

Decision Number 60D [2017] 2150

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Olivia Sarah Jane Wells for a Manager's Certificate pursuant to s.212 and 221 of the Act.

BEFORE THE CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE:

Chairman : Mr G B Buchanan
Members: Mr P Rogers
Mr R Wilson (JP)

A hearing was held at the Christchurch City Council Chambers, CHRISTCHURCH on the 30th August 2017.

APPLICANT

Ms Olivia Sarah Jane Wells

REPORTING AGENCIES

Paul Spang, Licensing Inspector, Christchurch City Council (to assist)
Constable Genevieve Craddock, NZ Police (in opposition)

Introduction

- [1] Ms Wells is working at Joes Garage Riccarton, a licensed premise in Christchurch. She has been employed there for 1 year working mainly as a barista.
- [2] Her employers had encouraged her to obtain her Manager's Certificate to enable her to relieve the role of Duty Manager.
- [3] Ms Wells had a conviction for driving while suspended in December 2016, having accumulated excess demerit points.
- [4] The Police had opposed the application on the grounds that having a current conviction casts doubt on the applicant's suitability to hold a Manager's Certificate at this time.
- [5] This hearing was held for the Committee to determine the matter.

The Applicant

- [6] Ms Wells is a young woman who has been working at the Joes Garage for approximately 12 months. She was honest and candid in her evidence to the committee.
- [7] She told the committee that she had gained considerable experience working at Joes Garage and loved her work. Recently she had been trained to relieve the duty manager.
- [8] Ms Wells said that at the times she committed the driving offence and previous infringements she was a student, she had made poor financial decisions and did not take her responsibilities seriously enough. She had grown up since then and was looking to continue to move her life forward.
- [9] She said that she understood her responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act and she would act in accordance with the Act and her responsibilities under it.

The Police

- [10] Constable Craddock stated that in light of the evidence by the applicant they no longer objected to Ms Wells having a Managers Certificate. She also noted that the 12 months duration of the certificate, if granted, was seen as a probationary period for new Managers.

Licensing Inspector

- [11] Mr Spang reported that in light of the applicant's evidence he did not object to her having a Managers Certificate.

Decision

- [12] The committee therefore grants the applicant a Managers Certificate for a period of 12 months. A condition of the certificate is that Ms Wells use it only in the course of her employment at Joes Garage Riccarton.

DATED this 30th day of August 2017.



G B Buchanan
Chairman