

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by DJ 14 Limited (the licensee) for a renewal
of On-Licence pursuant to ss. 14 of the Act for premises
situated
at 136-138 Palmerston St, Westport and known as the
Cosmopolitan Hotel.

BEFORE THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE BULLER DISTRICT

Chairperson: Cr Linda Webb

Members: Cr Phil Rutherford, Cr Toni O'Keefe

HEARING at Westport on Thursday 14th May 2026

APPEARANCES

Jason and Debbie Poynter - The Applicants and witness Grace Poynter

Lynne Duncan - Opposition

Tarsha Armstrong - Licensing Inspector

Rodney Beckett - Alcohol Licensing Officer for MOH

Sergeant Russell Glue - Alcohol Harm Prevention Officer New Zealand Police

IN ATTENDANCE

Leanne Tikey - Administration Officer

DECISION OF THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Application

1. DJ 14 Limited lodged an application to renew their On-Licence 54/ON/012/2024 on 27 August 2025 with the On-Licence expiring on 31 October 2025. The applicant had applied for a variation to the renewal of their On-licence; increase of trading hours, increase in space to the outside garden area, and changes of designations to their current conditions.
2. Variation to Conditions Sec 120
3. A variation to conditions had been requested for changes to the trading hours and the designations of the premises. The current licenced trading hours are Monday to Sunday 9.00am until 2.00am the following morning. The current designations of the premises are: Main bar lounge and casual dining area is Supervised, the outdoor garden, foyer and main dining room is Undesignated, with the outdoor garden area changing in designation from Undesignated to Supervised at 6.00pm, and the class four gaming room is Restricted.
4. The applicant has requested that the entire premises - the main bar lounge, casual dining, foyer, main dining room and outdoor garden area (excluding the gaming room), are Undesignated until 9.30pm, after which all become Supervised.
5. The days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol The proposed hours for the sale and supply of alcohol are: Monday to Sunday 8.00am until 3.00am the following morning. Which is a variation from the current hours 9.00am until 2.00am.
6. The original renewal application did not enclose sufficient information for the agencies to consider the proposed variations, and NZ Police and the Delegated Medical Officer of Health opposed. Additional information was submitted to Council on the 17 September 2025, however this raised other concerns.
7. One public objection was received, on 3 October 2025, within the public notification period. The Tri Agencies met with the applicant on the 14 October 2025 to discuss the concern raised by the reporting agencies and requested additional information to support the management and design of the proposed changes.
8. Buller District Council Licenses received an email from the applicant the next day (15 October 2025), which stated they wanted to amend their renewal application, in particular to remove the outdoor area extension, and to remove the proposed outdoor casual bar. Also, they wanted to change the undesignated area times to 8.00am through to 10.30pm which differed from the original application of 8.00am until 9.30pm.

9. Due to the changes stated in this email the applicants withdrew the proposed outdoor area extension.
10. The DLC Decision DLC/177/2025 decided a public hearing was needed to consider the application.
11. *There has been a public objection to this application following the correct publication and displaying of the required public notices and there have been matters in opposition to this application from the Agencies, as such I have determined to hold a public hearing to determine this application, and I will not be considering the application on the papers presented to me.*

Decision

- 1. The applicant appears not to have suitable experience, qualified staff and has not detailed sufficient required information on the pertinent Regulations form of application.*
- 2. The NZ Police have raised matters in opposition to this application.*
- 3. The Medical Officer of Health has raised matters in opposition to this application.*
- 4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a report and has raised opposition to this application.*
- 5. There is one objection from the public to this application.*

There is to be a meeting of on- licence holders in Westport in December in an effort to get general agreement that operating hours will end at 2.00am as opposed to some with 3.00am finishing hours.

Therefore, I am determining that a public hearing to determine this application will be held off until the results of that meeting have been released.

As such a public hearing to determine this application will need to be scheduled in early 2026 on date suitable to all parties.

The Licensing staff to advise all parties of this decision and to make arrangements with all parties including District Licensing Committee members to obtain a suitable date, time and place for the public hearing to be held in 2026 as soon as arrangements are finalised.

