

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Application  
IN THE MATTER  
AND  
IN THE MATTER**

**018-0291**  
of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012  
of an application by  
Bronwyn Merrin for a manager's certificate  
pursuant to section 219 of the Act

**DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

1. The application for a manager's certificate is granted. The manager's certificate may issue immediately.
2. The manager's certificate shall continue in force until the close of the period of the day 12 months after the day it is issued.

**REASONS**

1. Bronwyn Merrin has recently been appointed as the Club Secretary/Manager for the Ōtorohanga Club. She previously held a manager's certificate for thirteen years. Ms Merrin's new position requires her to hold a manager's certificate again.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector and Police have provided reports and do not object to the application (s220). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s202).
3. In considering an application for a manager's certificate the licensing committee must consider the following questions (s222):
  - a) Is the applicant suitable to be a manager?
  - b) Have any convictions been recorded against the applicant?
  - c) Does the applicant have any recent experience in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force?
  - d) Has the applicant undertaken appropriate training and completed relevant qualifications under section 218?
  - e) Have the Inspector and Police raised any relevant matters in their reports?

**Should the manager's certificate be granted?**

4. The licensing committee is satisfied that Bronwyn Merrin is a suitable person to hold a manager's certificate because she has appropriate training, qualifications and experience and is of good character.
5. The licensing committee notes that Bronwyn Merrin does have three historic drink driving convictions. As a result of the most recent conviction in March 2016, the licensing committee granted a renewal of the certificate based on a truncated renewal period of two years. This certificate expired on 12 March 2020. Bronwyn Merrin has now had five years free of any convictions, therefore she does not have any recent convictions that would prevent this manager's certificate from being granted. This is based on the GL Osborne decision where the Licensing Authority said "*... it may be helpful if we indicate that we commonly look for a five year period free of any serious conviction or any conviction relating to or involving the abuse of alcohol or arising in the course of an applicant's duty on licensed premises*".
6. Therefore, the manager's certificate is granted.

Dated this 16th day of April 2021



Sara Grayson  
Commissioner  
Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee