

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Parnells Café (2012) 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/001/2017) was publicly advertised in the Whanganui Chronicle on 24 January 2026 along with a display notice attached to the premises in accordance with the Regulations, with no objections received.

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 5 December 2025, **Parnells Café (2012) Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence. This is the third renewal application by the licensee.

The application for renewal of On-licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Parnells Kitchen*' situated at 345 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business will remain that of a 'Cafe Style On-licence'. The renewal application seeks to renew with existing conditions, and the premise has not come to the notice of authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period.

Note: The Inspector noted the premises were inspected on several occasions during the time of renewal, with each visit identifying the absence of a Duty Manager. The result was a notice placed up saying that alcohol sales have ceased until further notice.

The inspector observed that the operation appears to be primarily focused on food rather than alcohol. Staff advised that alcohol sales have barely occurred in the past 12 months. Based on the inspection history and available information, there are no matters in opposition to the renewal of the licence.

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 consideration of 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 the 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. Te Aroha Olive Mackintosh is shown to be the sole Director and shareholder. There have been no changes to the structure of the company since the previous application.
- This is the third renewal. The applicant has named two managers for the licence, one of which has expired. Due to no alcohol is currently being sold this situation is considered suitable 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. This is the third renewal application.

- 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. Alcohol sales are a minor part of the retail premise.
- The Inspector concludes that the applicant's suitability is not challenged.
- The application accords with the LAP.
- The hours wanting to be renewed are -
Monday to Sunday, between 8.00am to 12.00 midnight.
- The current licensed footprint has not altered and appears suitable. The premises are to remain 'undesigned' 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.
- The applicant has satisfactory 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 – No opposition within report dated 5 January 2026.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health – No opposition.

3.3 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 4 March 2026. 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.

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 **Parnells Café (2012) 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 date of this decision.

The licence will be subject to the conditions outlined in the Inspectors report.

5 Decision

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

Dated at Whanganui District this 8th day of March 2026.

Signed

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Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

