

Application Number:

036/CERT/034/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Melanie Walker** for a Managers Certificate pursuant to section 219 of the Act.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The managers' certificate application (036/CERT/034/2026) had no objections filed and no matters of opposition were raised under section 220 reports, therefore the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner in accordance with sections 221, 222 and 223 of the Act.

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Application

Melanie Walker made the application on the prescribed form dated 16 April 2026. The applicant intends to use the certificate at The Distillery, which holds an On and Off-licence. The applicant has been employed at this premises since January 2026 and currently holds a front of house position.

The application included evidence of obtaining the necessary License Controller Qualification. The applicant's employer gave evidence of the applicant's experience, skills, and suitability.

2. Decision Making

In considering this application for a manager's certificate the licensing committee had regard to the following criteria under section 222 of the Act.

- *a) the applicant's suitability to be a manager:*
- *(b) any convictions recorded against the applicant:*
- *(c) any experience, in particular recent experience, that the applicant has had in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force:*
- *(d) any relevant training, in particular recent training, that the applicant has undertaken and evidence that the applicant holds the prescribed qualification required under [section 218](#):*
- *(e) any matters dealt with in any report made under [section 220](#).*

3 Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 220 of the Act and considered during the decision.

3.1 Police – No opposition within report dated 22 April 2026.

3.2 Licensing Inspector – Full report assessing **Melanie Walker's** credentials against the Acts criteria. The inspector has interviewed the applicant and concludes that the application is complete and appears to meet the criteria of section 222 of the Act.

The applicants work visa expires on 19 December 2026, it is the applicant's intention to extend the work visa and anticipates this will be done without issue. The applicant has signed an undertaking stating they wont use the certificate without a work visa.

4 Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided to me within the application and statutory reports I conclude that **Melanie Walker** meets the criteria to hold a Managers Certificate under the Act.

5 Decision

Accordingly, the application is **Approved** for issue for a period of one year.

Dated at Whanganui District this 19th day of May 2026.

Signed



Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

