



PROPOSED ALCOHOL RESTRICTION BYLAW 2026

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This bylaw is adopted pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002, by resolution of the Westland District Council on 26 February 2026.

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Explanatory Note

The Local Government Act 2002 provides Council the power to control the consumption, possession and bringing of alcohol in public places. The Council can use this power generally, to create on-going alcohol restrictions in public places, or to prohibit alcohol for one-off special events or occasions in public places.

1 TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 This bylaw shall be known as the Alcohol Restriction Bylaw 2026.
- 1.2 This bylaw shall come into effect on the 6 March 2026.

2 APPLICATION

- 2.1 This bylaw applies to specified public places in the Westland District

3 PURPOSE

- 3.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to reduce alcohol-related harm, damage, disorder and crime and to improve community safety by putting alcohol restrictions in some public places.

This bylaw provides for alcohol ban areas where people, within the specified areas, times and days, are not allowed to:

- Consume alcohol in a public place.
- Bring open containers of alcohol into a public place, whether in a vehicle or not.
- Possess alcohol in a public place, whether in a vehicle or not.

Please note that a breach of an alcohol ban area is an offence and that the police may issue an infringement notice (instant fine).

4 INTERPRETATION

- 4.1 In this Bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Local Government Act 2002.

Council means the Westland District Council.

Licensed premises has the meaning given by section 5(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Alcohol has the meaning given by section 5(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Alcohol control resolution means a resolution of the Council pursuant to clause 6.1.

Offence means an offence under section 239A of the Local Government Act 2002 that is a breach of a bylaw prohibiting-

(a) the consumption or possession or both of alcohol in, or the bringing of alcohol into, a public place; or

(b) in conjunction with a prohibition relating to alcohol, the presence or use of a vehicle in a public place.

Public Place

(a) means a place that is open to or is being used by the public, whether free or on payment of a charge, and whether any owner or occupier of the place is lawfully entitled to exclude or eject any person from it; but

(b) does not include licensed premises

Special licence means a licence granted under Part 2, Subpart 4 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Specified period means the period or periods specified in:

- (a) Schedule 1 (as varied by any subsequent alcohol control resolution); or
- (b) a alcohol control resolution, during which the consumption, bringing or possession of alcohol is prohibited in a specified place and publicly notified in accordance with clause 6 of this bylaw.

Specified place means a public place specified in:

- (a) the Schedule (as varied by any subsequent alcohol control resolution); or
- (b) a alcohol control resolution, at which the consumption, bringing or possession of alcohol is prohibited during a specified period and publicly notified in accordance with clause 6 of this bylaw.

Vehicle has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998.

5 ALCOHOL PROHIBITION REGULATION AND CONTROL

5.1 No person shall:

- (a) bring alcohol to a specified place, during the specified period or specified periods relating to that specified place; or
- (b) consume or possess alcohol at a specified place, during the specified period or specified periods relating to that specified place.

5.2 Every person shall comply with the terms of an alcohol control resolution prohibiting, regulating or otherwise controlling:

- (a) the consumption of alcohol in a public place; or
- (b) the bringing of alcohol into a public place; or
- (c) the possession of alcohol in a public place; or
- (d) the presence or use of a vehicle in a public place in conjunction with paragraphs (a) to (c) of this clause 5.2,

6 ALCOHOL CONTROL RESOLUTION

6.1 The Council may from time to time make a resolution:

(a) prohibiting or otherwise regulating or controlling, either generally or for one or more specified periods:

(i) the consumption of alcohol in a public place; or

(ii) the bringing of alcohol into a public place; or

(iii) the possession of alcohol in a public place; or

(iv) in conjunction with a prohibition relating to alcohol under paragraphs (i) to (iii), the presence or use of a vehicle in a public place; or

(b) varying existing specified places; or

(c) varying existing specified periods.

6.2 Every resolution made pursuant to this clause shall be publicly notified at least 14 days before it shall take effect.

