

Decision number: **17/CERT/011/2026**

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by
Rachael Ngaire GIBSON
pursuant to s224 of the Act
for the renewal of a
manager's certificate.

BEFORE THE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

This is an application by **Rachael Ngaire GIBSON** for the renewal of a manager's certificate.

No opposition, or notice of desire to be heard, has been received in relation to this application.

Accordingly, the application can be determined on the papers pursuant to s.191 (3) and 202 (1) of the Act.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The applicant holds the prescribed Licence Controller Qualification/s, and is employed in licensed premises, namely **'WOOLWORTHS TOKOROA'** and has suitable experience in managing licensed premises.

Neither the New Zealand Police nor the Licensing Inspector have challenged the suitability of the applicant or the way they have managed licensed premises.

However, the Inspector advises that Ms. Gibson was the named Duty Manager when a 17 year old boy was sold and supplied alcohol during a Police CPO operation via the click and collect facility in August 2025.

She did leave clear ID'ing instructions on the package but was let down by staff members when Ms. Gibson was covering for another staff member elsewhere in the store.

No suspension application under Section 285 was lodged with ARLA by the Police.

Otherwise, she is a meritorious candidate. She has consented to an 18 month renewal of her certificate.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **approves** the application by **Rachael Ngaire GIBSON** for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate.

The renewal is valid for 18 months from the expiry of the current certificate.

DATED at Tokoroa this 18th day of February 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Clearwater', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
South Waikato District Licensing Committee
