

**Application number:** 036/SOL/003/2025

**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 series of events called 'Showcase Event'.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson  
Mr Stuart 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 and Gallery, 18 St Hill Street, Whanganui, known as "Wonder Bar". The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is called 'Showcase Event' - celebrating entrepreneurs in Arts, Music, Food and Drink. Alcohol will be sold for consumption on the premises during the event.

**The dates and hours sought are –**

- **Saturday 22 February 2025, 5.00pm to 8.00pm**
- **Saturday 16 August 2025, 5.00pm to 8.00pm**
- **Saturday 22 November 2025, 5.00pm to 8.00pm**

**2. Application**

The application was received on 15 January 2025 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 dated 16 January 2025.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received on 21 January 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 file, including inspectors report, included the following key matters –

- The applicant is an individual involved in organising the events. Joamari holds a substantive off-licence, manager’s certificate and has run many special licences similar to this before. It will be a small event with attendance at the event limited to those pre-purchasing an entry ticket where the event duration is three hours.
- This is a small event where alcohol will be minimal. Suitability is not challenged.
- The venue is a local arts studio known as the Space Studio and Gallery. This venue has hosted similar events previously. No concerns related to the venue are known. The venue is in a small commercial building and is assessed to be suitable for a small special event as proposed.
- A ‘**Restricted**’ designation is supported.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- Alcohol consumption will be minimal during the event.
- A certified manager (applicant) is nominated for the event.
- 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 inspectors report.

**DATED** at Whanganui this 22nd day of January, 2025.



**Secretary**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Committee**

