

**APPLICATION NUMBER**

**036/CERT/068/2018.3**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Gareth Cockburn**  
for a Renewal of a Manager's Certificate  
pursuant to section 224 of the Act.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The renewal of managers' certificate application had no matters of opposition raised under section 225 reports; therefore, the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner in accordance with sections 226, 227 and 228 of the Act.

**Commissioner: Stuart Hylton**

**RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1. Application**

**Gareth Cockburn** made the application on the prescribed form received 26 November 2025. The applicant has experience using the certificate at Four Square St Johns, (Grocery Store Style OFF-licence). The applicant has the required qualifications and has not incurred any relevant convictions since last renewal.

**2. Decision Making**

In considering this application for a manager's certificate the licensing committee had regard to the following criteria under section 227 of the Act.

*(a) the applicant's suitability to be a manager:*

*(b) any convictions recorded against the applicant since the certificate was issued or last renewed:*

*(c) the manner in which the manager has managed the sale and supply of alcohol pursuant to the licence with the aim of contributing to the reduction of alcohol-related harm:*

*(d) any matters dealt with in any report made under [section 225](#).*

**3 Reporting Agencies**

The following reports were received under section 225 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

**3.1 Police** – No opposition within report dated 21 December 2025.

**3.2 Licensing Inspector** – Full report including opinion that **Gareth Cockburn** has managed the certificate in accordance with the requirements under the Act and licence conditions. The inspector concludes that he supports the renewal of the manager's certificate.

**4 Conclusion**

Based on the evidence provided to me within the application and statutory reports I conclude that **Gareth Cockburn** meets the criteria to have the Managers Certificate renewed in terms with section 227 of the Act for three years.

**5 Decision**

Accordingly, the application for renewal is **Approved** for issue immediately for a period of 3 years.

**Dated at Whanganui this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2025.**

**Signed**



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**Stuart Hylton**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner**

