

**Submission on application by Christchurch Casinos Limited for  
Renewal of Casino Venue Licence under section 134 Gambling Act 2003**

*You may use the below form to provide your feedback on the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew their Casino Venue Licence for the Christchurch Casino, located at 30 Victoria Street, Christchurch. The full application can be read on the Gambling Commission's website [here](#).*

To: The Gambling Commission

From: New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club

*Full name of submitter*

1. I **support** [REDACTED] the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew their Casino Venue Licence. *(circle one)*
2. The reasons for my **support** [REDACTED] to the application are: *(please circle one, and use extra pages if necessary)*

The Christchurch Casino ('Casino') have generously sponsored the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club for the past two years/summer seasons. Our intention during that time was to not just receive a monetary donation but to build a relationship with them and support each other in our mutual goal to create a sense of place and community. We believe that this relationship has been fostered.

The Casino have continually made efforts to support us throughout each season by:

- promoting our events (either sports events or fundraisers) to staff;
- attendance at events such as prize giving, open days and sports events;
- working with us to provide a team day for their staff facilitated by our club members (see below);
- providing advice and support of ways to engage with our members;
- providing contacts with other similar organisations in which we could be supported in terms of committee structure and development.

#### Team Day

Our club members facilitated a team day for a small group of Casino staff and their children. This involved beach safety awareness education in the classroom first, followed by some fun games on the beach incorporating some of the surf sport skills we teach our young members. Both adults and children got involved. We then provided some drills in the ocean of soft boards. The morning ended with a sausage sizzle and refreshments. We are currently planning our next team day for early this coming summer.

In addition to other surf sports, New Brighton has a long and proud tradition of surf boat racing. The Club consistently produces quality crews and national medalist teams. During the summer our crews travel across the country competing at local and regional events. Surf boats also require a commitment to provision and maintenance of equipment. We have focused strongly on surf boats where a majority of our patrolling volunteer guards are surf boat rowers. Therefore, supporting this division and its growth directly benefits the

operating capacity of the surf club. Some of our funds donated for the Casino have contributed to this division.

We also have used funding for purchase and maintenance of other equipment associated with other surf sports as well as first aid and training. This has also allowed us to be able to put aside other funds towards the re-build of the surf club which we have been trying to progress since the earthquakes.

We are extremely grateful for all the support provided to us by the Casino. We believe the Casino are extremely genuine in their efforts to support not only people visiting the premises but also the community. Being involved in a not for profit organisation we have attended events hosted by the Casino for the purpose of giving back to the community. The particular events we have attended involve fun-gaming where people play on behalf of a not-for-profit organisation where 1st, 2nd and 3rd receive a donation of \$5K, \$3K and \$2K respectively. It would be easy for the Casino to simply donate money however the events bring people from different community/not for profit organisations together to mingle. The events give the people opportunities to network with similar organisations which we find extremely valuable.

3. I [REDACTED] **would not** like to attend and be heard at the public hearing of the application. *(circle one)*

4. If you **would** like to attend and be heard at the public hearing, please explain below:

- your connection with the Casino;
- why you are interested in the application; and
- a brief outline of the information you could provide at the hearing to assist the Gambling Commission in making their decision on the application.

*(please use extra pages if necessary)*



**Kelly Andrew, Chair of New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club**

Signature of submitter *(a signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means)*

08 August 2018  
Date

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