

## 6. PARKLANDS UNITED SPORTS CLUB: APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION TO HOURS OF LIQUOR LICENCE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the Sale of Liquor Committee's recommendation on an application from the Parklands United Sports Club to the Council, as landlord of the Parklands Community Centre, for an extension to the hours of the Club's liquor licence.

### BACKGROUND

The Parklands United Sports Club has operated with a liquor licence on the site for nine years. The extension to the Parklands Community Centre has enabled the Club to relocate within the old part of the facility.

In July 2001 the Council approved the Club's use of this leased area for the operation of a Club Liquor Licence, as recommended by the Board. The current hours of operation are:

Monday to Friday	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm to club members and guests
Saturday	4.00 pm to 11.00 pm to club members and guests
Sunday	1.00 pm to 7.00 pm to club members and guests.

### APPLICATION

In seeking an extension to the hours of its liquor licence, the Club initially requires the agreement of the Council, as the landlord of the Parklands Community Centre. An application for an extension would then be made to the District Licensing Authority.

The Club wishes to extend the hours to allow operation of the licence seven days per week from 7.00 am until 11.00 pm.

### SALE OF LIQUOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

The Committee was mindful that the operation of a liquor licence within a leased area of a Council Community Centre is unusual. The clubrooms also have special characteristics in that the site is shared with a separate Plunket Room, an adjoining church and appears to be part of the adjacent Parklands Reserve.

The Police advised the Committee that there have been no problems with the Club licence and envisaged no problems with an extension to the hours.

The proposed extended hours of operation were considered by the Committee. An opening time of 7.00 am was seen as inappropriate. The Committee's view was that general hotel hours of 11.00 am to 11.00 pm for Mondays to Saturdays could possibly be considered, while Sunday hours from 1.00 pm to 7.00 pm may be acceptable.

However, the Committee considered that the new arrangements at the Parklands Community Centre need additional time to become established before any extension is made to the licence hours. While the Club operates a host responsibility programme when the licence is operating, the Committee expects host responsibilities to be incorporated within a formal lease being prepared for the Club. The Committee also needs to be assured that the Club's licensed facilities are appropriate and adequate for the extended hours.

When the current arrangements were considered by the Board in July 2001, the Board specifically recommended that no outside area be authorised for the consumption of liquor. It is understood that the Property Unit has emphasised this requirement to the Club. The Committee again considers it desirable for the observance of this requirement to be monitored for a longer period before any extension of hours is considered.

The Committee considered that the application should be re-considered in 2003.

**Committee**

**Recommendation:** That the Council's approval as landlord to the proposed extension to the hours of the Parklands United Sports Club's liquor licence be declined.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.