DATED at Westport this 17th day of November 2025

12. The Police withdrew their opposition in a letter dated 11 January 2026 but still recommended a 2.00am closing time.
13. The Medical Officer of Health withdrew their opposition in a letter dated 28 January 2026 but still recommended the current licensed hours 9.00am to 2.00am be retained.

14. On the 15 April 2026 notice of a public hearing was sent out to all parties for a public hearing at 1.00pm 14 May 2026.
15. The applicant then submitted evidence on 29 April 2026 indicating that they wanted to reintroduce the garden bar extension.
16. The DLC was then notified on 7 May 2026 by Simon Bastion that the Applicant has included evidence in their defence for the hearing that they have previously advised Police and the Medical Officer of Health that they would not proceed with - the proposed outdoor area extension.
17. The DLC then advised the Police and Medical Officer of Health and asked them to attend the hearing.
18. The DLC then clarified with the applicant on 11 May 2026 whether they were wanting to amend their application to include the proposed garden bar extension.
19. The applicant confirmed on the 12 May 2026 that they were not reintroducing the proposed outdoor area extension.
20. The applicant took over the hotel in June 2024 and agreed to reduce their opening hours to 9.00am to 2.00am due to their inexperience and being first time licensees. They obtained an On-licence on 31 October 2024 for a period of 12 months with the note. *Following a favourable report from the Licensing Inspector after 12 months trading the hours that alcohol may be sold can extend to 3.00am the following day.*

Applicant evidence

21. Mr Poynter stated they had taken over the hotel in June 2024 and had agreed to reduce their opening hours to 9.00am to 2.00am due to their inexperience and being first time licensees. They obtained an On-licence on 31 October 2024 for a period of 12 months with the note. *Following a favourable report from the Licensing Inspector after 12 months trading the hours that alcohol may be sold can extend to 3.00am the following day.*
22. Given they had had a favourable year, they are then applying to return to the original owners licensed hours.
23. They wanted to open to 3.00am because they often had groups such as the harness racing and sports groups etc who sometimes like to be up late socialising.
24. They would also like to open at 8.00am because they wanted to be able to show international sports games that start at 8.00am NZ time. They offer a cooked breakfast

to patrons who want to come and watch these games and would like to be able to sell beer or wine to have with their breakfast.

25. They had originally included the outdoor area extension in their application that included a ticketed type system to serve alcohol in the outdoor garden area but after meeting with the tri-agencies on Tuesday 14 October they later withdrew this extension putting it in the too hard basket.
26. He also talked about the request to change that the entire premises - the main bar lounge, casual dining, foyer, main dining room and outdoor garden area (excluding the gaming room), are Undesignated until 9.30pm, after which all become Supervised. The DLC questioned whether it was 9.30pm or 10.30pm they were wanting as their email dated 15 October had 10.30pm. Mr Poynter confirmed it was 9.30pm. Mrs Poynter then added they wanted young people to be able to come and have a meal after sports games or even come on dates without the need of parent or guardian to supervise them.
27. When questioned about how many nights a year would be busy enough to stay open to 3.00am, Mr Poynter stated about 10 nights. The problem was that another hotel down the road had a closed-door policy from 1.30am so they were losing patrons up to 2 hours early as they wanted to leave before they were shut out from the neighbouring hotel.
28. Whilst he maintained that the hotel would not be operating for all the hours applied for, he wanted those hours available if there was a need such as to show a televised sporting event.
29. When asked about what the results of the Tri-agency meeting in December with other Westport establishments was. Were there any outcomes?
30. Mr Poynter replied that two licensees attended in person and one electronically.
31. They agreed to form a voluntary agreement about if one patron was blueyed then they would automatically be blueyed from the other two establishments. But he said this hasn't happened in practice. They were advised they should produce their own accord and try to agree on having the same closing time, but this has not transpired.
32. Mr Poynter questioned the timing of the Public Objection, saying that it was outside the advertised time limit. The Chair reminded Mr Poynter that the previous Chair of the DLC had already ruled that the Opposition letter had been accepted by the DLC.
33. He then explained what happened the night of the alleged verbal and physical assault mentioned in Ms Duncan's statement by Mrs Poynter. Produced a statement from the Police dated 29 October 2025 stating that the case will not be taken to court due to

insufficient evidence to support a charge. Witness Grace Poynter was then sworn in, and her statement was read with her version of the incident being the Duty Manager on duty that night.

