

Application number: 036/SOL/038/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Hayley Sellars** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Whanganui Pride Party Event 2026'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Hayley Sellars** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Whanganui Musicians Clubrooms at Queens Park/Cameron Terrace, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'Whanganui Pride Party Event 2026'.

In terms of this event in respect of which the application is made, the applicant has described this as a social occasion associated with a week-long community celebrating the LGBTQ+ community culminating in their 'Pride Party 2026'.

The applicant estimates that the event may attract up to 100 -150 people (medium event) where attendance is restricted to those 18 years of age and older.

The date and hours sought are the –

- **Saturday, 20 June 2026, between 7.00pm and 10.30pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on the 14 April 2026 and included a menu and floor plan.

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:*

(1) 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 18 May 2026.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 19 May 2026.

Licensing Inspector Report – Full report provided by the inspector including assessment of application against section 142 criteria.

The file included the following pertinent points –

- The applicant is an individual who is applying on behalf of Pride Whanganui. The applicant has industry experience and previously held a managers certificate.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The event management volunteers have prior experience in managing licensed social events and provide security and other safety processes to the entire event. They are local community and interest members.
- A floor plan was provided with the application showing the area to be licenced. The licenced area relates to a Clubrooms (Hall) where part of the complex is made available to the event. In this matter the applicant requests the entire available venue be designated '**Restricted**'.
- The area is suitable for the type of event and layout should not be an issue.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- A non-certified manager is nominated for the event including other Club volunteers. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function.
- A '**Restricted**' designation for the event is supported.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application

4. Decision

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

DATED at Whanganui this 20th day of May 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

