

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

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of an application by **Wanganui Collegiate School Old Boys and Girls Association** for a special licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Society Reunion'.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson  
Mr Stuart Hylton



**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by **Wanganui Collegiate School Old Boys and Girls Association** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Schools Main Hall, Big School, Wanganui Collegiate. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is an 'Society Reunion' to be held over two days.

The date and hours sought are

- **Friday 31 October 2025**      **5.30pm to 7.30pm**
- **Saturday 1 November 2025**      **11.45am to 2.30pm**

**2. Application**

The application was received on 23 September 2025. The application included a floor plan, letter of support from school principal and flyer.

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 7 October 2025.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received on 24 September 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 also noted the following pertinent points in her report –

- The applicant is a group who represent the School's Old Boys Association. They are a prominent school in Wanganui who will not want any problems with a poorly run event. The event is ticketed and expected to attract 120 people.
- It will commence with an informal meet and greet on Friday evening, followed by a buffet-style luncheon on Saturday. Catering for both days will be provided by Ovation Hospitality.
- Previous events have been run without incident
- Suitability is not challenged
- The premise has been in existence for many years, is within the school grounds and designed for such large events. The event should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The premise is suitable for the event and layout has been suitable in the past. The area to be licensed is the main hall area of 'Big School'.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event.
- **Genevieve Warburton**, a non-certified manager, is nominated as managers for the licence. The inspector has no concerns with suitability. Other Committee members will also be helping to control the event. A s. 213(2) waiver is granted to accommodate this.
- A '**Supervised**' designation for the event is supported.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application

#### 4. Decision

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

**DATED** at Whanganui this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.



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