34. After this incident, the Poynters explained that the employment relationship then broke down with Ms Duncan.

35. The Poynters also stated that they were unaware that because of this hearing and the public objection that their licence could be in jeopardy. The Chair then explained the process of applying for an on-licence and the criteria that the licensee must meet under the Act before the DLC could grant an on-licence.

36. The applicants were asked if there had been any incidents since holding their On-licence that were significant that the police had been involved.

37. Just one, when a patron was asked to leave, then returned. They called 111 but the police were too busy. They ended up closing and patron left.

38. Both Mr and Mrs Poynter work in the hotel full time. They have a new duty manager with experience working at another hotel. Also, a part time Duty Manager who works nights.

Public opposition evidence

39. Ms Duncan said she had over 20 years of experience working in the alcohol industry and is still employed as a duty manager.

40. Ms Duncan explained that before the incident she had issues with Mrs Poynters intoxication. When working as the duty manager often she would be told by the Poynters to do things like close the pokie rooms early, and they would often verbally abuse her.

41. She stated was what the point of a duty manger if the owners would then undermine them. There were incidents where she wanted to give a bluey to patrons, but they wouldn't let her.

42. She explained her version of the incident from her statement. She was asked if she was a disgruntled employer and if her public objection was vexatious. She replied she was not and was happy in her subsequent job.

43. Ms Duncan reinforced that she felt the Poynters were inexperienced and had a lack of understanding around the roles and responsibilities of the Duty Manager.

- 44. She was concerned that they were frequently intoxicated in the hotel.
- 45. That they did not have the necessary skills, experience, and staff to have a 3.00am closing time.
- 46. Asked if the incident had not happened would she have still opposed to the change in hours, yes, she would have.

Medical Officer of Health Evidence

- 47. Mr Beckett summarised his report and talked about the evidence that having an earlier closing time reduced the time for patrons to drink alcohol therefore leading to less harm.
- 48. The two things he wanted to highlight was the lack of experience of the applicants and the amount of duty managers. But after hearing they had one more duty manager he was satisfied with that. He did have concerns around the part time nature of some of the duty managers and whether they had sufficient cover to cover a later closing time.
- 49. Alcohol harm cost the country 9.1 billion last year. He pointed out from a health perspective the less hours we can have people drinking alcohol, the better for the community.
- 50. We promote alcohol being consumed at licenced premises that are well managed, by experienced Duty Managers.
- 51. When asked about what the results of the tri-agency meeting in December with other Westport establishments was. Were there any outcomes?
- 52. He said the licensees were all engaged and took on board the messages about reducing alcohol harm from the tri-agencies. The idea from the meeting that they form their own alcohol accord.
- 53. He had concerns about the establishments having different closing times, as this could cause patrons to move between hotels causing harm. It would be better if they all had a consistent closing time. They could possibly have alternative transport that they could utilise.
- 54. He was satisfied with the systems in place now in regard to being able to see from the kitchen.
- 55. He wanted to know if there were any occasions that Ms Duncan had to cut off the applicants from consuming more alcohol. She said there had been one occasion.

New Zealand Police evidence

56. Sergeant Glue was concerned about the total number of hours the hotel would be licenced for - 133 hours a week, 19 hours a day. It was hard to see from the application which of the duty managers were full time or part time. He questioned the applicant's rostering to show whether they could cover these hours.
57. He said there were provisions in the Act for example the Rugby World Cup Amendment that allowed On-licences to open for early or late for games outside their licenced hours. The DLC asked Mr Poynter whether he had investigated the amendment and whether this would negate the need to have an 8.00am opening time. He said he had not, he had only briefly heard about it, but it did not cover other sports.
58. Special licences also allowed On-licences to open later or earlier. They had only applied for one special licence to say open later to 3.00am. They had not applied for any special licences to open earlier at 8.00am. Mr Poynter said that applying for Special Licences was onerous, you had to supply a lot of information. It is sometimes not worth the hassle as you don't know how many people will turn up.
59. His recommendation in his report was to have a 2.00am closing time.
60. Sergeant Glue wanted to know about the rosters for the duty managers and what hours they were actually open for in practice. The Poynters said their day off was Sunday. They covered for any sickness. Usually, it was the two of them who covered Monday - Wednesday, sometimes with a kitchen hand and a cook. Thursday a duty manager and a cook. Friday -Saturday two in the kitchen and two on the bar plus the applicants. Sunday one duty manager and a cook.
61. He was concerned whether or not the applicants had updated the Police about the change in Duty Managers since their initial application? This is set out on the Management Change Form you fill in that you must inform the police. Mr Poynter thought by emailing licences@bdc.govt.nz that it automatically went to all the tri-agencies. Ms Tikey who is the technical support officer for the DLC confirmed that it states on the form that it is also to be sent to the Police.
62. He stated that each On-licence is given an On-licensed Premises Toolkit which outlines everything you need to know. He also photocopies the more important parts of this and hands this out directly to Licensees and Duty Managers.
63. When asked about what the results of the Tri-agency meeting in December with other Westport establishments was. Were there any outcomes?

