

Mt Eden Methodist Church Charitable Trust *Policy and Regulations Document*

Alcohol use at the Mt Eden Village Centre

Introduction

This document is intended for use by the centre manager to carry out the wishes of the Trust in relation to alcohol use at the Village Centre.

The relevant regulations for the operation of this policy are derived from the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.

The *Statement of Policy* and the *Regulations* have been adopted primarily to encourage social responsibility and appropriate behavior in respect of the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol.

The Trust expects the manager to encourage safe and healthy attitudes and behaviors towards alcohol by all users of the Village Centre.

1.0 Policy and Principles

Consumption of alcohol is an accepted part of social interaction and social behaviour in New Zealand within national legislative constraints. Within these constraints there is a need to provide a responsible environment for the use of alcohol at the Village Centre. The following principles inform this policy.

- 1.1. The manager must take all reasonable steps to ensure that all users of the Village Centre adhere to all laws local or national regulating alcohol use.
- 1.2. The manager must take all reasonable steps to ensure safe and healthy attitudes and behaviors towards alcohol at any sanctioned function .
- 1.3. The manager should consider the likely views of the Community, Church and Mt Eden business community when granting an application for any use of alcohol at the Village Centre.
- 1.4. The use of alcohol at the centre will not be promoted or fostered as a means of fundraising, profit making, or an end in itself.

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2.0 Regulations

- 2.1. The sale, supply and consumption of alcohol at the Village Centre will at all times adhere to the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.
- 2.2. Any person or group that hires part of the Village centre must inform the manager if it is intended that alcohol will be supplied, sold or consumed during the period of hire of the Village Centre. It is the responsibility of the hirer to determine whether a liquor licence is required. Advice on this matter can be sought from
- 2.3. Any function where alcohol is consumed must provide and actively promote a range of non-alcoholic drinks, which may include, low-alcohol beer, fruit juices, soft drinks, tea and coffee. Water will be available free of charge at all times. Food must always be available.
- 2.4. It is against the law to serve alcohol to minors. If there is doubt about the age of a person who is seeking to be served alcohol then an acceptable form of proof of age such as a photo driver's license, a HANZ 18+ card or a current passport must be provided before that person is served.
- 2.5. Persons who are visibly intoxicated shall not be served alcohol, will be asked to leave the premises and encouraged to take advantage of safe transport options. The hirer will promote transport options and provide a free phone to get intoxicated people safely home. The hirer will encourage people to have a lifesaver (designated driver).
- 2.6. The hirer will make sure all these services are well promoted and will display signage required under the Sale of Liquor Act.
- 2.7. Alcohol at any function must be constrained to those areas that have been approved by the Trust for that function .
- 2.8. The hirer must take all reasonable steps to ensure that any liquor licence granted by a regulating authority is displayed on the premises throughout the duration of the function.
- 2.9. The hirer must nominate a Duty Manager who is responsible for the sale and supply of alcohol during the function . This responsibility can be delegated but can only be done so in line with delegations as required under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 and the person named on the "Grant of alcohol use permit" as Acting or Temporary Manager must be present at the function for the duration of the function.
- 2.10. As per the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, the Duty Manager has responsibility for: adhering to all aspects of the legislation including but not limited to: not selling alcohol to minors (under 18 years of age); not selling alcohol to intoxicated persons; adhering to the responsibilities as shown in the Host Responsibility Policy; and providing non alcoholic drinks at all times. Failure to adhere to these responsibilities will render the duty Manager liable for any penalties as a result of non-compliance,
- 2.11. No Duty Manager or person named on the Liquor Permit as being responsible for the function shall consume alcohol while working at or in charge of the function.
- 2.12. With respect to management of the Alcohol Regulations at the Village Centre, any behaviour or conduct which disrupts any function , and any breach of regulations, particularly but not exclusively, with respect to: i. wilful or accidental damage to property ii. disruptive social behaviour, such as excessive noise, abusive or sustained threatening behaviour, or harassment will be regarded as grounds for seeking the assistance of the police.