

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Dang Hospitality Limited** for a renewal of an 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/002/2024) was publicly advertised in the Whanganui Chronicle on 10 July 2025 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 8 July 2025, **Dang Hospitality Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence. This is the first renewal application by the licensee.

The application for renewal of On-licence is in relation to the premises known as '*The Villa Café and Bistro*' situated at 71 Liverpool Street, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business will remain that of a 'Restaurant Style On-licence'. The renewal application seeks to renew with existing conditions and 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 the 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. This is the first renewal.
- The applicant has named one manager for the licence which is considered the bare minimum for this type of licence. The applicant has advised that currently they only operate through to 3pm each day however as summer months approach they may increase the hours of trade with two more staff members looking to get their certificates.
- The restaurant provides table service within its licensed areas with a takeaway option for food only (often cabinet style foods).

- 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 the applicant's suitability is not challenged.
- The application accords with the LAP.
- The hours wanting to be renewed are -
Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 11:00pm
- The current licensed footprint has not altered and appears suitable. The premises is to remain 'undesigned' which is suitable for this type of licence.
- 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.

3. Reporting Agencies

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

3.1 Police – No opposition within report dated 21 July 2025.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health – Report received on 21 July 2025, of no opposition.

3.3 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 18 August 2025. 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 **Dang Hospitality 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 date of expiry of the current licence.

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

5. Decision

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

Dated at Whanganui District this 28th day of August 2025.

Signed



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Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

