

# Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

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Kia ora,

In this edition of the Firearms Pānui you can find:

- What you need to do when you buy a firearm from a retailer
- The 2024 National Wild Goat Hunting Competition has begun
- Police committed to preventing unlawful hunting
- Firearms Community Advisory Forum update

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## What you need to do when you buy a new firearm from a retailer

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### When you buy a firearm from a retailer, it's your responsibility to register it

When you buy a firearm from a retailer, they have info they need to complete. But, it's your responsibility to register your firearm in the Registry.

If this is the first time you have had an activating circumstance, you will also need to register ALL firearms and parts you already own into the Registry within 30 days.

Once you have provided information for the Registry, you must update it every time something changes. For example, when buying a firearm from a retailer or through private transaction.

To register or update your info in the Registry go to [www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz](http://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz)

## Remember safety first if you're hunting in the National Wild Goat Hunting Competition this year

- » Wherever you are hunting, make sure you have permission
- » Chamber a cartridge only when you're ready to fire
- » Supervise unlicensed firearms users
- » Identify your target beyond all doubt



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## The 2024 National Wild Goat Hunting Competition has begun

We're excited to be supporting Department of Conservation during the National Wild Goat Hunting Competition for 2024!

If you're taking part - remember to put safety first.

- ✓ Wherever you are hunting, make sure you have permission
- ✓ Chamber a cartridge only when you're ready to fire
- ✓ Supervise unlicensed firearms users
- ✓ Identify your target beyond all doubt.

Find more safety tips, videos and resources [here](#).

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As spring approaches West Coast Police are urging the public to continue to report suspicious hunting activity.

Police had a great result in May where a member of the public reported a man walking beside State Highway 6 near Woodstock-Rimu Road at around 10.30pm. Police attended to find a man with a fresh deer carcass.

After speaking with the man, follow up enquiries led Police to his vehicle where a hunting rifle and thermal scope were seized.

The man later admitted to unlawfully shooting the wild deer on the side of the road.

Find the full press release [here](#).



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## Firearms Community Advisory Forum updates

The Firearms Community Advisory Forum is a forum comprised of members of the firearms community. The forum acts in a consultative and advisory capacity.

### New forum member

We have had a recent update to the membership and welcomed Fish & Game back to the forum. Members are selected for their broad skills, knowledge and understanding of firearms and relevant legislation, alongside their ability to represent a diversity of perspectives within the firearms community. You can find more information about the forum and the membership [here](#).

### Meeting minutes

The minutes from the Firearms Community Advisory Forum meeting on 6 June have now been published. You can find them [here](#).

## Keep up to date on the latest numbers

### Firearms Registry

We have had more than **266,916** firearms registered since the Registry has been live.

Remember, the first time you have an activating circumstance you are required to record all arms items in your possession.

Find out more about activating circumstances and ongoing events [here](#) or give our helpful registry team a call on 0800 844 431.

### Registry Update | 28 August

Total Firearms Registered **266,916**

Total Arms Items Registered **10,521**

Total Licence Holders Registered **55,557** 24%

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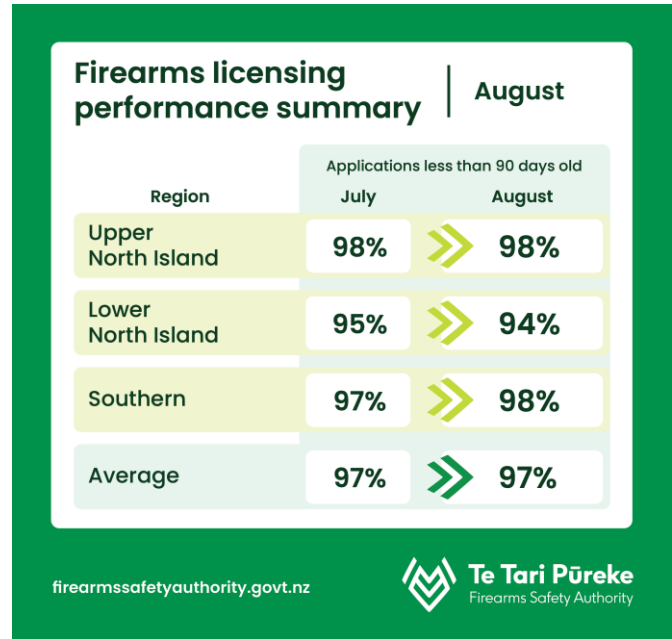
## Firearms licensing data

Te Tari Pūreke proactively releases data such as the number of active licences broken down by demographics, and information over longer time periods, such as firearms offences. You can find the public dashboard [here](#).

### Firearms licensing performance

Te Tari Pūreke is working to complete all firearms licence applications within three months (90 days).

However, it should be recognised that in some situations it will take longer than three months to arrange with applicants and complete parts of the process. Here is the latest firearms licencing performance data broken down by region.



## Firearms safety



### Immediate supervision of firearms usage when hunting 🎯🐑

With the Wild Goat Hunting Competition underway there may be people out there keen to take part who don't have a firearms licence, especially in the junior category.

In [this video](#) you can learn about safe firearms usage when hunting and the importance of immediate supervision by a licence holder.

If you have missed our last couple of features or want to see them again, you can check out the full series of videos [here](#).



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