

Decision number: **17/CERT/022/2020**

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Lucas
William CURRIE** 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 **Lucas William CURRIE** 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, has recently been working in licensed premises namely **Tucker Bar & Eatery** and has suitable experience in managing licensed premises.

Neither the New Zealand Police nor the Licensing Inspector has expressed any recent concern about the suitability of the applicant or the way they have managed licensed premises. However, the Police do report that Mr Currie was the named Duty manager when an employee of his sold alcohol to a minor working in a Controlled Purchase Operation early in 2020.

Sales of alcohol to a minor is a serious offence. The applicant has acknowledged his responsibility and agreed to a negotiated resolution before ARLA that has resulted in a 28 day suspension of his Managers Certificate and a suspension of the premises ON Licence.

Mr Currie needs to ensure that all alcohol sales are properly vetted and if he and his staff adopt the Under 25 rule there should be no repeat offending. If there are further sales, he can expect applications to cancel both his managers certificate and the premises base licence.

Subject to the above, the application and supporting information satisfy all the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.227 of the Act.

DECISION

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

The renewal is valid for three years from the expiry of the current certificate.

DATED at Tokoroa this 29th day of November 2020

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

Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
South Waikato District Licensing Committee