7 EXCLUSIONS

7.1 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Bylaw, in the case of alcohol in an unopened bottle or other unopened container, this Bylaw does not prohibit, regulate or control and no alcohol control resolution made pursuant to this Bylaw shall have the effect of prohibiting, regulating or controlling the transport of that alcohol:

(a) from outside a public place for delivery to licensed premises next to the public place; or

(b) from licensed premises next to a public place, provided the alcohol was lawfully bought on those premises for consumption off those premises, and is promptly removed from the public place; or

(c) from outside a public place to premises next to a public place by, or for delivery to, a resident of those premises or his or her bona fide visitors; or

(d) from premises next to a public place to a place outside the public place by a resident of those premises, provided the alcohol is promptly removed from the public place.

8 POWERS OF ARREST, SEARCH AND SEIZURE

8.1 This Bylaw authorises a member of the Police to exercise the power of search, seizure and arrest under section 169(2) and section 170(2) of the Act.

9 PENALTY

9.1 Any person who commits a breach of this bylaw is liable to an infringement of \$250, as prescribed in the Local Government (Alcohol Ban Breaches) Regulations 2013.

10 APPENDIX

10.1 Appendix 1 - Schedule

10.2 Appendix 2 - Map A - Permanent Alcohol Restriction

10.3 Appendix 3 - Map B – Temporary Alcohol Restriction

10.4 Appendix 4 - Map C – Controlled Campgrounds

THE COMMON SEAL of the WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

was affixed in the presence of:

Mayor

Appendix 1

SCHEDULE

1. Subject to the exclusions listed in Clause 7 (above), the specified places and specified periods relating to those specified places are:

Place	Period
<p>(1) Map "A" Permanent Alcohol Restriction Area</p> <p>All the area shown outlined in red on Map A consisting of public places, legal roads and public reserves, bounded by the following:</p> <p>Sunset point along the beach to the northern boundary of Walker Park, east to Brittan Street, then Brittan Street to the northern bank of the Hokitika River. Along the bank of the Hokitika River to Sunset point.</p> <p>The permanent ban covers the area bounded by both sides of the following streets.</p> <p>(2) All of Cass Square also shown on the attached map marked "A".</p> <p>(3) Map "B" Temporary Alcohol Restriction Area</p> <p>All the area shown in the orange outline.</p> <p>The temporary ban covers the area bounded by both sides of the following streets.</p> <p>From the Beach along Richards Drive, to Fitzherbert Street to the western boundary of the Hokitika Cemetery, along the boundary of the Hokitika Cemetery and the western boundary of the Hokitika Airport, Airport drive , Alpine view, Race Course Terrace Rise subdivision, Hauhau Road , Town Belt East. Gibson Quay along the bank of the Hokitika</p>	<p>From 8.00 pm on any day till 6.00am the following day.</p> <p>24 hours each day on every day of the week.</p> <p>From 6.00 pm on the Friday before the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival till 8.00 am on the Sunday thereafter.</p>

River back along the riverbank to Sunset point then along the beach to Richards Drive.	
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2. Excluded areas

The specified places do not include:

- (a) any public place which is also a licensed premises or part of a licensed premises during any period in which the licensee is serving or allowing consumption of alcohol on those licensed premises; and
- (b) any public place or part of a public place during any period in which that public place or part of a public place is the subject of a special licence granted pursuant to the provisions of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012; and
- (c) the controlled campground areas of Sunset Point, as shown in the attached map marked "C", from 6pm on the Friday before the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival until 8am on the Sunday thereafter (note: any of those two areas not hosting a controlled campground area will still be subject to the alcohol ban).

The Map Referred to in the Schedule as Map "A"

 Alcohol Restriction Area



**The Map
Referred to in
the Schedule
as Map "B"**

- Legend**
-  Alcohol Restriction Area
 -  Public Parks & Reserves





**The Map
Referred to in
the Schedule
as Map "C"**

Legend

 Controlled Campgrounds