

Decision No. QLDLC 1020/2023

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012 (the Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **REBECCA  
JANE HUDGELL** pursuant to s.219  
of the Act for a Managers Certificate.

**DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Mr LA Cocks  
Members: Mr JM Mann  
Mr B Pay

**HEARING** at Queenstown on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023

**APPEARANCES**

No appearance by or on behalf of the Applicant  
Ms T. Le Sueur - Licensing Inspector – to assist

1. Before the Committee is an application by Rebecca Jane Hudgell for a Managers Certificate. The application was received on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Ms Hudgell provided a reference from her employer (Cook Brothers Hospitality Group) stating her employment commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, and although she did not have much experience she had a positive and enthusiastic attitude and strives to complete her duties to a high standard. She obtained the LCQ on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
2. Further information was sought from the applicant by several emails from 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, but no response was received. The Managing Director of Cook Brothers Bars confirmed by email on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 that Ms Hudgell was no longer employed by Cook Brothers Bars, and she had returned to the UK. Confirmation was received from the Queenstown Police that Ms Hudgell departed New Zealand on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and has not returned.
3. An email was sent to the applicant on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, giving her the opportunity to withdraw her application, but there was no response. As a result of the applicant leaving New Zealand and being unresponsive, she brings into question her suitability under s.222 of the Act and fails to meet section 219(2) of the Act which states:

**219 Applications for manager's certificates**

- (1) Every application for a manager's certificate must—
    - (a) be made in the name of the person who will hold the certificate if the application is granted; and
    - (b) be made in the prescribed form and manner; and
    - (c) contain the prescribed particulars; and
    - (d) be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
  - (2) An application must be filed with the following licensing committee:
    - (a) where the applicant intends to be the manager of any particular licensed premises, the licensing committee with which the application for the licence was filed; or
    - (b) in any other case, the licensing committee for the district in which the applicant is residing.
4. Accordingly, the Committee rules pursuant to s.222 of the Act, that this application for a Manager's Certificate is refused.

**DATED** at Queenstown this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.



LA Cocks  
Commissioner  
Queenstown Lakes District Licensing Committee

