

# Selwyn District Council Draft Local Alcohol Policy 2013

## *Goals*

- To contribute to Selwyn being a safe place in which to live, work and play.
- To reflect the changing character of the Selwyn district and its communities.
- To minimise alcohol related harm in Selwyn.

## *Objectives*

- To regulate the operating hours of on, club and off- licences
- To regulate the location of licensed premises
- To ensure licensed premises take appropriate measures to minimise alcohol harm.
- To provide clear guidance to the District Licensing Committee

### **Policy 1 Maximum Trading Hours**

#### *Note:*

Applicants can apply for maximum trading hours but there is no guarantee that these maximum trading hours will be granted.

#### **1.1 On-licences**

- The maximum permitted trading hours in the Selwyn district for all on-licensed restaurants and cafés will be:
  - Sunday to Thursday: 8am to 11pm
  - Friday and Saturday: 8am to 1am the following day
- The maximum permitted trading hours in the Selwyn district for all on-licensed taverns and hotels will be:
  - Seven days a week: 8am to 1am the following day

#### *Note:*

On-licensed premises are where alcohol is sold and consumed on site (e.g. a restaurant, refer to the section on definitions in this policy).

#### **1.2 Off-licences**

- The maximum permitted trading hours in the Selwyn district for all off-licensed premises will be:
  - Seven days a week: 7am to 10pm
- The following hours apply to hotel in bedroom mini bars sales:
  - Monday to Sunday 24 hours a day

#### *Note:*

Off-licences are where alcohol is purchased to be consumed off site (e.g. a bottle store, refer to the section on definitions in this policy).

### **1.3 Club licences** (refer to the section on definitions in this policy)

- The maximum permitted trading hours in the Selwyn district for all clubs will reflect the principle club activity with the closing times of:  
Sunday to Thursday: 10pm  
Friday and Saturday: 12 midnight
- Any activity outside normal club activity will require a special licence.

### **1.4 Special licences** (refer to section 22 of the Act)

- Special licences can cover an event or series of related events for a maximum of six events in six months.
- Where the premise already holds an on-licence, the conditions of a special licence will specify a closing time no more than two hours later than permitted by its on-licence.
- A special licence is required where an event is held at a premise with a club licence, but outside the normal authorised club hours and the majority of attendees are not club members.
- Where the time, setting and numbers attending creates a risk of alcohol related harm, the District Licencing Committee may request an alcohol management plan be completed (refer to section 143 of the Act).

#### *Note:*

Special licences authorise and control the sale and supply of alcohol for events (such as a wine and food festival) where the premise is not licenced and liquor is sold and supplied to those attending. A Special Licence can also be applied for events (such as a wedding reception or school reunion) where a permanent on, off or club licence is not appropriate.

### **Policy 2** Location of licensed premises

- Off-licences will not be granted for a neighbourhood or local centre

#### *Note:*

Neighbourhood and local centres are proposed shopping areas in the Rolleston and Lincoln Structure Plans that will service local communities at a scale that would not compete with the main town centre. Neighbourhood centres will be located on primary movement routes and may provide a small range of shops (e.g. café, hairdresser). Local centres will be located on local routes and may provide a few shops such as a dairy or facilities such as a reserve or bus stop. The Selwyn District Plan defines neighbourhood centres as a “grouping of principally convenience stores (in the order of 6-15 stores) predominantly servicing the local communities weekly and day-to-day requirements” and local centres as “a small grouping of convenience stores (in order of 1-5 stores) servicing residents’ day-to-day retailing requirements and predominantly draws people from a localised area”.

**Policy 3** Discretionary conditions

- A certified manager to be on duty during the trading hours of a premise with a club licence (such as rugby and associated sports clubs) where the number of patrons exceeds 20 persons.
- Supervised designation of all bottle stores to ensure unaccompanied minors do not enter bottle stores.
- Display of safe drinking messages/material

## Definitions (see section 5 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012)

**bar**, in relation to a hotel or tavern, means a part of the hotel or tavern used principally or exclusively for the sale or consumption of alcohol

**bottle store** means retail premises where at least 85% of the annual sales revenue is expected to be earned from the sale of alcohol for consumption somewhere else (see section 32 (1))

**club** means a body that—

- (a) is a body corporate having as its object (or as one of its objects) participating in or promoting a sport or other recreational activity, otherwise than for gain; or
- (b) is a body corporate whose object is not (or none of whose objects is) gain; or
- (c) holds permanent club charter

**grocery store** means a shop that—

- (a) has the characteristics normally associated with shops of the kind commonly thought of as grocery shops; and
- (b) comprises premises where—
  - (i) a range of food products and other household items is sold; but
  - (ii) the principal business carried on is or will be the sale of food products (see section 33(1))

**hotel** means premises used or intended to be used in the course of business principally for providing to the public—

- (a) lodging; and
- (b) alcohol, meals, and refreshments for consumption on the premises

**restaurant** means premises that—

- (a) are not a conveyance; and
- (b) are used or intended to be used in the course of business principally for supplying meals to the public for eating on the premises

**supermarket** – means premises with a floor area of at least 1 000 m<sup>2</sup> including any separate departments set aside for such foodstuffs as fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, and delicatessen items (see section 32 (1))

**tavern**—

- (a) means premises used or intended to be used in the course of business principally for providing alcohol and other refreshments to the public; but
- (b) does not include an airport bar