

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

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of an application by **Roots Brewing Company Limited** for a renewal of Off-licence pursuant to section 127 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of the premises situated at 43 State Highway 3, Westmere, RD 1, Whanganui and known as Roots Brewing Company.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The application for renewal of Off-Licence was advertised in the Rivercity Press on the 27 November 2025 with no objections received. No matters of opposition were raised under section 128 and 129 reports; therefore, the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of s.202 (1) and 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

**Commissioner: Stuart Hylton**

**RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

***Application***

(1) The premises at 43 State Highway 3, Westmere, RD 1, Whanganui is a Cellar Store Style Off-licence (036/OFF/004/2018) to sell alcohol for consumption off the premise. This application is to renew the Off-licence which was first issued seven years ago when the applicant decided to sell self-brewed beer from the premises. This is the third time the licence has been renewed.

(2) The application to renew was made on 26 November 2025 on the prescribed form. The application seeks to renew with varied conditions i.e. hours. As part of the renewal, the applicant seeks to reduce the closing time by 1 hour to the existing licence. They propose reducing the licensed trading hours to Monday to Sunday, 8:00am to 9:00pm. This is so they align with the new Local Alcohol Policy requirement that all off licences cease trading at 9pm.

- (3) The complete file that I received included –
- The application
  - Site Plan
  - Certificate of Incorporation
  - List of duty managers
  - Floor plan
  - Draft renewal advertisement
  - Fire evacuation scheme declaration from owner
  - Copy of existing licence
  - Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

***Decision Making***

(4) In considering this application for renewal of Off-Licence the District licensing Committee (here in after referred to as; the Committee) had regard to the criteria specified under s. 131 of the Act.

***Sections 105/131 Analyses:***

**(5) the object of this Act:**

Both the Inspector and Medical Officer of Health inquired into the application seeking evidence that the object of the Act will be complied with under this licence. The applicant's Host Responsibility Policy, if followed correctly, should ensure that the object of the act is complied with. The Inspector notes in her report – *"The Inspector observed that at the time of inspection, no alcohol was stored on site or available for sale. The applicant advised that brewing was due to commence shortly and explained that he typically produces small batches as required rather than maintaining large quantities of alcohol in storage. Based on the information provided and the scale of the operation, the activity appears to be small and presents a very low level of risk."*

**(6) the suitability of the applicant:**

The applicant is a body corporate incorporated. The applicant supplied one certified managers name employed on the premises. There are no changes to the company structure during the renewal period.

The inspector and reporting agencies do not challenge suitability of the applicant and neither do I.

(7) **any relevant local alcohol policy:**  
Local Alcohol policy is currently in place.

(8) **the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:**

Applicant has applied to renew with an hour less than previous to comply with the new LAP:

**Monday to Sunday 8:00am to 9:00pm.**

These hours are within the national trading hours and meet the LAP. These are considered fit for purpose and have operated without incident in the past.

(9) **the design and layout of any proposed premises:**

The application included a detailed CPTED assessment with solutions and as it's an existing licence with no issues reported I see no issue with design and layout. The premises has premise CCTV monitoring. An inspection conducted on Thursday, 22 January 2026 confirmed that the floorplan remains accurate and unchanged. The public retail space and showroom are clearly delineated and appropriately demarcated as the licensed area.

(10) **whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, to more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:**

I accept the inspector's assessment that there have been no complaints about nuisance type offences in the area in the past and that if managed well this should continue.

(11) **whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:**

The applicant has nominated one manager who is also a director. The inspector notes the applicant maintains good levels of staff training and performance. To the inspector's knowledge the premise has never failed a Controlled Purchase Operation.

#### ***Reporting Agencies***

(12) The following reports were received under section 103/129 of the Act.

(13) **Police** – Report received on 5 January 2026, of no opposition.

(14) **Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 10 December 2025, of no opposition.

(15) **Licensing Inspector**

Full report dated 22 January 2026. The inspector provided, amongst other things, her assessment of the application in relation to the Act. The Inspector also assessed the application against s105 criteria. This assessment has been referred to in this report.

The inspector concluded that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria for renewal.

#### ***Committee's Decision and Reason***

(16) Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, lack of opposition from the relevant agencies, I conclude that the application generally meets the s. 105/131 criteria under the Act to be granted renewal of an Off-licence for the premise situated at 43 State Highway 3, Westmere, RD 1, Whanganui, known as '**Roots Brewing Company**'.

(17) Accordingly, the application is **approved** for renewal for three years subject to the conditions outlined in the Inspectors report and payment of any outstanding fees, if any.

**Dated at Whanganui District this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.**

**Signed**



**Stuart Hylton**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner**