64. Just that two establishments wanted a 3.00am licence and one a 2.00am closing. He suggested that make their own accord instead of potentially having a LAP decided for them.
65. He was concerned about some of the evidence given by the public objector and reinforced that nothing good happens after 2.00am in terms of alcohol harm.
66. He said he will share with the DLC a document outlining the alcohol harm in Buller after midnight.
67. When asked about the incident that was investigated, he said it didn't meet the threshold to have a prosecution.

Fire Emergency New Zealand Evidence

68. A copy of the application was provided to FENZ. After a site visit that found a few minor issues around type of signage displayed and the smoke detection. These were to be remedied so FENZ had not objection to the application.

Licensing Inspectors Report

69. Took her report as read.
70. Outlined her concern with the total number of hours applied for, stating this was the maximum hours allowed under the Act.
71. Ms Armstrong wondered whether we wanted as a community for patrons to be consuming alcohol at 8.00am as a normal, regular experience.
72. In their first application for an On-Licence due to their lack of experience the applicants agreed to an earlier closing time 2.00am.
73. She said the changes from the applicant's initial application had made the process confusing. She wasn't sure whether they had enough experienced duty managers now since the application was filed last year. Her understanding was that they had three full time duty managers and two part time to cover the 133 hours. She questioned whether they still had enough staff to cover all those hours. She questioned whether a person could work the entire day then cover the night shift if somebody were sick as this could impair their judgement. She was not convinced they could cover the hours extended to 8.00am to 3.00am.
74. The Poynters explained the actual hours open approximately were;
- Monday - Wednesday 11.30am - 10.00pm

Thursday 11.30am -11.30pm

Friday - Saturday 11.30am - 1.00am

Sunday 11.30am - 8.30pm

75. In summer they may be open longer to 2.00am in the weekend and around midnight mid-week. Last drinks at about 1.00am. They also offered a courtesy van which a staff member would drive.
76. She was happy for the variation requested that the entire premises - the main bar lounge, casual dining, foyer, main dining room and outdoor garden area (excluding the gaming room), are Undesignated until 9.30pm, after which all become Supervised.
77. She suggested that the applicants should look at truncating their opening times so the total hours applied for were less, so they matched the actual hours for which they were open.
78. In terms of suitability of the applicants, she had some concerns. She said the applicants were gaining experience but overall, still had a lack of experience running an On-licensed premise. She felt at times there was confusion with the applicants about what is required or what is not required. The applicants do contact council regularly to clarify things. She felt the applicants need to educate themselves proactively more in terms of some of the basic stuff and what is required to be a licensee.
79. She did not think there had been much change in terms of their experience in the last 12 months since they first applied for an On-licence. They do seem to have an awareness of the day-to-day requirements, but she did not think it was embedded into the overall running of the hotel.
80. They seemed to have confusion about what was required to hold an On-licence and the application process and the criteria they need to meet under the Act. This was apparent with the numerous amendments and some of the additional information given did not match the application.
81. She recommended that they be more familiar with the On-licensed Premises Toolkit and the DLC resources that are provided by council. They should have clear evidence such rosters and a list of duty managers to show how they are covering their licenced hours.
82. She recommended that they utilise the Special Licence process to negate the need for an earlier opening time and later closing time.

