

DECISION

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IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by
MELANIE JAYNE BISSELL for the issue
of a special licence

DECISION OF THE MANAWATU DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE (ON THE PAPERS)

This application was considered by the Commissioner of the Manawatu District Licensing Committee pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Application

MELANIE JAYNE BISSELL has applied for a special licence to provide alcohol sales. The application relates to two Fundraising Wine and Cheese evenings.

Inquiring Agency Reports

Police

The New Zealand Police do not oppose the application.

Licensing Inspector

A report from the Manawatu District Council Licensing Inspector dated 21 August 2026 was received and considered. The Inspector does not oppose the application.

Medical Officer of Health

The Medical Officer of Health does not oppose the application.

Local Alcohol Policy

There is no local alcohol policy in force within the Manawatu district.

Consideration of the application

As no objection to the application has been filed and no matters of opposition have been raised by the inquiring agencies, the application was considered pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 by the Chairperson of the District Licensing Committee sitting alone.

In considering whether to issue a special licence, the licensing committee considered the criteria set out in section 142 of the Act.

District Licensing Committee decision

*Having regard to the information supporting the application and having regard to the criteria set out in section 142 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 the Manawatu District Licensing Committee grants the issue of a special licence to **MELANIE JAYNE BISSELL** in respect of the events for which the licence was sought, subject to the following conditions:*

1. Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on the following days and during the following hours:
Friday, 2 October 2026 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Opening Night
Friday, 13 November 2026 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Fundraiser
2. The licensee must display a copy of this special licence at the point of sale so as to be easily read by people attending the event.
3. The persons nominated to manage the sale and supply of alcohol at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol is Melanie Jayne Bissell and a sign shall be prominently displayed at the point of sale, which identifies by name the person responsible under the licence.
4. The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of this Act relating to the management of premises are observed:
Signage at the counter, staff to check ID, staff to monitor for minors and intoxicated persons, minors will not be served alcohol, intoxicated persons will not be served alcohol.
5. Drinking water must be freely available at the following places while the premises are open for business:
Water fountain available, with water at the tables, which must be refilled during the event.
6. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times alcohol is available for sale or supply as follows or similar:
Savouries, sandwiches and canapes, and cheese boards on the tables.
7. At least one low-alcohol beverage containing no more than 2.5% alcohol must be available for sale and supply on the premises.
8. Non-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises including but not limited to 0% wine and juice, punch, and lemonade.
9. A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport from the premises must be displayed.

The Manawatu District Licensing Committee grants an exemption pursuant to section 213(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 in respect of the appointment of a manager for the duration of this special licence.

Dated at Feilding this 24th day of August 2026

Signed



Ross Brannigan
Commissioner, Manawatu District Licensing Committee

