

**Application number: 036/SOL/016/2026**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

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

**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 'Wedding'.

**The date and hours sought are the –**

- **Saturday 21 March 2026, between 6.00pm and 11.00pm.**

**2. Application**

The application was received on the 8 March 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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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

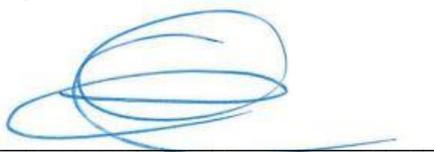
The file included the following pertinent points –

- 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. The applicant anticipates that the event will attract up to 100 people, which classifies it as a small-scale gathering. Attendance will likely consist of local families of all ages, although some minors may be present while accompanying family members. This is a private function and will not be open to the general public.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously and has held this type of special licence before. The applicant estimates that the event may attract up to 100 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 has been provided with the application, identifying the specific area to be licensed. The event will be contained entirely within the club premises as highlighted on the submitted plan. Consistent with previous events of a similar nature, the applicant requests that the full delineated area be designated as Undesignated.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager is 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



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