Applicants right of reply

83. Stated that Mrs Poynter has 20 years of experience in hospitality but informed us that she had ongoing health issues.
84. Disputed that they are intoxicated in their own hotel, they do like to unwind and often go drink somewhere else. Maybe on two occasions they were drunk in their own pub.
85. People can take Mrs Poynter the wrong way as she can be abrupt, she is strong willed when she needs to be, but she is also very caring and very friendly. She is a great asset to our business.
86. Acknowledged she can get carried away with ideas and didn't really think through the outdoor area extension idea.
87. They were also unaware that this was a public hearing and there would be media present.
88. They reaffirmed they had good staff that they were currently training and one staff member was going through the LCQ process. One staff member was too young to get her Duty Mangers qualification which was a shame.
89. Always made sure on busy nights there were two on the floor and three people behind the bar.
90. Always checked IDs and turned people away who were underage.
91. Acknowledged they were still learning and were trying to come up with new ideas to bring more patrons in. They also support local organisations through sponsorship etc.
92. They rebutted Ms Duncan's statement of events and reaffirmed that the statement from the police was evidence that the assault did not take place. The incident was a shock to them as before that, they had a good working relationship with Ms Duncan.
93. They acknowledged they did work long hours but that is what owner operators do. They make sure they do get breaks. Often sleeping in the next day with only one of them opening for the lunch shift.
94. They acknowledged that they may come across as confused and not knowing their stuff, but they do and have come a long way.
95. They are members of the Hospitality Association NZ and have access to their training resource Typsy.
96. They did not like the idea of having to continually apply for Special Licences as it was onerous and difficult.

97. They have however successfully run Special Licenced events such as the Races and a recent 3-day reunion.

Licensing Committee Decision and Reason

98. We acknowledge that the applicants have invested heavily in the purchase of the hotel and are committed to making a viable business.

99. After hearing evidence from the agencies and the public objector who we found to be credible witness, leads us to suggest that there is still room for improvement in the systems, processes and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Licensee and the Duty Manager, as prescribed under the Act.

100. We recommend that the applicants become more familiar with the On-licensed Premises Toolkit, council resources and make better use of the Hospitality Association NZ resources to upskill.

101. It is true that licence holders now receive greater scrutiny from the Agencies than at any time in the past, but this is a direct result of the now statutory provisions being applied in a way that promotes the twin statutory obligations under the Act, which are that the sale and supply of alcohol should be under taken safely and responsibly, and that alcohol related harm should be minimised.

102. When applying for an On-licence an applicant must demonstrate his or her suitability to be the holder of a licence and case law implies that the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate suitability.

103. It is our view that the reports and evidence presented by the Agencies do raise our concerns that the responsibility required to be undertaken by the applicants with regards to systems and staffing when selling or supplying alcohol are not fully understood currently by the applicants. It appears that the applicants do not fully understand their obligations under the Act with regards to the sale and purchase of alcohol and minimising harm caused by it.

104. There appears to be a willingness from the Agencies to help the applicants build up that knowledge required and we believe a further period of probation is required to enable more experience to be obtained. Therefore, we are granting this application for only a 12-month period in order to achieve this.

105. We agree that the hours of operation should remain the same Monday - Sunday 9.00am to 2.00am the following day for the next 12 months while the applicants gain more experience.

106. We grant the variation of the entire premises - the main bar lounge, casual dining, foyer, main dining room and outdoor garden area (excluding the gaming room), are Undesignated until 9.30pm, after which all become Supervised.
107. Remembering that there is still the opportunity to apply for a Special Licence for specific events to extend these hours if required.
108. But also remembering that there can be no presumption that a Special Licence application would be granted as each application is decided on its merits.
109. During this time there is an expectation that the Tri-Agencies will continue to assist the applicants in meeting their responsibilities under the Act and will monitor the systems and staffing requirements of the applicant.
110. There is an expectation that the applicants will have the required systems and staffing in place to ensure that the sale and supply and consumption of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly, and that alcohol related harm will be minimised.
111. The licence will be up for renewal in 2027, and we would not be expecting the same matters in opposition to be raised at the time of that renewal or the suitability of the applicants to be the holder of a licence could be seriously questioned.
112. If at any time the NZ Police or the Licensing Inspector are of the view that the applicants are failing in terms of their responsibilities as required by the Act, they can apply to the Licensing Authority to suspend or revoke the On - licence bearing in mind that holding an On - licence is a privilege not a right.

