

Application number: 036/SOL/054/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Kakatahi School** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Annual Ball and Auction - Parapara Ball'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Kakatahi School** for an on-site special licence in regard to an event to be held at 5163, Parapara Highway SH4, Whanganui and known as the Ruakawa YMCA Camp.

The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 'Annual Ball and Auction Parapara Ball'.

The date and hours sought is -

- **Saturday, 5 September 2026, between 7.00pm and 12.00 (midnight).**

2. Application

The application was received on 3 August 2026 and included a site plan, and a letter from the organising committee detailing the event.

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 – The Police report dated 25 August 2026 stating **no opposition** to the application.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 13 August 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 full application file noted the following pertinent points –

- The applicant is a rural school who are part of the local community and the event is to raise funds for the school's new playground. The application was submitted by Mary Proffitt on behalf of Kakatahi School, where she is a member of the school committee. The event is ticketed and not open to the public.
- Attendees are expected to include residents, school parents and members of the farming community. The anticipated age range of those attending is predominantly 24-60 years and older with up to 100 people in attendance. Due to the events location, most people will stay overnight onsite at the camp.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise is a camp hall in a rural location. The granting of the special licence should not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality.
- The hall is set up and is suitable for the type of event. The marked floor plan shows the area to be licensed which is the hall. The whole area is to be designated "**Restricted**".
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A non-certified manager is nominated for the event to ensure compliance. A s. 213(2) waiver is requested and supported for **Mary Proffitt** to be the manager for the event. Committee and school staff will also be on hand to assist with managing 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 inspector's report and a s. 213(2) waiver.

DATED at Whanganui this 27th day of August 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

