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o Whakaoriori

Masterton District Council Alcohol Control Bylaw



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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Timatanga | Commencement

The Alcohol Control Bylaw came into force throughout the Masterton District on 1 July 2026.

Whakaae | Adoption

Date	Summary of Amendments	Adopted By
14 August 2013	Part 17: Liquor Control in Public Places first adopted	Masterton District Council
30 July 2014	Amendment to Part 17: Liquor Control in Public Places	Masterton District Council
12 December 2018	Part 17: Liquor Control in Public Places replaced with Alcohol Control Bylaw	Masterton District Council
3 December 2025	Minor amendments to wording to include review timeframes and updated definitions and maps.	Masterton District Council
24 June 2026	Revised Control of Alcohol Section and additional Alcohol-Free Zones (4&5).	Masterton District Council

Arotakenga | Review

The Alcohol Control Bylaw (the Bylaw) is next due for review by 1 July 2036. If not reviewed by this date, and not earlier revoked by the Council, then the Bylaw will be automatically revoked in July 2038 under section 160A of the Local Government Act 2002.

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Tuhinga Pāhekoheko | Referenced Documents

Reference is made in this document to the following New Zealand legislation:

- Local Government Act 2002
- Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
- Local Government (Alcohol Ban Breaches) Regulations 2013

This Bylaw is made under section 147 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

This Bylaw covers the Public Places to which it applies, the days and times of application, enforcement powers of the Police, and any exemptions. It should be read in conjunction with these sections of the LGA:

- Section 147, which empowers the Council to make this Bylaw. It also defines 'Alcohol' and 'Public Place'.
- Section 147(4), which sets out specific exemptions when the Bylaw does not apply to the transport of Alcohol in unopened bottles or containers.
- Section 147A and 147B, which set out the criteria for making, continuing bylaws, and related resolutions.
- Sections 169 and 169A, which provide Police with powers of search, seizure, and arrest, without a warrant, in relation to enforcement of alcohol bans, and presume substances in labelled containers are Alcohol for proving breaches of the Bylaw.
- Section 170, which sets out conditions on the exercise of Police powers to search containers or vehicles, including when immediate searches are authorised by a Section 147 bylaw for a specified event or dates.

This Bylaw has no effect on any other Police powers of search, seizure and arrest or any other statutory offences.

1. Taitara me te Timatanga | Title and Commencement

- 1.1. The title of this Bylaw is Masterton District Council Alcohol Control Bylaw.
- 1.2. This Bylaw shall come into force throughout the Masterton District on 1 July 2026.

2. Whānuitanga | Scope

- 2.1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to enhance public safety and enjoyment by controlling the use of Alcohol in specified Public Places, at specified times and during specified events.
- 2.2. This Bylaw regulates the consumption, possession, and bringing of Alcohol into specified Public Places (including vehicles in Public Places) within the Masterton District.
- 2.3. This Bylaw does not relate to the sale of Alcohol. This is managed through the Wairarapa Local Alcohol Policy and the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- 2.4. This Bylaw does not apply to the transport of Alcohol in unopened containers where the Alcohol is transported from outside a Public Place to a premises next to a Public Place by, or for delivery to, a resident or their bona fide visitors; or from premises next to a Public Place to a place outside the Public Place if the transport is by a resident of those premises and the Alcohol is

promptly removed from the Public Place. These are statutory limitations on the powers to make Bylaws for Alcohol control purposes and can be found in sections 147(4)(c) and (d) of the LGA.

- 2.5. This Bylaw does not apply to the transport of Alcohol in an unopened container where that Alcohol is being moved from a licensed premises next to a Public Place for off-site consumption or delivered to a licensed premise next to a Public Place from outside a Public Place. These are statutory limitations on the powers to make Bylaws for Alcohol control purposes and can be found in sections 147(4)(a) and (b) of the LGA.

3. Kuputaka | Definitions

The definitions below apply to this Bylaw. For terms defined in New Zealand Legislation refer to the official legislation at: www.legislation.govt.nz.

Where a definition in legislation differs from a definition in this Bylaw, the definition in the legislation has precedence.

Alcohol: has the meaning given to it under section 5(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and section 147(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.

Alcohol-Free Zone: means a Public Place determined under this Bylaw in which the consumption, possession, bringing, or transport of Alcohol is prohibited, except to the extent that the transport of Alcohol in an unopened container is permitted under section 147(4) of the LGA. Alcohol-Free Zone is the same as a 'restricted place' for the purpose of section 169 of the LGA.

Council: means the Masterton District Council and includes any officer authorised to exercise the authority of the Council.

LGA: means the Local Government Act 2002.

