

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

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of an application from **CARMENE  
FRANCES EDMONDS** pursuant to  
s219 of the Act for a Manager's  
Certificate  
Decision 86/2014

**BEFORE THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Cr Ross Brannigan  
Members: Mr Roger Perring  
Mr Allen Little, QSM, JP

**HEARING** at Levin on 23 October 2014

**APPEARANCES**

- (a) Ms Carmene Edmonds - Applicant
- (b) Mr Martin O'Malley – for Applicant
- (c) Senior Constable Graeme Jarvis, NZ Police – in opposition
- (d) Senior Sergeant Jeff Veale, NZ Police – in opposition
- (e) Constables Stephen James, Lionel Currie, Julie Mason and Ben Luders, NZ Police - witnesses
- (f) Ms Lisa Roiri, Liquor Licensing Inspector – to assist.

**DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

- (1) This decision relates to an application by Ms Edmonds for a Manager's Certificate. By letter dated 1 September 2014 Police opposed the application on the grounds of the suitability of the applicant.
- (2) Ms Edmonds had a General Manager's Certificate which was granted on 13 October 2005 by the Hutt City District Licensing Agency, and was renewed when needed to be. The last renewal was on 30 October 2009 by Kapiti Coast District Licensing Agency which allowed for it to be valid until 13 October 2012.

On 12 October 2012 Carmene Frances Edmonds made application to the Horowhenua District Licensing Agency to renew her current General Manager's Certificate. On 26 October 2012, an e-mail was received Constable Damian Graves from the Levin Police stating that the Police object to the application and this was followed by the objection letter dated 17 November 2012.

The file was then sent to the Liquor Licensing Authority to be considered; however Ms Edmonds withdrew her application.

Carmene Frances Edmonds is now back working in the industry at O'Malley's Bar and she has a reference from Mr Martin O'Malley, owner of O'Malley's Bar. Mr O'Malley states that Carmene has been working for him for approximately nine months and that he finds Carmene to be reliable, diligent, honest and courteous. Mr O'Malley strongly supports Ms Edmonds' application for a Manager's Certificate.

- (3) The Police provided the Committee with files that contained their letters of objection to the application and the brief of evidence from the four (4) Police officers in attendance as witnesses.
- (4) Mr Martin O'Malley, representing the applicant, provided a balanced perspective on the previous history of the applicant and stated that he would continue to provide on-going training and mentoring to the applicant if her certificate was granted.
- (5) The Committee noted in the Liquor Licensing Inspector's report dated 22 September 2014, the following:

*"The District Licensing Inspector carried out an interview to assess the applicant's suitability to manage licensed premises. The applicant demonstrated a good knowledge of the obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and Host Responsibility requirements."*

- (6) Although evidence presented clearly showed Ms Edmonds' previous history in matters relating to Police intervention, the Committee is of the opinion that now she is working back in the industry and taking full account of the comments provided by her employer, Mr O'Malley, Ms Edmonds has put her past behind her.
- (7) Accordingly the decision of this hearing is to grant a new Manager's Certificate to Carmene Frances Edmonds for a period of twelve (12) months.

**DATED** at LEVIN this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.



R J Brannigan  
**Chairperson**



M E Lepper  
**Secretary**

