

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Reefton Volunteer Fire Brigade (the licensee) for a Special Licence pursuant to Section 138 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 2 Crampton Road and known as Reefton Sports Park Complex, and the premises situated at 10 Victory Street, Reefton and known as the Reefton Area School Gymnasium

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED SPECIAL LICENCE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police, Medical Officer of Health or the Inspector in respect of an application for a special licence. Accordingly, the application can be determined on the papers. However as the Chairperson has declared a conflict of interest, in my role as Deputy Chair I have considered the application via the papers as presented.

Application

This is an application by Reefton Volunteer Fire Brigade (the licensee) for a Special Licence pursuant to Section 138 of the Act in respect of premises at 2 Crampton Road and known as Reefton Sports Park Complex, and the premises situated at 10 Victory Street, Reefton and known as the Reefton Area School Gymnasium

This application is to enable alcohol to be sold at the following occasion/s or event/s: Golden Oldies Rugby Tournament and Prize giving

The applicant seeks the following days and hours of operation:

Saturday 16 May 2026	11.00am until 4.30pm (Sports Complex)
	5.00pm until 12.30am the following morning (Gym)

The applicant has provided host responsibility and staffing details that demonstrate suitable measures are in place to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol and that any potential opportunity for harm will be minimised.

The designation for the premises during the event is:

Event 1: Supervised: Area delineated by pigtails and tape around the rugby field (as depicted on the site plan). Persons under 18 may be present, but only if accompanied by a parent, or legal guardian, i.e. Court appointed. Those under 18 cannot be sold alcohol, but may be supplied by the parent or guardian.

Event 2: Restricted: Gymnasium, foyer and toilets (as depicted on the floor plan). No person under 18 may be present in this area.

Reasons for the Decision

- The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and has raised no opposition. The Inspector has also indicated that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent.
- The NZ Police has raised no matters in opposition to this application.
- The Medical Officer of Health has raised no matters in opposition to this application.
- The application was not required to be publicly notified.
- The applicant has demonstrated that the manner in which they sell, supply, display and promote alcohol complies with the Act.
- The applicant has previously been granted special licences for events and there have been no adverse reports received.
- There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a licence.

In summary, the application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.142 of the Act.

Decision

I have considered all the papers put before me and I am satisfied that the application meets all the requirements of the criteria of s.142 of the Act and the applicant will be able to safely and responsibly supply and sell alcohol in a manner that will ensure that any harm caused by the inappropriate or excessive consumption of alcohol will be minimised.

I therefore grant the application by Reefton Volunteer Fire Brigade (the licensee) and authorise the issue of a special licence subject to the terms and conditions noted below as forming part of this decision.

Conditions to be imposed:

- (1) Alcohol may be sold or supplied only on the following days and hours:
Saturday 16 May 2026 11.00am until 4.30pm (Sports Complex)
5.00pm until 12.30am the following morning (Gym)
- (2) Free potable drinking water must be available on the premises for the duration of the licence.
- (3) Alcohol may be sold in the following types of containers only: Plastic Vessels, Glassware, Stubbies and Cans
- (4) The following steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:
 - (1) Food must be available at reasonable prices for consumption for the duration of the event.
 - (2) The licensee must have available for consumption, at all times when alcohol is being sold or supplied, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low alcohol refreshments.
 - (3) Transport options signage must be displayed. A phone must also be available on site to contact an alternative form of transport if required. A courtesy vehicle is also available.
- (5) The following steps must be taken to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:
 - (i) ID is to be requested from any person who looks under 25 years of age.
 - (ii) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point of sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions.
 - (iii) Any intoxicated persons may not enter or remain on the premises.
- (6) A copy of the licence, conditions and floor plan must be displayed in a prominent place so as to be easily read by persons entering through the principal entrance.
The following parts of the premises are designated as:

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- (7) The managers appointed for the purpose of this licence are to be Melanie Askin and Eamon Moynihan.. A sign must be displayed identifying the duty manager.
- (8) A certified duty manager must be onsite during the event.

DATED at Westport this 12 May 2026



Phil Rutherford
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE