

Delegate of the Liquor Commission

Decision Notice

MATTER:	APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL LICENCE
REFERENCE:	LC2108/111
PREMISES:	Cyprus Community of the Northern Territory Inc. 30 Batten Road Marrara NT 0812
APPLICANT:	Cyprus Community of the Northern Territory Inc.
EVENT:	Cyprus Wine Festival
LEGISLATION:	Section 58 of the <i>Liquor Act</i> .
DECISION OF:	Mr Richard Coates (Chairperson)
DATE OF DECISION:	15 August 2018

Decision

1. For the reasons set out below and in accordance with section 59(1) of the *Liquor Act* ("the Act") the applicant is granted a special licence to sell liquor at an event known as the Cyprus Wine Festival at its premises at 30 Batten Road, Marrara, from 17:00 hours on 18 August 2018 until 1:00 hours on 19 August 2018.
2. The granting of approval is subject to the following conditions, namely:
 - a. The sale of liquor must be supervised by one or more persons nominated by the holder of the special licence (Nominee), who each hold a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate, or equivalent qualification approved by the Director-General. A Nominee **MUST BE** present during all Trading Hours and must ensure compliance with these Conditions.
Nominee: Truc Giang Nguyen
 - b. Persons under the age of 18 years must not be used in the sale or supply of liquor.
 - c. The boundary of the Premises must be clearly identified and access to the Premises must be restricted in a manner that allows for effective supervision by the Nominee.
 - d. Any person involved in Crowd Control, as defined under *the Private Security Act*, at the Premises, must be licensed as required by that Act.
 - e. Crowd Controllers are to be employed as per industry standards as follows:

Two licensed crowd controllers for the first one hundred patrons and one additional crowd controller for each one hundred patrons thereafter.

- f. All liquor must be sold in open containers.
- g. No more than four (4) bottles of beer, or four (4) plastic “glasses” of wine or spirits may be sold to any one person at any one time. If wine or port is sold by the bottle, only one bottle may be sold to any one person at any one time. Spirits may not be sold by the bottle.
- h. The holder of the special licence must ensure that water, soft drinks, low alcohol beverages and snacks are available during Trading Hours. Commercially bottled water may be sold, otherwise water must be supplied free of charge on request.
- i. Liquor must not be sold or supplied to a person who is drunk or to a person under the age of 18 years.
- j. The holder of the special licence must comply with the “Industry Code of Practice for the Promotion of Liquor”, provide a safe drinking environment, prevent irresponsible or excessive consumption of liquor and ensure all staff are properly instructed to watch for and prevent drink spiking.
- k. The holder of the special licence must comply with all requirements and guidelines published by the Director-General, including guidelines related to the conduct of entertainment.
- l. Where the holder of the special licence is operating from enclosed premises, the holder must prominently display on the licensed premises the “Maximum Patron Number” sign (if one has been issued by the Fire and Rescue Service) and must comply with maximum patron numbers as determined by the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service from time to time.
- m. The holder of the special licence must not do or permit or suffer any act, matter or thing whatsoever upon the Premises or any part thereof, or permit noise at a level, which must or may be to the annoyance, nuisance, grievance or disturbance of the occupiers or owners for the time being of the adjoining properties or the residential neighbourhood.
- n. The holder of the special licence must comply with the requirements of the Liquor Commission as specified in this condition, and with the instructions of a Licensing Inspector, a Member of the Police Force, an authorised Member of the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service or a delegate of the Chief Health Officer upon production of an identity card or other authorisation.
- o. All liquor purchased for sale under the authority of this special licence **MUST** be purchased from a licensed retail outlet.
- p. The holder of the special licence must make a record of all liquor obtained for sale under this special licence that identifies the source of the liquor and the type and quantity of each type of liquor so obtained.
- q. The holder of the special licence must record all liquor sold, including the type and quantity of that liquor, and must record the manner of disposal of any unsold liquor.

