

DECISION 26/4407

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by
NEW ZEALAND YOUNG FARMERS
for the issue of a special licence

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

This application was considered by the Manawatu District Licensing Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Application

CAITLIN HODGSON ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ZEALAND YOUNG FARMERS has applied for a special licence to provide alcohol sales. The application relates to the “FMG Young Farmer of the Year Regional Final 2026”. The event includes a buzzer quiz for contestants followed by the awards, dinner and band.

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 19 February 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 on the papers.

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 **NEW ZEALAND YOUNG FARMERS** in respect of the event 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:
Saturday, 7 March 2026 5.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.
2. The licensee must display a copy of this special licence at the point of sale to be easily read by people attending the event.
3. A certificated manager must be on duty at all times, within the licensed area, when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed.
4. The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of this Act relating to the sale or supply of alcohol to prohibited persons 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 on all tables and must be refilled during the event.
6. Food must be available for consumption on the premises including but not limited to:
Two course dinner consisting of meats, vegetables/salads and dessert.
7. Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises including but not limited to DB Citrus.
8. Non-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises including but not limited to soft drinks and orange juice.
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.

Duration

This licence is in force from **5.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., Saturday, 7 March 2026.**

Dated at Feilding this 23rd day of February 2026

Signed



Ross Brannigan
Commissioner, Manawatu District Licensing Committee

