

Application number: 036/SOL/102/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Peter London** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the 'annual Paparangi sheep dog trial'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Peter London**, on behalf of the Paparangi Sheep Dog Trial Club, for a special licence in regard to an event to be held on the hosted at 612 Koatanui Road, RD 1, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the 'annual sheep dog trials'.

The dates and hours sought are:

- **Friday, 20 February 2026, between 12.00 midday and 6.00pm,**
- **Saturday, 21 February 2026, between 12.00 midday and 8.00pm,**

2. Application

The application was received on 3 December 2025, and included a site plan, menu, aerial plan and owners consent letter.

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 dated 21 December 2025.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report received on 9 December 2025.

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 their s. 141(2) report –

- The applicant is an individual who helps organise this annual event on behalf of the Paparangi Sheep Dog Trial Club. The Club has run and been granted on-type special licences before for this annual event and the applicant has run at least three of these events before.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The event takes place on a remote rural farm (shed) without issue previously and another special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality. The owner supports this use of their land.
- The building is suitable for the type of event and layout has been suitable in the past.
- The hours appear satisfactory for the events being undertaken.
- A non-certified manager, **Ross Jones**, is nominated to manage the event although other experienced club members will be present. A section 213(2) waiver is recommended.
- A **'Supervised'** designation is applied for and 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 and a s. 213 (2) waiver for a non-certified manager.

DATED at Whanganui this 15th day of January 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

