

**DECISION NUMBER** **052/2024**  
**CERTIFICATE NUMBER** **036/CERT/052/2020.1**  
**IN THE MATTER** of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012  
**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER** of an application by **Karen Hutchins** for a Renewal of a Managers Certificate pursuant to section 224 of the Act.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The renewal of managers' certificate application (036/CERT/052/2020.1) 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**

**DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1. Application**

**Karen Hutchins** made the application on the prescribed form received 30 September 2024. The applicant has experience using the certificate at Four Square Eastbrook (Supermarket Style Off-liscence). 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 16 October 2024.

**3.2 Licensing Inspector** – Full report including opinion that **Karen Hutchins** has managed the certificate in accordance with the requirements under the Act and license conditions.

**4 Conclusion**

Based on the evidence provided to me within the application and statutory reports I conclude that **Karen Hutchins** 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 from the expiry of the current certificate.

**Dated at this the 16th day of October 2024.**

**Signed**

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

