

Application number: 036/SOL/075/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Lunartech Limited** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a series of events called '**Porry Summer Series Watson**'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Lunartech Limited** for a special licence in regard to a series of events to be held at the premises establishment (Porridge Watson) at 30 Drews Avenue, Whanganui. The nature of the events for which the licence is sought is '**Porry Summer Series Watson**'.

The application concerns a series of Friday evening events proposed to be held adjacent to the licensed premises known as Porridge Watson, located at 30 Drews Avenue, Whanganui. The applicant proposes to utilize the adjoining parklet area for these events, establishing a small bar within the parklet. This arrangement would enable patrons of Porridge Watson, as well as members of the public, to sit within the parklet and consume alcohol in a controlled environment.

The dates and hours sought are the –

• FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025	3.00pm – 10.00pm
• FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2025	3.00pm – 10.00pm
• FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025	3.00pm – 10.00pm
• FRIDAY 2 JANUARY 2026	3.00pm – 10.00pm
• FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2026	3.00pm – 10.00pm
• FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026	3.00pm – 10.00pm
• SATURDAY 17 JANUARY	12.00 midday – 10.00pm
• FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2026	3.00pm – 10.00pm
• FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026	3.00pm – 10.00pm

2. Application

The application was received on the 22 October 2025 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 24 November 2025.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 19 November 2025.

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 private company who runs a licensed On-licence establishment and this special licence is to licence the establishment to include the 'parklet' outside the premises principal entrance on the occasions listed.
- The applicant has outlined this proposal as an opportunity to enhance summertime patronage and to make full use of the parklet and platform seating area, which were purpose-built for this type of use. For the duration of each event, a small bar will be established within the parklet, which will be clearly delineated and roped off to ensure a defined boundary and separation from the adjacent roadway. All event operations will be fully contained within the parklet footprint.
- The applicant anticipates attendance of up to 50 people per event, classifying it as a medium-sized gathering. The age of attendees is expected to be individuals aged 18 and over. The parklet itself has a seating capacity of approximately 10–12 people, which limits the potential for overcrowding. While the event is primarily adult-focused, the applicant acknowledges that minors may be present under the supervision of parents or legal guardians.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The area for the event is a public place that the applicant has a licence to occupy for. An extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality although as a new venture, authorities and neighbours will be monitoring its success or otherwise.
- The area is suitable for the type of event and layout should not be an issue.
- The hours appear reasonable for the events being undertaken.
- Certified managers are nominated for the event including other staff. This is seen as sufficient to cover the series of events.
- A **supervised** 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 26 of November 2025.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

