

Application number: 036/SOL/041/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Wanganui Golf Club Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a **'Private 21st Birthday'**.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner
Mr S G Hylton



DECISION

1. Introduction

This is an application by **Wanganui Golf Club Incorporated** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Club's premises, 14 Clarkson Avenue, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a **'Private 21st Birthday'**.

The applicant describes the event as a birthday celebration for Jhena Hawley. The expected attendance is approximately 60-80 guests, of all ages. The venue will be closed to all club-related social activities, as the function is private. The purpose of the special licence is to permit non-club members to attend the event.

The date and hours sought is –

- **Saturday, 4 July 2026, between 4.30pm and 11.30pm**

2. Application

The application was received on 8 June 2026 and included a 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 received on 10 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 complete file contained the following pertinent points –

- The applicant is a body corporate incorporated in 1912.
- The applicant holds a Club Licence but needs a special licence to sell to non-members for the special occasion. The event is an invitation only event that may attract up to 80 persons.
- The special occasion is a '**Birthday**' (**Jhena Hawley**)
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise and club licence 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. The marked floor plan was included. This includes the greater balcony area.
- The hours appear relevant for the event being undertaken.
- A couple of certified managers are nominated for the event including other staff. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function.
- A non-designation for the event is requested 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.

DATED at Whanganui this 30th day of June 2026.



Secretary
Whanganui District Licensing Committee