Conclusion

113. After hearing from all parties at the public hearing, we are of the view that the application from DJ 14 Limited is granted for a period of 12 months from the date of this decision due to the delays in processing this application.
114. The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, therefore grants the application for a renewal of On-Licence for DJ 14 Limited for the premises known as Cosmopolitan Hotel situated at 136-138 Palmerston St, Westport and authorises the issue of a renewal of On-Licence.
115. The licence will be subject to the following conditions:
- a) Alcohol may be sold only on the following days and during the following hours to any person: Monday to Sunday and during the hours of 9.00am till 2.00am the following day.

b) The following parts of the premises are designated as:

Undesignated: The main bar lounge, casual dining, foyer, main dining room and outdoor garden area (excluding the gaming room) until 9.30pm.

Supervised: The main bar lounge, casual dining, foyer, main dining room and outdoor garden area (excluding the gaming room) after 9.30pm.

Restricted: Class 4 gaming room.

c) Drinking water must be freely available within the licensed areas while the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.

d) The Licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages.

e) A range of food choices must be readily available at reasonable prices at all times that the premises are open. Menus must be visible, and food actively promoted in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application or menu variations of similar range and standard.

f) A properly appointed certificated, or Acting or Temporary Manager must always be on duty when the premises is open for the sale and Supply of alcohol and their Full Name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises.

g) The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licenced premises.

h) The Licence must be displayed:

i. At every point of sale, signs detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons:

ii. At the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the premises, a sign stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the Sale of Alcohol:

iii. A copy of the Licence is to be attached to the premises, so that it is easily read by persons attending the premises.

iv. A copy of the floor plan must be displayed with the licence

i) ID is to be requested from any person who looks under 25 years of age; (ii) No sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons. Every point of sale must display appropriate signage detailing these restrictions.

DATED at Reefton this 11th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



IN THE MATTER

Section 228 of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Felicia Montgomery for
renewal of Manager's Certificate pursuant
to s.224 of the Act

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED RENEWAL OF MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police or the Inspector in respect of an application manager's certificate. Accordingly the application can be determined on the papers.

Application

This is an application by Felicia Montgomery for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate.

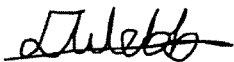
Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely Nourish Reefton Ltd and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and has raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.227 of the Act.

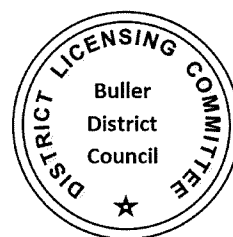
Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Felicia Montgomery for a renewal of Manager's Certificate.

Dated at Reefton this 4th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



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Application

This is an application by Phillip Ashley Groom for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate.

Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely Dawsons Hotel and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and has raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.227 of the Act.

Decision

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Dated at Reefton this 4th day of June 2026



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CHAIRPERSON
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Application

This is an application by Phoebe Jane Gemmell for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate.

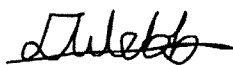
Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely Tonys Buller Cafe and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and has raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.227 of the Act.

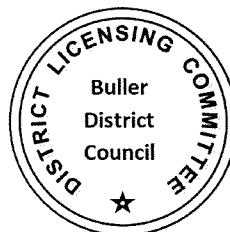
Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Phoebe Jane Gemmell for a renewal of Manager's Certificate.

Dated at Reefton this 4th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



IN THE MATTER

Section 228 of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Catherine Margaret
Stephens for renewal of Manager's
Certificate pursuant to s.224 of the Act

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED RENEWAL OF MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police or the Inspector in respect of an application manager's certificate. Accordingly the application can be determined on the papers.

Application

This is an application by Catherine Margaret Stephens for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate.

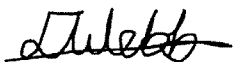
Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely Hotel Reefton and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate. An LCQ bridging certificate has also been provided.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and has raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.227 of the Act.

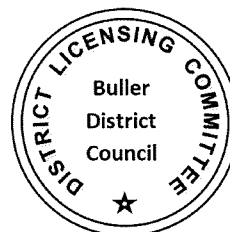
Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Catherine Margaret Stephens for a renewal of Manager's Certificate.

