Special Event Permits

For persons planning an event for the Christmas / New Year’s period where liquor will be served, please be aware that all Special Event Permit applications will need to be finalized prior to 24 December 2020.

- A Special Event Permit is required:
  - For any event that you require a late licence for a licenced premise; and/or
  - For any event held at an unlicensed premise

- A Special Event Permit Includes:
  - The celebration of a birthday or wedding
  - A concert, dance or New Year’s Eve celebration
  - A series of events as part of a theme ie: country music week, jazz festival
  - A function of a like character,
    - At which not less than 30 adult persons are likely to be present, whether or not a charge is made for admission and which may require an extension of hours for licenced premises or a permit for a place that is not licensed:
    - A licensee who seeks a permit to close late for a birthday or New Year’s Eve party
    - A person planning a progressive dinner at various homes that are not licensed premises
  - An individual tourist oriented event ie: a fish fry or progressive dinner

- An application for a Special Event Permit
  - Must be granted at least 5 days prior to the event
  - Must have approval from the Registrar of Liquor Licences as well as the Norfolk Island Police
  - Must have approval from a person who has control or is the owner of the premises, if the premises is not licensed
  - Attached to the application will require:
    - A detailed site plan outlining the premises
    - A copy of the applicant’s Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate
  - All applications are subject to any conditions that the Registrar may impose

A Special Event Permit does not replace the need for a full liquor licence to be obtained if the activity is to be a permanent or, a full time business activity all year round.

You can find the Special Event Permit application forms on the NIRC website:

Application for a Special Event Permit Cost:
Special Event Permit - One Day Event $55
Special Event Permit – One Week Event - $225
Special Event Permit – Annual Event - $285

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