

**Application number:**

**036/SOL/046/2026**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

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of an application by **Waimarie Whanganui Enterprises Limited** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of an event described as a "black tie cocktails fundraiser auction event".

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner  
Mr S G Hylton



**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by **Waimarie Whanganui Enterprises Limited** for a special licence, On licence type, in regard to a cocktail auction fundraising event to be hosted at the Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street, Whanganui.

Attendance will be restricted to individuals who have pre-purchased tickets, with a total number expected at fewer than 100 patrons

**The date and hours sought are –**

- **Saturday 8 August 2026                      4pm to 9.00pm**

**2. Application**

The application was received on 18 June 2026 and included a supporting letter, menu, drinks list 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.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report dated 23 June 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 her report –

- The applicant is a company established in 2025.
- The applicant holds a Conveyance On-licence for the Waimarie vessel but needs a special licence when it hosts specific events and groups at this unlicensed facility.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- The applicant has been involved in the hospitality industry for many years and has the required experience to manage this type of event. Special licences have been issued to Waimarie Enterprises Limited previously where there have been no reported issues or concerns. The applicant continues to appear suitable to hold a special licence.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The heritage building has been in situ for many years, and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The building is suitable for the type of events and layout has been suitable in the past. The marked floor plan was included. The licenced area is the whole building itself which will be designated '**restricted**'.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A certified manager is nominated for the events including other staff.
- 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.

**DATED** at Whanganui this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026.



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

