

Application number: 036/SOL/013/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Kaierau Rugby Football Club Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of 'Bocce Games'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Kaierau Rugby Football Club Incorporated** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the clubrooms, 100 Devon Road, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a Bocce Games Event.

The date and hours sought are the –

- **Saturday 21 February 2026, between 10.00am and 4.00pm.**

2. Application

The application was received on the 30 January 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:*
- (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 8th February 2026.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 11th February 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 a body corporate.
- The applicant holds a Club Licence but needs a special licence to sell to non-members during the event and over a wider licensed footprint. The proposed extension covers a section of playing field directly in front of the clubhouse, spanning approximately 25 m², which will be roped off. Club officials will be stationed around the perimeter to monitor and supervise entry to the event, which is not open to the public. Within this space, three playing areas will be utilised for the Bocce Tournament.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously and has held this type of master's games event special licence before. The applicant estimates that the event may attract up to 80 people.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise and Club licence has been in existence for some years, and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality. A floor plan was provided with the application showing the area to be licensed. The applicant intends to use 25 m² of the field in front of the clubhouse. Three medium-sized tents (each less than 100 m²) will be erected for the event; these structures do not require consent for the purposes of this application. In keeping with previous similar events, the applicant requests that the entire delineated area be classified as Undesignated. A small bar will be situated in front of the clubhouse, the applicant has stated although undesignated, this area will be supervised by staff for the duration of the event. The bar inside the club will remain closed for alcohol sales however, the clubhouse itself will be open as the kitchen will be operating. Two food trucks will also be present on site to support demand and provide additional food options.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- Two certified managers are nominated for the event including other staff. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function.
- A **non-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 12th of February 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

