

Application number: 036/SOL/044/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

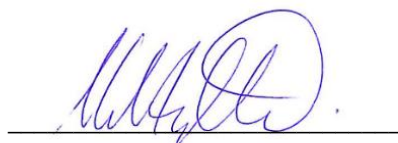
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of an application by **Good Bones Distilling Limited** for an 'Off' style special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a weekly site at the 'Whanganui River Market'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Mr Stuart Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Good Bones Distilling Limited** for a special licence (OFF-type) in regard to a series of events to be held at the weekly Whanganui River (Farmers and Traders) Market event, being a 'trade fair' (s22 the Act) hosted alongside the Whanganui River, 7 Taupo Quay, Whanganui.

The nature of the events for which the licence is sought are 52 weekly Off licence sales events at the 'Whanganui River Market'.

The dates and hours sought are –

- **Every Saturday from 23 August 2025 through to 15 August 2026, within the hours of 8.30am to 1.00pm**

2. Application

The application was received on 8 July 2025 and included a site plan, menu, permission letters from site manager and supporting letters.

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 21 July 2025.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 4 August 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 application file and inspectors report raised the following pertinent points –

- The applicant is a company who have applied for an off-licence type special for distilled alcohol they make (vodka). The applicant is provided a stall (#145) at a weekly Farmers/Traders Market where they host a (vodka) tasting opportunity of their products and provide their distilled products for sale for later consumption off-site (Off Licence). This is a new activity.
- The applicant is familiar with licensing matters and laws. The applicant is a licensed distiller and is usually located at a permanently licensed venue (LADS Brewing Company – Brewery Bar and Bottle Shop) located in the nearby suburban area known as Durie Hill. In this regard the applicant has accepted credentials with regard to expo style presentations and events and evidential compliance management experience in regard to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The special licence is to cover 52 weekly events each Saturday morning at the market.
- The applicant has provided an Alcohol Management Plan, Host Responsibility Policy, Mission Statement and Business Overview, a Stall and Space Management declaration and site sketch details to the application.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The area (stall) is part of the weekly market events and has one other distillery off sales licence on site. The issuing of a special licence should not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality although the Inspector does raise potential density issues if others are to follow.
- The licensed area layout was provided and is a particular site that will be demarcated by a marquee. The site sketch shows modest advertising of the company's logo and very little. If any, of alcoholic products. In that respect to most market attendees they would be unaware it was an alcohol outlet unless they paid it close inspection.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager has been nominated for the licence.
- An undesignated site is requested for the licensed area and supported for this type of event.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

I concur with the inspector's assessment and conditions for the proposed events.

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 5th day of August 2025.


Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

