

APPLICATION NUMBER

036/SOL/008/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Kakatahi Polocrosse Club Incorporated** for a special licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the 'annual two-day event for polocrosse carnival event'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by Kakatahi Polocrosse Club for a special licence in regard to a fundraising event to be held at the MacNab Domain Hall, Kaiwhaiki Road, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the 'annual two-day event for polocrosse carnival'. The applicant estimates that the event may attract up to 100 people (small event) each day where attendance is likely families of all ages.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Friday 6 February 2026** **5:00pm - 10:00 pm**
- **Saturday 7 February 2026** **2:00pm - 12:00 midnight**

2. Application

The application was received on 22 January 2026 and included a site plan, owner permission and a very helpful event description.

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 – Police report received on the 29 January 2026 offering no opposition.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 29 January 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 inspector noted the following pertinent points in her report –

- The applicant is an incorporated society since 1980. The applicant has run this annual event in the past. the applicant has described this as a Sports/Social occasion related to a two-day event for polocrosse carnival event, and where alcohol compliments the event activities. Alcohol sales are not intended to be the principal reason for the event.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The entire licenced area (From gate entry, the Hall and the internal fenced paddock) will be '**Undesignated**'. Given the nature of the event and that families will be attending, this designation is supported.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager is nominated for the event and will be supported by club members.
- Both the Police and MOH have no objections 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 2nd day of February 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

