

APPLICATION NUMBER

036/CERT/001/2016.4

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Sonya Hayward** for
renewal of a Manager's Certificate
pursuant to section 224 of the Act.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The renewal of managers' certificate application had no matters of opposition raised under section 225 reports; therefore, the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner in accordance with sections 226, 227 and 228 of the Act.

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Application

Sonya Hayward made the application on the prescribed form received on 30 January 2026. The applicant has experience using the certificate at The Avenue Hotel, Whanganui, which holds a Hotel Style On-licence. The applicant has the required qualifications and has not incurred any relevant convictions since last renewal.

2. Decision Making

In considering this application for a manager's certificate the licensing committee had regard to the following criteria under section 227 of the Act.

(a) the applicant's suitability to be a manager:

(b) any convictions recorded against the applicant since the certificate was issued or last renewed:

(c) the manner in which the manager has managed the sale and supply of alcohol pursuant to the licence with the aim of contributing to the reduction of alcohol-related harm:

(d) any matters dealt with in any report made under [section 225](#).

3 Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 225 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

3.1 Police – No opposition within report dated 9 February 2026.

3.2 Licensing Inspector – Full report including opinion that **Sonya Hayward** has managed the certificate in accordance with the requirements under the Act and licence conditions. The inspector concludes that he supports the renewal of the manager's certificate.

4 Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided to me within the application and statutory reports I conclude that **Sonya Hayward** meets the criteria to have the Managers Certificate renewed in terms with section 227 of the Act for three years.

5 Decision

Accordingly, the application for renewal is **Approved** for issue immediately for a period of 3 years.

Dated at Whanganui this 17th day of February 2026.

Signed



Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

