

**Application number:**

**036/SOL/093/2025**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Whanganui Darts League Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a 'Christmas Hams Tournament'.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner  
Mr S G Hylton



**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by Whanganui Darts League Incorporated for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at their club premises, 338a Heads Road, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the Christmas Hams Tournament.

The date and hours sought are –

- **Sunday 14 December 2025 9.00am to 7.00pm**

**2. Application**

The application was received on 18th November 2025 and included a site plan, s. 137(2) waiver and menu.

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 24 November 2025.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received on 24 November 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 noted the following pertinent points in their report –

- The applicant is an incorporated society (sporting club).
- The applicant holds a Club Licence but requires a special licence to sell to non-members that will be attending the Christmas event. This has become an annual event expected to attract 40-80 people.
- The applicant has held similar type special licences previously and has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise has been in existence for some years, is located within an industrial/commercial zone, 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 sale and supply of alcohol will only happen on the premises. A non-designation is sought and endorsed.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- The applicant has nominated one certified manager to be on duty for this licence.
- 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.



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

