

Application number: 036/SOL/021/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Joamari Van Der Walt** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Joa's Wines Educational Wine Tasting Event'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Joamari Van Der Walt** for a special licence in regard to a series of events to be held at The Space Studio & Gallery, located at 18 St Hill Street, Whanganui.

The nature of the events for which the licence is sought is 'Joa's Wines Educational Wine Tasting Events', where the sale and consumption of alcohol is likely to be minimal.

The proposal is to provide for on-site consumption (Special – On Licence) in conjunction with a brief hosted wine education opportunity. 60ml samples only are provided. No alcohol purchases for removal are provided at the event.

The dates and hours sought are –

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| • Wednesday 15 April 2026 | 5:00pm and 9:00pm |
| • Wednesday 13 May 2026 | 5:00pm and 9:00pm |
| • Wednesday 17 June 2026 | 5:00pm and 9:00pm |
| • Wednesday 15 July 2026 | 5:00pm and 9:00pm |
| • Wednesday 19 August 2026 | 5:00pm and 9:00pm |
| • Wednesday 7 October 2026 | 5:00pm and 9:00pm |
| • Wednesday 11 November 2026 | 5:00pm and 9:00pm |

2. Application

The application was received on 19 January 2026 and included a site 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:

(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 16 March 2026.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 16 March 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 file, including inspectors report, included the following key matters –

- The applicant is an individual involved in organising the events. They will be small events with up to 30-45 attendees where attendance is by pre-purchase ticket only.
- These are small events where alcohol will be minimal. In terms of a series of events in respect of which the application is made, the applicant has described this as a supported wine tasting experience where attendees pay to learn about and experience wine. It is promoted as 'Joa's Wines Chardonnay Wine Tasting'.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise has been in existence for a number of years, is zoned for such events and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality. The venue for the event is the Space Studio and Gallery, a local arts studio that has previously hosted similar events. There are no known concerns associated with this venue, and it is assessed as suitable for a small special event of the type proposed. Food is provided to these events as part of the event experience.
- The premise is suitable for the type of event and layout is relatively simple. The marked floor plan was included. Whilst the greater part of the premises is licensed, a special licence is required as the area for the event is not covered under the base licence and the profits are going to the applicant and not the licence holder. The entire licenced area will be **Supervised** and requires the pre-purchase of tickets for entry into the venue.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- Alcohol consumption will be minimal for the event.
- A certified manager is nominated for the event.
- A '**supervised**' designation for the event is endorsed.
- 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 21st day of March 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

