DECISION	**26/4580**
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 Commissioner of the Manawatu District Licensing Committee pursuant to section 191(2) 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 2026 Cross Hills Gardens Country Fair.

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 16 November 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 **THE WHANGANUI DISTILLING COMPANY LIMITED** *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:
   Saturday, 21 November 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. 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. Drinking water must be freely available at the exhibitor's site while it is open for business.
5. 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
6. Samples of no larger than 10ml to be served.

Dated at Feilding this 18th day of November 2026

Signed





Ross Brannigan
Commissioner, Manawatu District Licensing Committee