

APPLICATION

036/ON/009/2016.3

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Hatrick Raceway 2012 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/006/2016) was publicly advertised in the River City Press on the 4 September 2025 and again on 12 September 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 5 September 2025, **Hatrick Raceway 2012 Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence.

The application for renewal of On-licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Hatrick Raceway*' situated at 216 Guyton Street, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of a function centre style 'On-licence'. The premise operates as a sports venue with bar and social areas to cater to their sporting events and functions. The present licence provides for the licensed area to be non-designated. This being:

- The whole of the licensed premises is - '**Undesignated**'.

The current non-designation supports license compliance management for their **bar and hosting operations** and no concerns or issues are noted. The renewal application seeks to renew with the same existing 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
- 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 reports were –

- The applicant is an incorporated society, incorporated in 2012. The society represents the Wanganui Greyhound Racing Club who own and operate the function facility and greyhound racing that goes on at the Raceway. There have been no changes to the structure of the company since the previous application.
- The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period. This is the fourth renewal application.
- The applicant provided a host responsibility plan that if followed should ensure the object of the Act is met.

- Two manager's names were put forward for the licence which is considered to be adequate for this type of premise. The applicant appears to have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law.
- There were no reports questioning suitability and neither do I.
- The current hours wanting to be renewed have operated without incident i.e.

Sunday to Thursday, between 8.00am to 10.00pm.

Friday and Saturday, between 8.00am and 1.00am the following day.

Note: From January 12, 2026, the new LAP provisions come into effect meaning a one-way door policy for this premises will take effect from 12.00 midnight, Friday and Saturday.

- Floor plan provided works well for the general nature of the business held on the premises. The areas to be licensed is the main grandstand including front terraced area. No 'designations' apply over the licensed area.
- 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 Whanganui LAP with the proviso of the changes discussed above.

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 8 September 2025, of no opposition.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health – Report received on 22 September 2025, of no opposition.

3.3 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 5 September 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 with existing conditions.

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 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 3rd day of November 2025.

Signed



Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

