

Application number: 036/SOL/020/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application **Roots Brewing Company Limited** for an On-style special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the '**Whanganui Cricket Association Prizegiving**'.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Roots Brewing Company Limited** for a special licence (On-type) in regard to an event to be held at the Whanganui Cricket Pavillion, Whanganui . The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the "**Whanganui Cricket Association Prizegiving**".

The dates and hours sought are –

- **Friday 10 April 2026, between 2.00pm and 12.00 midnight.**

2. Application

The application was received on 12 March 2026 and included a site plan, menu, permission letters from site manager and supporting letters.

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 20 March 2026.

Medical Officer of Health – No opposition within report dated 26 March 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 application file and inspectors report raised the following pertinent points –

- The applicant estimates that the event may attract an accumulated patronage up to 100 people, with a range of 18-80 years. Food will be provided by the Cricket Club as described in the application it is considered suitable for the nature of the event
- The applicant has experience in managing similar events and the event organiser provides security and other safety processes to the entire venue.
- The applicant is familiar with licensing matters and laws. They have also run similar type special licences (ON and OFF) before with no apparent issue.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premises and area is part of Whanganui's premier sporting facility and has been used for this purpose before. The issuing of a special licence should not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality.
- A floor plan was provided with the application showing the area to be licenced to be the first floor of the Cricket Pavillion. In keeping with previous and similar events, the applicant requests the entire area to be '**Supervised**'.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager has been nominated for the licence.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

I concur with the inspector's assessment and conditions for the proposed events.

4. Decision

Accordingly, the application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspector's report.

DATED at Whanganui this 27th day of March 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