- r. This special licence must be located at the Premises during Trading Hours and must be produced on demand to a Licensing Inspector, a Member of the Police Force, an authorised Member of the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service or a delegate of the Chief Health Officer upon production of an identity card or other authorisation.
- s. The venue clearly displays signage to delineate the Non Smoking area from the Smoking Areas. The Venue must comply with smoking requirements contained in the *Tobacco Control Act*.
- t. Food and drinks are not permitted to be taken into any designated smoking areas.
- u. A holder of a special licence or employee shall exclude or remove from the premises any person who is wearing the colours, insignia or emblems of an outlaw motorcycle gang (Bikie Gang).
- v. A 3A 40BE dry chemical fire extinguisher and fire blanket should be readily available near all gas or deep frying stoves and appliances.

Reasons

Background

- 3. Pursuant to section 58 of the Act, on 20 July 2018 the Cyprus Community of the Northern Territory Inc. lodged an application for the grant of a special licence to permit the sale of liquor to patrons attending an event known as the Cyprus Wine Festival. It anticipated that approximately 500 people would attend the event.
- 4. The applicant is proposing to sell traditional Cypriot beer, wine, port and a range of spirits at the event. Cypriot food is to be provided by food stalls and the entertainment proposed is amplified music and traditional dance groups.

Consultation

- 5. The Department of Health, Northern Territory Police and Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service were invited to provide comment on the application and no adverse comments were received. Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service did request that that certain fire extinguishers be provided at the cooking areas and the applicant agreed to comply with that requirement.
- 6. Special licences have been issued to the applicant on a number of previous occasions including for a similar event in 2017. There is no record of any compliance issues in respect of previous licences issued to the applicant.

Assessment of the Application

- 7. As previously noted, this is an application for a special licence under section 58 of the Act. That section is within Part VI of the Act. There are no specific criteria prescribed within the Act for consideration of an application for a special licence. Special licences exist under Part VI of the Act and are therefore not part of the definition of "licence" pursuant to section 4 of the Act, namely "a licence issued under Part III" of the Act.

8. As a result, it has previously been determined by this Commission that an application for a special licence is not a licence with respect to which I am bound to apply the public interest and community impact test as provided for under section 6 of the Act.
9. The Commission has previously noted however that pursuant to section 3(3) of the Act; it is clear that when “exercising a power or performing a function under (the Act) (the Commission) must have regard to the objects of (the Act) and must exercise the power and perform the function in a way that is consistent with those objects”.
10. Section 3 of the Act identifies the “Objects” as follows:
 - (1) The primary object of this Act is to regulate the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor:
 - (a) so as to minimise the harm associated with the consumption of liquor; and
 - (b) in a way that takes into account the public interest in the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor.
 - (2) The further objects of this Act are:
 - (a) to protect and enhance community amenity, social harmony and wellbeing through the responsible sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor;
 - (b) to regulate the sale of liquor in a way that contributes to the responsible development of the liquor and associated industries in the Territory; and
 - (c) to facilitate a diversity of licensed premises and associated services for the benefit of the community.”
11. As I have been delegated the authority to make this decision, I too am bound by these objects and they have been considered carefully by me when determining this application.
12. The applicant has a proven record of conducting similar events in the past. There have been no adverse comments from stakeholders in relation to the application.
13. It is as a result of the matters outlined above that I am, on balance, satisfied that the objects of the Act have been sufficiently addressed and for the reasons outlined above I have decided to grant the special licence on the conditions specified in paragraphs 1 and 2.

Notice of Rights:

14. Section 120ZA of the Act provides that a reviewable decision is a Commission decision that is specified in the Schedule to the Act. A decision to issue a special licence subject to condition pursuant to section 59 of the Act is specified in the Schedule and is a reviewable decision. I am exercising the power to make a Commission decision pursuant to the delegation made to me by the Commission.

15. Section 120ZC of the Act provides that a person affected by this decision may seek a review before the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Any application for review of this decision must be lodged within 28 days of the date of this decision.
16. For the purpose of this decision, and in accordance with section 120ZB(1)(b) and (c) of the Act, the affected person is the applicant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Coates', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

RICHARD COATES
Chairperson
Northern Territory Liquor Commission

31 August 2018