

Application number: 036/SOL/064/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012


AND

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of an application by **Aramoho Bowling Club Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'NZ Police Bowls Tournament'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Aramoho Bowling Club Incorporated** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the applicant's premises at 7 Gibson Street, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a NZ Police Bowls Tournament'.

A special licence is required by the Club as non-affiliated people will attend the tournament.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Thursday, 19 March 2026, between 9.00am and 6.00pm**
- **Friday, 20 March 2026, between 9.00am and 6.00pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on 22 September 2025. The application included a site plan and menu.

The application was not advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received under section 141 of the Act. Accordingly, we deal with the matter on the papers in accordance with section 202(1).

In considering the application for special licence the committee had regard to the following criteria under section 142 of the Act:

(a) the object of this Act:

(b) the nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought and, in particular, –

(i) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods; and
(ii) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:

(c) the suitability of the applicant:

(d) any relevant local alcohol policy:

(e) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:

(f) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:

(g) the design and layout of the premises concerned:

(h) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law:

(i) any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas:

(j) any steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that the requirements of this Act in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:

(k) the applicant's proposals relating to—

- *(i) the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food; and*
- *(ii) the sale and supply of low-alcohol drinks; and*
- *(iii) the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises:*

(l) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health, or an inspector made under [section 141](#).

3. Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 141 of the Act.

Police Report – No opposition within report received on 7 October 2025.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 9 October 2025.

Licensing Inspector Report – Full report provided by the inspector including assessment of application against section 142 criteria. The Inspector concludes that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria of the Act. Draft conditions are also offered by the inspector.

The inspector also noted the following pertinent points in his report –

- The applicant has been a body corporate for over 50 years and holds a club licence. The event is a NZ Police Bowls Tournament.
- The applicant holds a club licence but needs a special licence for this type of event as non-club members will be present.
- Suitability is not challenged
- The event should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality. The Club has operated on the site within the hours applied for many years without due cause for concern.
- The premise is suitable for the event and layout has been suitable in the past. The area for the special to be licensed is the club rooms, deck and grassed areas around the 'greens'.
- The hours appear appropriate and not excessive for the event.
- A certified manager was nominated as manager for the licence. The inspector has no concerns about his suitability.
- No 'designation' is supported for the event.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

4. Decision

Accordingly, the application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspector's report.

DATED at Whanganui this 13th day of October 2025.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