Licensed Premises: has the meaning given to it under section 5 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Occasional Alcohol-Free Zone: means an Alcohol-Free-Zone specified in a resolution made under this Bylaw, in which Alcohol restrictions apply only during the times, days, or dates specified in the resolution.

Public Place: has the meaning given to it under section 147(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.

Special Licence: has the meaning given to it under section 22 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

4. Te Mana Whakatau Wāhi Waipiro-Kore | Power to Make Alcohol-Free Zones

- 4.1. The Council may declare an Alcohol-Free Zone for the purpose of prohibiting or otherwise regulating or controlling either generally, or for one or more specified periods:
- a) the consumption, bringing or possession of Alcohol in Public Places; and
 - b) in conjunction with (a), the presence or consumption of Alcohol in vehicles, or vehicles of stated kinds or description, in Public Places.
- 4.2. Any declaration made under clause 4.1 must:
- a) include a map and/or a description of the Alcohol-Free Zone; and
 - b) specify the days and/or time(s) that the Alcohol-Free Zone applies.
- 4.3. Before making a declaration under clause 4.1, the Council must comply with decision-making requirements under the LGA. In particular (but without limitation), sections 147A, 155, and 156.
- 4.4. Declared Alcohol-Free Zones are listed in the Schedules to this Bylaw.
- 4.5. A prohibition made under this section must be publicly notified at least 14 days in advance of the Alcohol-Free Zone coming into force, in accordance with section 170(3) of the LGA.

Occasional Alcohol-Free Zone

- 4.6. The Council may also declare an Occasional Alcohol-Free Zone by resolution in accordance with section 147B of the LGA.
- 4.7. Any declaration made under clause 4.6 must:
- a) include a map and/or a description of the Alcohol-Free Zone; and
 - b) specify the days and/or time(s) that the Occasional Alcohol-Free Zone applies.
- 4.8. An Occasional Alcohol-Free Zone is established for a defined period and automatically expires at the end of that period. Occasional Alcohol-Free Zones are not intended to apply on a recurring basis but are generally implemented in response to specific events or circumstances where Alcohol-related crime or disorder is anticipated.

- 4.9. Records of resolutions made for Occasional Alcohol-Free Zones will not be included in the Schedule but will be permanently recorded through appropriate Council records of meetings, minutes and resolutions. The resolution will be publicly notified as set out under section 4.5 of this Bylaw.

5. Te Mana Panoni Wāhi Waipiro-Kore | Power to Amend Alcohol-Free Zones

- 5.1. The Council may, by resolution publicly notified:
- a) amend or vary the hours or days when the consumption, possession, and bringing of Alcohol is prohibited in a Public Place;
 - b) add schedules;
 - c) make additions or deletions from the schedules; or
 - d) substitute new schedules.
- 5.2. Before making a resolution under 5.1, the Council must comply with the decision-making requirements under the LGA. In particular (but without limitation), sections 147A, 155, and 156.

6. Ngā Taiwhanga whai Raihana i ngā Wāhi Waipiro-Kore | Licensed Premises in Alcohol-Free Zones

Licensed Premises (on-licence, off-licence, Special Licence, and club licences)

- 6.1. This Bylaw does not apply to any Licensed Premises granted by Council under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 within the boundaries of an Alcohol-Free Zone or Occasional Alcohol-Free Zone. This includes any Public Place which is part of a Licensed Premises' outdoor area, where permission (licence) to occupy that area has been granted by Council.

Special Licences in Public Places

- 6.2. This Bylaw does not apply to any Public Place that is subject to a Special Licence, for the term of that licence.
- 6.3. A Special Licence may be issued by the District Licensing Commissioner, under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of any location or event in an Alcohol-Free Zone. Subject to the terms of that special licence, the Special Licence may include waivers and dispensation in respect of any location or event.

7. Ngā Tohu | Signage

- 7.1. Unless impracticable or unreasonable to do so, the Council will erect signage within Public Places covered by this Bylaw to provide information to the public on the terms of the Bylaw. The size, location and terms of this signage shall be at Council's discretion.
- 7.2. To avoid any doubt, the absence of signage in any Public Place does not authorise a breach of this Bylaw.

8. Ngā Hara me ngā Hāmene | Offences and Penalties

- 8.1. Any person who breaches this Bylaw commits an infringement offence under section 239A of the LGA and may be liable to an infringement fee as set out in the Local Government (Alcohol Ban Breaches) Regulations 2013.
- 8.2. To avoid any doubt, a person breaches this Bylaw and commits an offence who:
 - a) consumes or possesses any Alcohol in a Public Place in breach of a prohibition under this Bylaw; or
 - b) breaches, or permits a breach of, the terms of any Council permission granted pursuant to section 7 of this Bylaw.
- 8.3. An infringement notice or reminder notice issued under this Bylaw shall be in the form required under the Local Government (Alcohol Ban Breaches) Regulations 2013.