Dated at Reefton this 4th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



Decision No.: DLC/075/2026
Buller DLC ref.: MC250005
ARLA ref: 54/CERT/021/2025

IN THE MATTER

Section 228 of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Leonie Dredge for
renewal of Manager's Certificate pursuant
to s.224 of the Act

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED RENEWAL OF MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police or the Inspector in respect of an application manager's certificate. Accordingly the application can be determined on the papers.

Application

This is an application by Leonie Dredge for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate.

Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely Hotel Reefton and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and has raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.227 of the Act.

Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Leonie Dredge for a renewal of Manager's Certificate.

Dated at Reefton this 4th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



IN THE MATTER

Section 64 of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Esther Riddell for a
new Manager's Certificate pursuant to
s.221 of the Act

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED A NEW MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police or the Inspector in respect of an application for manager's certificate. Accordingly the application can be determined on the papers.

Application

This is an application by Esther Riddell for a New Manager's Certificate.

Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely Punakaiki Rocks Hotel & Garden Bar and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.222 of the Act.

Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Esther Riddell for a new Manager's Certificate.

Dated at Reefton this 11th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



IN THE MATTER

Section 64 of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Jacqueline Ann
McDonald for a new Manager's Certificate
pursuant to s.221 of the Act

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED A NEW MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police or the Inspector in respect of an application for manager's certificate. Accordingly the application can be determined on the papers.

Application

This is an application by Jacqueline Ann McDonald for a New Manager's Certificate. The applicant does not have sufficient experience working in on-licensed premises and thus has given a voluntary undertaking to only use their manager's certificate in off-licensed premises if granted.

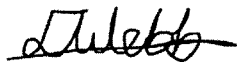
Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely New World Westport and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.222 of the Act.

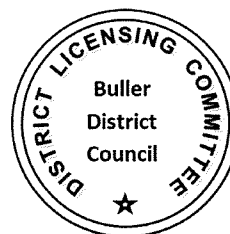
Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Jacqueline Ann McDonald for a new Manager's Certificate with an undertaking that it will only be used in off-licensed premises. This undertaking maybe lifted in future if it can be shown that sufficient experience in on-licensed premises has been received.

Dated at Reefton this 11th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Club Buller Incorporated (the licensee) for a Special Licence pursuant to Section 138 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 44 - 46 Queen Street and known as Club Bulle.

**BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
UNCONTESTED APPLICATION DECISION**

Chairperson: Linda Webb

Authority of Chairperson

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) when no objection has been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police, Medical Officer of Health or the Inspector in respect of an application for a licence.

Decision

Club Buller Incorporated is applying for a special licence to allow for the sale and supply of alcohol on 27 June 2026 at a funeral/reception for Diane Mikkelson which will allow non-members of the Club to be served alcohol. The applicant is seeking operating hours of 12:30pm till 6:30pm.

The applicant is the holder of a current Club licence and has been granted special licences on a number of occasions. There have been no adverse reports received about any of these events. There is also nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate that the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a special licence.

West Coast Police and Medical Officer of Health have mutually agreed in principle to not raise any matters in opposition to the granting of applications for special licences for a funeral or funeral reception when it is to be held at a Workingmens Club or RSA. As such I am able to consider the application on the papers put before me.

A club only requires a special licence for these events to allow persons who are not members of the Club to be able to purchase and consume alcohol and it is acknowledged that it is likely that the deceased person, or the family of that person, are members of the Club and that any other persons are attending as their guests.

Low and non-alcoholic drinks and free drinking water will be available on the premises. Catering will be provided by the Club.

The layout of the premises will not materially alter during the holding of this event and therefore the design and layout of the premises is considered adequate and given the short duration of the event it is not expected that the amenity or good order of the neighbourhood will be affected in more than a minor way.

The applicant has nominated Samantha Rolton and Kerere Corbett-Manga as managers for the event and they are the holders of current manager's certificates. All other staff are aware of their responsibilities to monitor patron's behaviour and ensure that the requirements of the Act are being met. All staff will ensure that ID is requested from those who look under 25 years of age and no

alcohol will be sold to minors or to intoxicated persons. Intoxicated patrons will not be allowed to remain on the premises and disorderly behaviour will not be tolerated.

