

**DECISION NUMBER**

**036/SOL/036/2026**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by the **St Johns Club Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of the 'Clubs NZ Indoor Bowls Men's Nationals'.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner  
Mr S G Hylton



**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by the **St Johns Club Incorporated** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Jubilee Stadium, 228 London Street, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the 'Clubs NZ Indoor Bowls Men's Nationals'.

**The dates and hours sought are –**

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| • <b>Monday 15 June 2026</b>    | <b>11.00am – 6.00pm</b> |
| • <b>Tuesday 16 June 2026</b>   | <b>11.00am – 6.00pm</b> |
| • <b>Wednesday 17 June 2026</b> | <b>11.00am – 6.00pm</b> |
| • <b>Thursday 18 June 2026</b>  | <b>11.00am – 6.00pm</b> |

**2. Application**

The application was received on the 12 May 2026 and included a menu, floor plan and letter from club secretary/manager explaining the application.

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 18 May 2026.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report dated 15 May 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 his report –

- The applicant has held a club licence for many years and has also from time to time held special licensed events. This is a special licence to cover an event which involves selling alcohol within a non-licensed stadium. The applicant is hosting a National Men's Indoor Bowls Tournament, to be held over four consecutive days at Jubilee Stadium, which is located at 228 London Street, Whanganui.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously. The event will attract up to two hundred attendees for a four-day indoor bowls tournament. The age range of participants will predominantly be 65 years and over.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The stadium has been in existence for many years, and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The premise is suitable for the type of event and layout has been suitable in the past. A site plan was included. The area to be licensed is the jubilee Stadium generally.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager is nominated for the event. This is seen as sufficient to cover the functions.
- The area will be undesignated. Transport has been arranged, a pickup and drop off service for the event will be made available, which will include complimentary courtesy vans.
- 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, subject to an amendment to condition (d) to read –

(d) **Dennis Dorgan** is the nominated manager to ensure compliance with the licence conditions and he must be present whenever alcohol is for sale.

**DATED** at Whanganui this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.



**Secretary**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Committee**

