

4. VARIATION OF LEASE APPLICATION FOR THE SPREYDON BOWLING CLUB (SPREYDON DOMAIN)

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The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to make a recommendation to Council upon an application received from the Spreydon Bowling Club, which is situated upon Spreydon Domain, (a vested recreational reserve), for a variation to their lease agreement. The variation the Club is seeking, is to enable the Club to apply to the District Licensing Agency for an extension to the hours the liquor licence is able to be operated.

Present Liquor Licence Hours:

The Spreydon Bowling Club presently operates its liquor licence during the following hours:

<i>1st September to 20th April (Inclusive)</i>	
Monday to Friday	4.00pm to 7.00pm
Saturday and Public Holidays	1.00pm to 7.00pm
Sundays	1.00pm to 7.00pm

<i>1st May to 31st August (Inclusive)</i>	
Monday to Saturday	4.30 to 6.30pm

Proposed Liquor Licence Hours:

The Club has applied for an extension to its liquor licence to be operated as outlined below.

Sunday to Thursday	9.00am to 9.00pm
Friday and Saturday	9.00am to 11.00pm

These proposed hours of operation are within the time limits allowed for in the Proposed City Plan. The Spreydon Bowling Club wants an extension to their current liquor licence to enable the Club flexibility in the operation of its liquor licence when hosting tournaments, and to improve the existing facilities already being provided by the Club to its members. It is not the Clubs intention to serve alcohol throughout the above times, but to have the facility available when Club functions or meetings make the provision of alcohol desirable.

Public Notification

Any changes to the terms of the lease to allow an extended period during which the liquor licence may operate must be followed by an application for a liquor licence being made to the District Licensing Agency, part of this process including notification in the local newspaper. The Parks Unit notified local residents in close proximity to the Club and other effected parties of the Spreydon Bowling Clubs application by letter dated 21st June 2000. This letter outlined the Bowling Club's application, and requested that any comments be forwarded to staff by 10th July 2000.

Submissions Received

There were 71 letters sent out to local residents notifying them of the proposal. Six submissions were received; four submitters stating that they did not have any objection to the proposed extension to the hours the Clubs liquor licence may be operated. Two submitters did not object to the extended hours in principle, but did raise concerns about possible car parking congestion and reduced driver control upon the road, which may result from extending the liquor licence hours. One of these submitters indicated that speed humps should be put in place along Domain Terrace to slow the traffic down, and thereby alleviate any potential problems caused by impaired driver control, or excess speed. One submitter believes that the Club lease should preclude the Club from applying for a late licence.

Formal car parking spaces are to be constructed upon the park this financial year, alleviating any potential future parking problems. The provision of 'speed humps' along Domain Terrace is on the City Streets budget, but is on hold pending a review of Council policy on the installation of 'speed humps' upon local roads. There have not been any complaints made to Council, or officers, by residents regarding the operation of the Club's liquor licence, and therefore, there is no reason to withhold the Club's right to apply for a late licence.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board recommend to Council, that the Spreydon Bowling Club be granted a variation to their lease to enable them to apply to the Liquor Licensing Agency, for a Club Liquor Licence, which is able to be operated during the hours set out below.

Sunday to Thursday - 9.00am to 9.00pm
Friday and Saturday - 9.00am to 11.00pm
 2. That the Club operates a host responsibility programme, which includes the provision of food that is to be available at all times when the Club Licence is operating.