

Application number:

036/SOL/050/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Cosmic Motors Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Corporate Quiz Night'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Cosmic Motors Incorporated** for a special licence regarding an event to be held at the Cosmic Motors Building, 18 Beach Road, Whanganui.

The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'corporate quiz night'.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Saturday 15 August 2026** **5:00pm - 11:00pm**

2. Application

The application was received on 13 July 2026 and included a site plan, owner's permission and emails.

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 dated 20 July 2026.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report dated 23 July 2026.

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 full file, including inspectors report, noted the following pertinent points:

- The purpose of the application is to allow Cosmic Motors Incorporated to host non-members at its Clubrooms for a private event in the nature of a quiz night organised by the Whanganui District Council Social Club.
- The applicant is a Club that have their own Club licence but require a special licence to allow them to sell to non-members during the event.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The event will only be open to Whanganui District Council social club members and guests.
- The floor plans are unchanged from those subject to the existing Club licence conditions. The premise is owned by the applicant body.
- A marked floor plan was included. No issues noted.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- Two certified managers have been nominated to run the event. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function.
- No designation for the event is requested and supported.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application

4. Decision

The application by **Cosmic Motors Incorporated** for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspector's report.

DATED at Whanganui this 24th day of July 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