I am satisfied that the application meets the required criteria as set out in s.142 of the Act and that the applicant will ensure that the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol will be undertaken safely and responsibly and that any harm that may be caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol will be minimised. Therefore, this application from Club Buller Incorporated for a special licence is granted subject to conditions.

As applications for special licences for funerals/funeral receptions are unable to be made within the required 20 working day timeframe under the Act, a waiver under section 208 of the Act is hereby also granted.

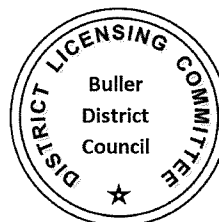
The licence will be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Alcohol may be sold or supplied only on the following days and hours:
Saturday 27th June 2026 12:30pm till 6:30pm
- (b) Free potable drinking must be available for the duration of the licence on request from the bar, or by way of self service from jugs on the bar.
- (c) Alcohol may be sold in the following types of containers only: Glass vessels, cans.
- (d) The following steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:
 - (i) Food must be available for consumption for the duration of the licence.
 - (ii) The licensee must have available for consumption, at all times when alcohol is being sold or supplied, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low alcohol refreshments.
 - (iii) Transport options signage must be displayed. A phone must also be available on site to contact an alternative form of transport if required. Courtesy transport is also to be available.
- (e) The following steps must be taken to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:
 - (i) ID is to be requested from any person who looks under 25 years of age.
 - (ii) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point of sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions.
 - (iii) Any intoxicated persons may not enter or remain on the premises.
- (f) The designations of the existing Club Licence apply.
- (g) A copy of the licence, its conditions, and the approved floor plan must be displayed in a prominent and clearly visible location, ensuring it can be easily read by any person entering through the principal entrance.
- (h) The qualified managers appointed for the purpose of this licence are to be Samantha Rolton and Kerere Corbett-Manga. A sign must be displayed identifying the duty managers.

DATED at Westport this 26th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



IN THE MATTER

Section 64 of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Sarah Lee Chapman
for a new Manager's Certificate pursuant to
s.221 of the Act

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED A NEW MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police or the Inspector in respect of an application for manager's certificate. Accordingly the application can be determined on the papers.

Application

This is an application by Sarah Lee Chapman for a New Manager's Certificate.

Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely The Criterion Hotel and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.222 of the Act.

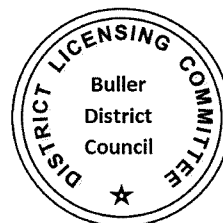
Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Sarah Lee Chapman for a new Manager's Certificate.

Dated at Reefton this 17th day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE



IN THE MATTER

Section 64 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Jesse Elley for a new Manager's Certificate pursuant to s.221 of the Act

BEFORE THE BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
DECISION FOR UNCONTESTED A NEW MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

Authority

The functions, powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee is delegated to the committee chairperson under sections 191(2) & (3) and 202(1) of the Act where no objections have been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police or the Inspector in respect of an application for manager's certificate. Accordingly the application can be determined on the papers.

Application

This is an application by Jesse Elley for a New Manager's Certificate. The applicant does not have sufficient experience working in on-licensed premises (or other) and thus has given a voluntary undertaking to only use their manager's certificate in club-licensed premises if granted.

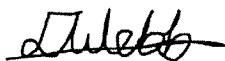
Reasons for the Decision

1. The applicant is currently employed in licensed premises, namely White Star Rugby Club and has suitable experience.
2. The applicant holds a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) certificate.
3. The NZ Police have no matters in opposition to this application.
4. The Licensing Inspector has provided a favourable report and raised no opposition.
5. There have been no adverse reports received regarding the management of the said premises.
6. There is nothing in the papers put before me that would indicate the applicant is not suitable to be the holder of a Manager's Certificate.
7. The application and supporting information satisfies all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.222 of the Act.

Decision

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, grants the application by Jesse Elley for a new Manager's Certificate with an undertaking that it will only be used in Club Licenced Premises. This undertaking maybe lifted in future if it can be shown that sufficient experience in on-licensed premises has been received.

Dated at Reefton this 22nd day of June 2026



Linda Webb
CHAIRPERSON
BULLER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

