

File ref: IRC-4055



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Large Special Licence Events

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 28 October 2022. You requested the following information:

Could you please provide me with a list of events that have been granted a special licence to sell alcohol by the Council? We are only interested in events that will have 1500 or more attendees and will be held between 26 November 2022 and 31 March 2023.

For each of the events, could you please provide us with the following information:

- The name of the event
- Dates and times of the event
- Location Address for the event
- The name of the security company contracted to provide security guard services at the events
- The number of security guards who will be guarding at the event; and
- If known, the name of the cleaning company contracted to clean at the event and the number of cleaners contracted to do the work.

Wellington City Council has partly granted your request for information.

Thank you for your email on Friday 11 November confirming this request centres around large events where a special alcohol licence has been granted.

The following is a list of events with 1500 or more attendees that have been granted a special licence by the Council to sell alcohol, between 26 November 2022 and 31 March 2023:

- Beers at the Basin – 26 November, Basin Reserve, 6500 pax
- Wine and Food Festival – 10 December 2022, Waitangi Park, 4500 pax
- Gindulgence – 28 & 29 January, Upper Frank Kits Park, 1200 pax/per day
- Fried Chicken Festival – 24 & 25 February, Waitangi Park, 4500 pax/per day
- Summer Session – 04 March, Basin Reserve, 6500 pax
- Newtown Festival – 05 March, various special licences issued to existing bars that wish to extend their outdoor footprint
- Homegrown – 18 March, Wellington Waterfront, 20,000 pax
- CubaDupa – 25 & 26 March, Cuba Street and surrounds, various special licences issued mainly to existing bars that wish to extend their outdoor footprint

Unfortunately, we are not able to confirm security and cleaning companies contracted for these events as those are private commercial arrangements made by the event organisers, the number of each varies

depending on the event and is something which we do not control or capture. We are therefore refusing your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the requested information is not held.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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Official Information