

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol  
Act 2012 Act

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application **PAUL ROBERT  
BETTLES** pursuant to s.224 of the  
Act for the renewal of a Manager's  
Certificate

**MINUTE OF THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

[1] This is an application by Paul Robert Bettles for the renewal of his Manager's Certificate. He was originally granted a Certificate on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 but this Certificate lapsed in April 2014 when Mr Bettles was not working in the industry. The current Certificate was granted on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014, and the renewal application was received in time.

[2] The renewal application attracted an adverse report from the Police. The report was based on an incident that occurred at "Chicos" on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 11.15pm, when Mr Bettles was working there as the Duty Manager. When a Police Sergeant and a Licensing Inspector were walking through Eureka Arcade beneath the "Chicos" balcony, a glass containing alcohol was thrown by a patron and smashed near them. The patron was located and found to be intoxicated. We understand that Mr Bettles was not the person who supplied the alcohol to the patron. However, the balcony area is not part of the licensed premises, and no alcohol is allowed on it.

[3] The renewal application was accordingly set down for a public hearing. Mr Bettles is represented by Ms Tanya Surry of Mactodd Lawyers. She wrote to the Police confirming that Mr Bettles was extremely remorseful about the incident and had taken on board the issues that had been raised by the Police objection. She suggested that the issue could be dealt with by a truncated period of renewal. She argued that the reduced period would act as a further 'probationary period' so that the applicant's conduct could be monitored to ensure that the incident was a 'one-off' matter rather than a symptom of managerial incompetence.

[4] The proposal has been accepted by the Police. Accordingly, and pursuant to S 228(2) of the Act, we renew the Certificate for one year so that it will expire on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 unless it is again renewed.

**DATED** at Queenstown this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016

  
Mr E W Unwin  
Chairman