

DECISION	26/4405
IN THE MATTER	of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
	AND
IN THE MATTER	of an application by THE WHANGANUI DISTILLING COMPANY LIMITED 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

THE WHANGANUI DISTILLING COMPANY LIMITED has applied for a special licence to provide alcohol sales. The application relates to an exhibitor stand at the 2026 Central Districts Field Days.

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 11 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 **THE WHANGANUI DISTILLING COMPANY LIMITED** 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:
Thursday, 19 March 2026 – 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Friday, 20 March 2026 – 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Saturday, 21 March 2026 – 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
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. Drinking water must be freely available at the exhibitor's site while it is open for business.
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, minors and intoxicated persons will not be sold alcohol
5. The volume of individual free sample tastings must not exceed 10ml of spirits.

Duration

This licence is in force from **9.00 a.m., Thursday, 19 March 2026 until 4.00 p.m., Saturday, 21 March 2026** during the days and hours detailed in condition (1) above.

Dated at Feilding this 23rd day of February 2026

Signed



Ross Brannigan
Commissioner, Manawatu District Licensing Committee

