

Decision number: 024-2026

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by
**Destination Westland
Limited** pursuant to s138 of
the Act
for an on-site Special
Licence in respect of
premises situated
at Cass Square, Hokitika
known as the “**Wildfoods
Festival 2026.**”

BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

THE APPLICATION

Destination Westland Limited applies for an on-site Special Licence in respect of premises situated at Cass Square, Hokitika known as the “**Hokitika Wildfoods Festival.**”

The licence is to support the annual Wildfoods Festival in the Square. It is estimated that up to 10,000 people will attend the event.

Substantive food and low alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages will be available at all times from various stalls and certificated managers will oversee the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol.

COA qualified security officers will also be engaged on entry and perimeter control.

A comprehensive Alcohol management Plan has been provided for this event.

The day and hours sought are:

Saturday 14 March 2026

10.00am to 7.00pm

THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Inspector has provided a report on the application and believes the application meets the criteria for issue.

Experienced certificated managers will be overseeing the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol.

The reports of the delegated officer for the Medical Officer of Health and the Police hold no matters in opposition.

An AMP has been produced and there will be limits on alcohol service size during the day and a One Way Door (OWD) will apply at this year's event.

OWDs are a valuable tool, and they prevent patrons exiting and side loading alcohol before returning to the venue.

Comprehensive wrist banding will be undertaken to ensure there will not be a repeat failed CPO as occurred at the 2023 festival. Measures have been put in place and there must be no repeat failures.

The DLC chair is familiar with effective service regimes employed at other large concerts and events around NZ.

Maximum service size is to be 4 drinks per person for Monteith beers and two for all other products.

There is to be hourly meetings from 12.00 noon between the applicant and any of the agencies present. Upon request from the agencies the service size regime may be lowered further if deemed necessary to manage rising intoxication levels. The request must be evidence based.

Overall, I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.142 of the Act.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee, pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** the application by **Destination Westland Limited** for an on-site Special Licence in respect of premises situated at Cass Square, Hokitika known as the "**Hokitika Wildfoods Festival 2026**" subject to conditions.

Conditions:

The licence is subject to the following conditions:

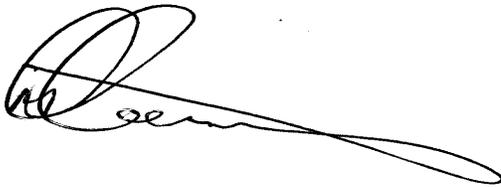
1. Alcohol may be sold and supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:

Saturday 14 March 2026 10.00am to 7.00pm; bars to close at 6.30pm to allow for the orderly drink up and dispersal of patrons.
 2. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
 3. A certificated manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol;
 4. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application for this licence or menu variations of a similar range and standard.
 5. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic beverages.
 6. The Licensee must display signage as follows:
 - a) At every point-of-sale detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
 - b) A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises; and
 - c) A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
 7. The licensee must provide information and advice about forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.
 8. **No BYO alcohol is permitted to be brought into the venue.**
 9. **All drinks are to be supplied in cans or plastic cups.**
 10. **Maximum service size is to be 4 drinks per person for Monteith beers and 2 per serve for other products.**
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11. The Alcohol Management Plan provided shall be followed at all times.

12. There is to be hourly meetings from 12.00 noon between the applicant and any of the agencies present. Upon request from the agencies the service size regime may be lowered further if deemed necessary to manage rising intoxication levels. The request must be evidence based.

DATED at Hokitika this 25th day of February 2026



Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
Westland District Licensing Committee

