

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Caroline's
Limited** for a renewal of On Licence
pursuant to section 127 of the Supply
of Alcohol Act 2012.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The application for renewal of On Licence (036/ON/015/2015.2) was publically advertised in the River City Press on 20 and 27 October 2021 along with a display notice attached to the premise in accordance with the Regulations, with no objections received.

As no matters of opposition were raised under section 102 and 103 reports; therefore the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary.

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Application

On the 19 October 2020, **Caroline's Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence. This is the third renewal application by the licensee.

The application for renewal of On-Licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Caroline's Boatshed Bar and Eatery*' situated at 181 Somme Parade, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of a 'Tavern Type On-licence'. The renewal application seeks to renew with the same conditions. The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period.

The complete file included –

- The application
- Fire evacuation compliance statement
- Host Responsibility Plan
- Owner permission letter
- Food/Drinks list
- Floor plan
- Photo's
- Copy of draft public notice and public display
- Existing Licence
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

2. Decision Making

In considering this application for On-Licence the licensing committee had regard to the criteria under section 131 and 105 of the Act. Section 105 assessments were made using the inspector's full report and own assessment. I accept the inspector's assessment and recommendations.

Key matters raised in complete file including the inspector's report were –

- The applicant is a private company who has operated the licence during the renewal period without apparent issue. The applicant is a well-known licensee with good experience in the industry. The premise has been licensed for a number of years now with no apparent issues known. The applicant has named seven managers for the licence which is seen as excellent for this type of licence.
- The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in regard to SSAA matters in an adverse manner during the renewal period. The applicant is a private company with one Director/Shareholder.
- The applicant provided a host responsibility plan that if followed should ensure the object of the act is met.

- The applicant appears to have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law.
- The Inspector concludes that applicant's suitability is not challenged.
- The hours wanting to be renewed are -

Monday to Sunday (7 days) 8:00am to 1:00am the following day

- Floor plan provided works well for the general nature of the business held on the premises. The following areas are to be designated:

The whole of the area delineated as being the 'Pokie Room' is designated – '**Restricted**'.

The whole of the areas delineated as being the 'Family Garden Bar' and 'Function Room and Bar' of the licensed premises is designated - '**Supervised**'.

The remainder of the licensed premises is designated – '**Undesignated**'.

- No CPTED or amenity or good order issues raised with renewal. There is no reason to believe the amenity and good order of the locality would likely to be increased, more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence.
- The applicant has satisfactory systems for staff training and performance.
- The application accords with the LAP, with conditions attached to the licence.

3 Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 103 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

3.1 Police – Report received on 5 November 2021, of no opposition.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health – Report received on 15 February 2022, of no opposition.

3.3 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 15 February 2022. The inspector has no opposition to the application and assessed the application against s. 105 matters with no matters of opposition raised. The inspector concludes that the application is complete and appears to meet the criteria for renewal of the licence.

4 Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, my assessment above of section 105 matters and the past operation of the premise/licensee, I conclude that the application by **Carolines Limited** meets the statutory criteria to be granted a renewal of On-Licence under the Act for a period of three (3) years, from the expiry date of the previous licence.

The licence will be subject to the conditions outlined in the Inspectors report.

5 Decision

Accordingly the application is **Approved** for issue immediately.

Dated at Whanganui District this 15 day of February 2022.

Signed



Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