Rārangi Hōtaka | List of Schedules

Kupu Āpiti 1: Schedule 1 – Masterton Business District.

Kupu Āpiti 2: Schedule 2 – Queen Elizabeth Park Restricted Area.

Kupu Āpiti 3: Schedule 3 – Skatepark Queen Elizabeth Park Prohibited Area.

Kupu Āpiti 4 Motukairangi : Schedule 4 – Riversdale Beach

Kupu Āpiti 5 Rangiwahakaoma: Schedule 5 – Castlepoint

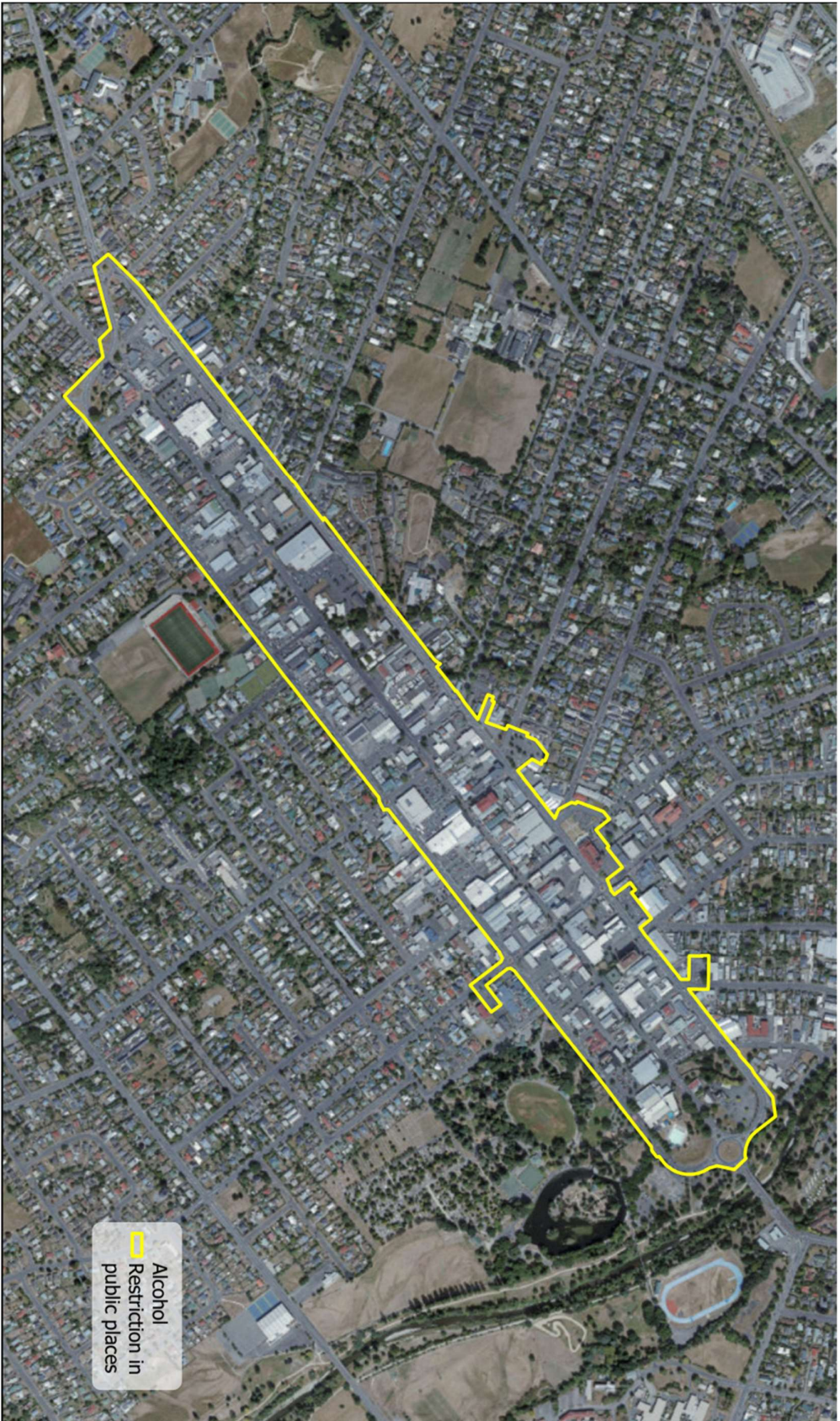
All Public Places within the Masterton Business District, described below and provided in the attached map, are declared an Alcohol-Free Zone at all times.

- From and including Northern Roundabout.
- Dixon Street from Northern Roundabout to the Southern Roundabout at High Street.
- Worksoy Road from Dixon Street to Queen Street.
- Queen Street from the Northern Roundabout to its intersection with High Street.
- Renall Street from Queen Street to Chapel Street including the Renall Street Roundabout.
- Chapel Street from the Northern Roundabout to the Southern Roundabout at High Street including the roundabout.
- In addition, the public carpark of:
 - Church Street carpark and Church Street from the carpark to Dixon Street.
 - Wrigley Street carpark and Wrigley Street from carpark to Chapel Street.
 - McDonalds carpark and the MDC carpark adjacent to McDonalds.
 - MDC carpark adjacent to and behind MDC Building and including the sections of Lincoln Road and Perry Street to Chapel Street.
 - Town Square carpark including the sections of Perry and Cole Streets to Chapel Street.
 - Essex Street carpark and Essex Street from the carpark to Chapel Street.
 - The Masterton Club carpark on the corner of Chapel and Essex Streets.
 - Dixon Street carpark adjacent to Southey Honda.
 - Smith Street carpark adjacent to Moore Wilsons.
 - MDC Carpark behind Kuripuni Tavern.
 - MDC Park at Kuripuni off Dixon Street.
 - MDC land on Chapel/Waltons Avenue corner.

For the avoidance of doubt, this area includes the entire legal road reserve of the streets which form the boundary of the area specified above, up to the boundaries with adjoining properties and including the carriageway, berms and footpaths. Where the Public Place meets or is crossed by another road, the boundary of the Public Place shall be deemed to continue in an unbroken straight line across the other road.

Exclusions

The prohibition excludes any area that is subject to a road encroachment issued by the Council.



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Masterton Business District

Alcohol-Free Zone applies at all times

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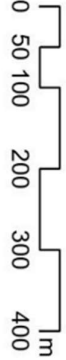
All Public Places within Queen Elizabeth Park, described below and provided in the attached map, are declared an Alcohol-Free Zone between 9pm on one day and 7am the following day, all days of the week.

Queen Elizabeth Park, including the Pioneer and Masterton Cemeteries, Colin Pugh Sports Bowl, Deer Park, Waipoua River and banks and Jean Street sportsgrounds.

For the avoidance of doubt, this area includes the entire legal road reserve of the streets which form the boundary of the area specified above, up to the boundaries with adjoining properties and including the carriageway, berms and footpaths. Where the Public Place meets or is crossed by another road, the boundary of the Public Place shall be deemed to continue in an unbroken straight line across the other road.

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Kupu Āpiti 3: Rāhui i te Wāhi Retireti o Queen Elizabeth | **Schedule 3:**
Skatepark Queen Elizabeth Park Prohibited Area

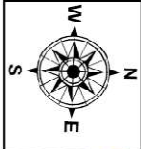
All Public Places within the Skatepark of Queen Elizabeth Park, described below and provided in the attached map, are declared an Alcohol-Free Zone at all times.

Masterton Skatepark:

- The area bounded by Dixon Street, Memorial Drive to the swing bridge, western bank of the Waipoua River from the swing bridge to the Waipoua Road Bridge.

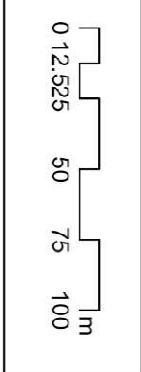
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Skatepark, Queen Elizabeth Park
Alcohol-Free Zone at all times

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Kupu Āpiti 4: Motukairangi | **Schedule 4: Riversdale Beach**

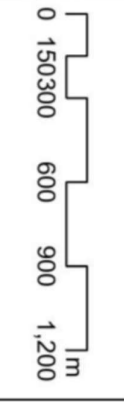
All Public Places within the areas, described below and provided in the attached map, are declared an Alcohol-Free Zone on:

1. Labour Day Weekend: from 7pm to 7am the following day on each of the following days Friday, Saturday and Sunday each year.
2. New Year Period: from 6pm 30 December to 6am 1 January each year.

