be subject to the Christchurch Car Club instituting a Host Responsibility Programme, the principles of which are to be met at all times.

Whilst being supportive of the request, Board members emphasised the importance of the Host Responsibility Programme.

Recommendation: That the Council grant the Canterbury Car Club permission to apply to the District Licensing Authority for an extension to their liquor licence to supply liquor to members and invitees, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the following hours applied to the District Licensing Authority be as follows:

Saturday	12 noon – 12 midnight
Sunday/Public Holidays	12 noon – 11.00 pm
Monday – Friday	3.00 pm – 11.00 pm
2. The Canterbury Car Club institutes a Host Responsibility Programme, the principles of which are to be met at all times.
3. The Canterbury Car Club lease is altered to reflect the change in licensed hours.