

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS: PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR

At its meeting on 24 October 2002 the Christchurch City Council gave its preliminary approval for the following road closures and liquor prohibitions for the forthcoming New Year's Eve celebrations to be held in and around Cathedral Square and in the vicinity of Spencer Park.

SPENCER PARK

Specified Days and Times During Which Prohibited Acts Will Apply

Between the hours of 6pm on Tuesday 31 December 2002 and 6am on Wednesday 1 January 2003.

Specified Public Places in Vicinity of Spencer Park

At Spencer Park situated on the southern side of Heyders Road, commencing from 71 Heyders Road, Spencerville and continuing to the beach access and including car parking areas.

CATHEDRAL SQUARE

Specified Days and Times During Which Prohibited Acts Will Apply

Between the hours of 8.30pm on Tuesday 31 December 2002 and 1am on Wednesday 1 January 2003.

Specified Public Places in and Around Cathedral Square

Worcester Boulevard between Rolleston Avenue and Cathedral Square

Worcester Street between Cathedral Square and Manchester Street

Colombo Street between Hereford Street and Gloucester Street

Tramway Lane from Worcester Street to Hereford Street

Oxford Terrace between Armagh Street and the Bridge of Remembrance on the western side of the eastern kerbline

Strand Lane

Press Lane

ACTS PROHIBITED IN FOREGOING PUBLIC PLACES

The following acts are prohibited in the specified public places during the specified days and times:

1. The use of ordinary vehicular traffic.
2. The consumption of liquor.
3. The bringing of liquor into the specified public places.
4. The possession of liquor.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PROHIBITIONS

The prohibitions exclude:

- (a) The use of a vehicle by a person residing in premises on land having a frontage to the public place concerned or by genuine visitors of the person.
- (b) The transport of liquor from premises on land having a frontage to the public place concerned if:
 - (i) The liquor is being delivered by a person residing on the premises or by the person's genuine visitors to a place outside the public place; and
 - (ii) The liquor is promptly removed from the public place.
- (c) The transport of liquor from outside the public place concerned if:
 - (i) The liquor is being delivered to a person residing on premises having a frontage to the public place or to the person's genuine visitors; and
 - (ii) The liquor is promptly removed from the public place.

- (d) The transport of liquor from premises on land having a frontage to the public place concerned if:
 - (i) The liquor has, under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, been sold on the premises for consumption off the premises; and
 - (ii) The liquor is promptly removed from the public place.
- (e) The transport of liquor from outside the public place concerned for delivery to premises on land having a frontage to the public place concerned if:
 - (i) The liquor may, under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, be sold on the premises; and
 - (ii) The liquor is promptly removed from the public place.
- (f) The driving or riding of a motor vehicle by a person residing in premises on land having a frontage to the specified public places or by his or her bona fide visitors.
- (g) Buses, taxis, emergency service vehicles or Council vehicles.

POWERS OF POLICE

1. A member of the police may, without a warrant exercise the following powers under the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1974:
 - (a) Arrest a person whom the member of the police finds committing an offence against section 709G.
 - (b) While a prohibition is in force, arrest a person whom the member of the police has reasonable cause to suspect of having committed an offence against section 709G.
2. A member of the police may, without a warrant, search:
 - (a) A vehicle in, entering, or about to enter a public place, in respect of which a prohibition under 1 or more of paragraphs (b) to (d) of section 709C(2) is in force, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the vehicle contains liquor.
 - (b) A container (for example, a parcel, package, bag, or case) in the possession of a person who is in, entering, or about to enter a public place, in respect of which a prohibition under 1 or more of paragraphs (b) to (d) of section 709C(2) is in force, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the container contains liquor.
3. Before exercising the power of search in subsection (2), a member of the police must:
 - (a) Inform the person in possession of the vehicle or container of the provisions of subsection (4); and
 - (b) If the person is in possession of the vehicle or container in the public place, give the person a reasonable opportunity to remove the vehicle or container from the public place.
4. A member of the police must not exercise the power of search in subsection (2) if the person in possession of the vehicle or container removes it from, or refrains from taking it into, the public place concerned.
5. A member of the police may seize and remove liquor and its container or any other container that the member of the police has reasonable cause to believe would be evidence of the commission of an offence against section 709G.
6. Liquor or a container seized under subsection (5) is forfeited to the Crown if the person from whom the liquor or container is seized is convicted of an offence against section 709G.

PENALTY

Every person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 who, knowing that a prohibition is in force, contravenes the prohibition.

The proposed prohibitions will be submitted to an ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 12 December 2002, for confirmation.

Any person who wishes to make submissions on the proposed prohibitions may submit these in writing to the Council Secretary, Christchurch City Council, P O Box 237, Christchurch not later than 4pm on Wednesday 11 December 2002.

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