The Alcohol-Free Zone at the times listed above relates to these areas:

- Orui Station/Riversdale Road intersection, and along Riversdale Road to Riversdale township, Bodle Drive to the lagoon and including Riversdale Beach from the lagoon to the Southern Riversdale Reserve to the water's edge. From Blue Pacific Parade and Bodle Drive intersection along Blue Pacific Parade to and including the Southern Riversdale Reserve including the beach to the water's edge.
- From Riversdale Road and Pinedale Crescent intersection along Pinedale Crescent to the intersection with Blue Pacific Parade.
- The southern terrace off Palm Parade and the middle terrace off Pinedale Crescent being Rochdale Road, Otaraia Road, Bull Lane, Tama Road, Pukeko Place, Knoyle Road and Rochdale Road.
- This includes all Public Places, public parks and accessways into the defined area where the prohibition will be extended to.



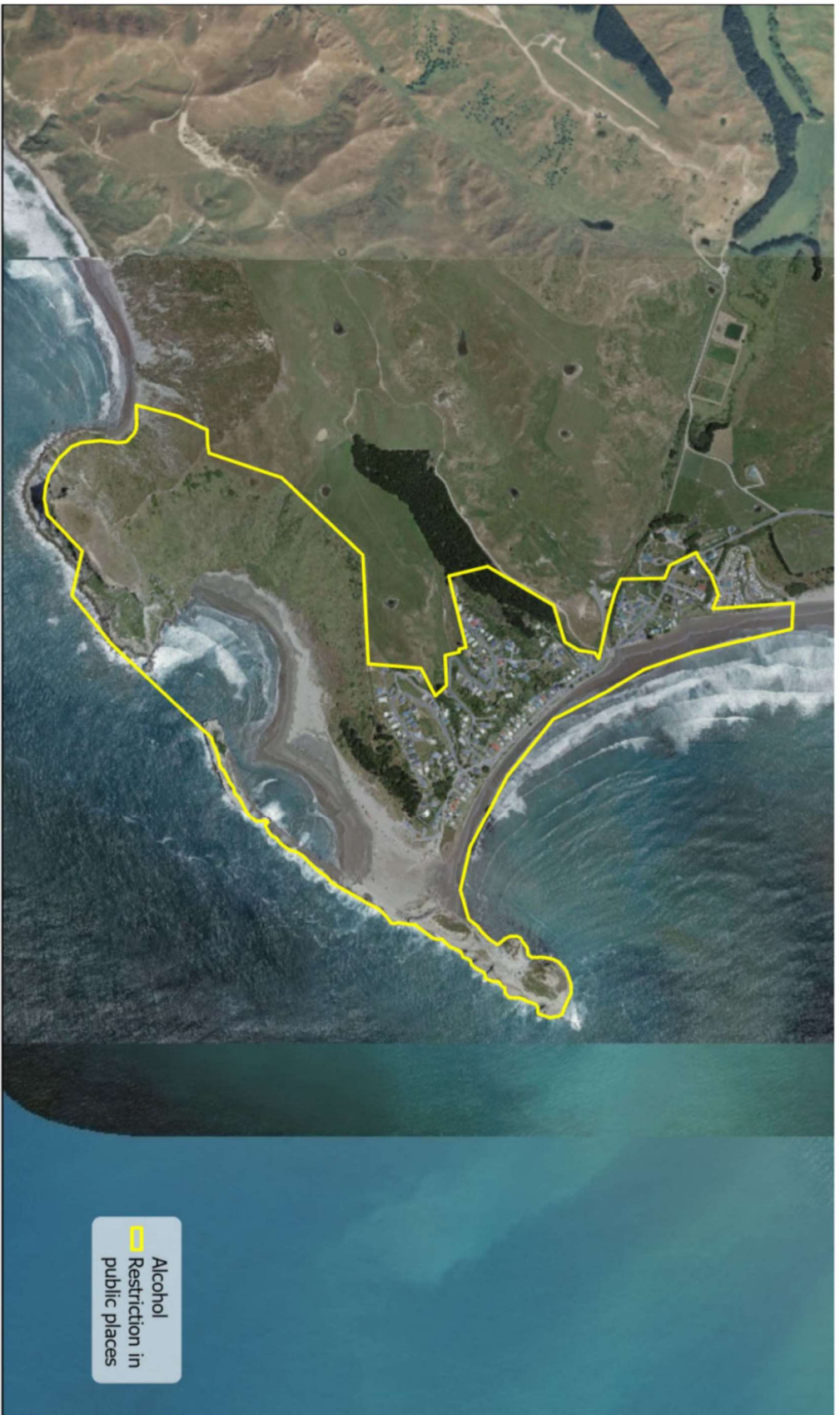
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- From the Castlepoint motorcamp to the Castlepoint Lagoon, including Jetty Road and Castlepoint Beach to the water's edge. From in front of the motorcamp to the Castlepoint Lagoon, including Castlepoint Reserve. Also including Guthrie and Balfour Crescents and all public roads and places to which the public have access within the township of Castlepoint.



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