

**IN THE MATTER** of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by **MGM Whanganui 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/002/2017) was publically advertised in the Rivercity Press on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15th March 2018 along with a display notice attached to the premise in accordance with the Regulations, with no objections received.

Unfortunately the public advertisements had incorrect hours inserted by the applicant. A waiver is sought for this error.

A waiver under s. 208 is granted due to there being no obvious wilful neglect, omission or persons disadvantaged unduly. The hours advertised were greater than that being applied for and therefore any concern around hours would have been raised regardless of the error.

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 28th February 2018, **MGM Whanganui 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 '*Lucky*' situated at 53A Wilson Street, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of a 'Tavern'. The renewal application seeks to renew with the same existing conditions. The premise has the following designations –

- **Supervised – 8.00am to 11.00pm, and**
- **Restricted – 11.00pm to 2.00am the following day.**

The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period.

The premises has had a liquor licence since 2017.

The complete file included –

- The application
- Fire evacuation compliance statement
- Host Responsibility Plan
- Food/Drinks list
- Floor plan
- Copy of draft public notice and public display
- Existing Licence
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Letter seeking s.208 waiver for imprecise advertising
- 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 2016. The managing directors and shareholders are experienced and 'hands on' in the business.
- 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 the minimum required. 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 Wednesday, between 8.00am to 12.00 midnight;**

**Thursday to Saturday, between 8.00am to 2.00am the following day with a one way door policy starting at 1.00am.**

- Floor plan provided works well for the general business held on the premises.
- Current non designation across the entire premise to remain.
- 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 appropriate 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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018, of no opposition.

**3.2 Medical Officer of Health** – Report received on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018, of no opposition.

**3.3 Licensing Inspector** – Full report dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018. 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 following conditions –

- (a) The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol, at reasonable prices, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic drinks and low alcohol drinks.
- (b) The licensee must have free drinking water available for customers at each bar whilst open for business.
- (c) Alcohol may only be sold on such days and during such hours as the premises are being operated as a Tavern but not other than on the following days and hours:

- **Sunday to Wednesday, between 8.00am to 12.00 midnight;**
- **Thursday to Saturday, between 8.00am to 2.00am the following day with a one way door policy starting at 1.00am.**

**EXCEPT THAT on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day, or before 1pm on Anzac Day, no alcohol is to be sold or supplied on the premises unless the buyer is a person who is present on the premises to dine or a person residing or lodging on the premises.**

- (d) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the food list submitted with the application, or variations of that list of a similar range and standard.
- (e) The licensee must ensure that, at any time customers are lawfully on the premises,—
  - there is readily available to the customers, free, comprehensive, and accurate information about the forms of transport from the premises that are available at that time; and
  - there are on the premises, and readily accessible to the customers, staff able to give them comprehensive and accurate information about the forms of transport from the premises that are available at that time; and
  - those staff will on demand give any customer appropriate advice free.

- (f) The licensee must ensure that for each principal entrance to the premises there is displayed at all times a sign attached to the inside or outside of the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the entrance, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises are open for the sale of alcohol
- (g) The licensee must ensure that at all times a copy of the licence, together with a statement of all conditions subject to which it is issued, together with a copy of the floor plan: is displayed -
- (a) attached to the inside of the premises concerned; and
  - (b) so as to be easily read by people entering each principal entrance.
- (h) The licensee must implement and maintain the steps proposed in the application for the licence aimed at promoting the responsible consumption of alcohol.
- (i) The licensee and managers on duty must ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed and must display appropriate signs adjacent to every point of sale detailing the statutory restrictions on the supply of liquor to minors and the complete prohibition on sales to intoxicated persons.
- (j) The whole of the licensed premises is to be **designated** –
- **Supervised – 8.00am to 11.00pm, and**
  - **Restricted – 11.00pm to 2.00am the following day.**

## **5 Decision**

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

**Dated at Whanganui District this 6th day of April 2018.**

**Signed**



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**Stuart Hylton**

**Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner**