

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Menzies 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/002/2016) was publically advertised in the River City Press on the 16 and 23 of January 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 26 January 2025, **Menzies Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-Licence. This is the fourth renewal of the licence.

The application for renewal of On-Licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Sports Bar*' situated at 197 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of an 'On Licence Tavern'. The renewal application seeks to renew with the same existing conditions. The premise is designated 'supervised' and 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
- Fire Evacuation Plan
- Host Responsibility Plan
- Resource Consent
- 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 a private company incorporated in 2012 with a sole director and four shareholders. This is the fourth renewal.
- The premises has not come to the notice of authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period.
- The applicant provided a host responsibility plan that if followed should ensure the object of the act is met.
- Two certified 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 with reduction to comply with National Default Trading Hours are:

Monday to Sunday, between 8.00am to 2.00am, the following day (with a one way door policy from 1.00am)

- Floor plan provided works well for the general nature of the business held on the premises. Design is very simple.
- Current 'supervised' designation across the entire premise to remain apart from gaming room where it is 'restricted'.
- 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 sufficient 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 – Report received on 26 January 2025 of no opposition.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health – Report received on 10th February 2025, of no opposition.

3.3 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 26th February 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 existing conditions.

5 Decision

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

Dated at Whanganui District this 26th day of February 2025.

Signed



Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

