

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Mud Ducks 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/016/2015) was publically advertised in the River City Press on 7 November 2024 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 6 November 2024, **Mud Ducks Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence. This is the fourth renewal application by the licensee.

The application for renewal of On-Licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Mud Ducks*' situated at 31 Taupo Quay, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of a 'Restaurant Style On-licence'. The renewal application seeks to renew with minor changes to its licensing hours. 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
- Owner permission letter
- 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 report were –

- The applicant is a private company who has operated the licence during the renewal period without apparent issue. The premise has been licensed for ten years now with no apparent issues known. The applicant has named three managers for the licence which is seen as adequate for this type of licence.
- The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in regard to SSAA matters in an adverse manner during the renewal period. The applicant is a private company with one sole Director and two Shareholders. The applicant has named three managers to manage the licence.
- The applicant provided a host responsibility plan that if followed should ensure the object of the act is met.
- The applicant appears to have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law.
- The Inspector concludes that applicant's suitability is not challenged.
- The hours wanting to be varied are -

**Current**

**Sunday to Tuesday, between 8.00am and 10.00pm,  
Wednesday to Saturday, between 8.00am and 12.00 midnight.**

**Proposed**

**Monday to Sunday, 8.00am to 10.00pm each day**

- Floor plan provided works well for the general nature of the business held on the premises. The premises is to be 'Undesignated' which is suitable for this type of licence.

- 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.
- There is no designation sought which is suitable given current conditions and type of premises.
- The applicant has satisfactory systems for staff training and performance.
- The Whanganui LAP has been adopted and allows for discretionary conditions relating to On-licences. The inspector states that the application accords with the LAP.

### 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 5 December 2024, of no opposition.

**3.2 Medical Officer of Health** – Report received on 27 November 2024, of no opposition.

**3.3 Licensing Inspector** – Full report dated 16 December 2024. 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 same conditions except for the changes to hours.

### 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 by **Mud Ducks Limited** 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 current conditions except for the changed hours as applied for.

### 5 Decision

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

**Dated at Whanganui District this 19 day of December 2024.**

**Signed**



**Stuart Hylton**  
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

