

Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

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Kia ora,

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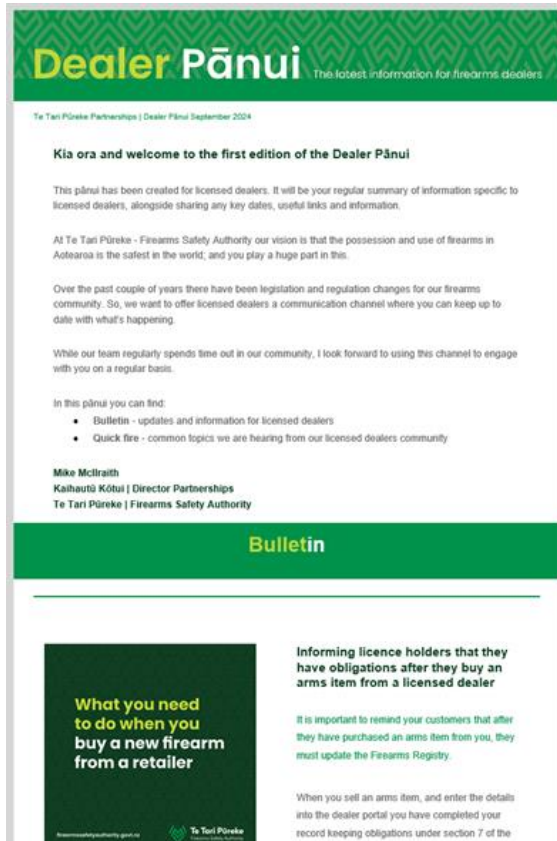
Whakatūpato firearms safety training course in Shannon

We recently held a Whakatūpato Firearms Safety Course for 16 students at a school in Shannon. Most of the students were from Ōtaki and were studying the heke reo Māori course/diploma in te reo Māori from Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

Many of the students hunt regularly with their families and they are keen to embrace sustainable hunting as a means of living off the land.

Whakatūpato courses are safety training courses, designed for isolated and rural communities and delivered in communities that traditional safety courses might not reach.

 Pictured is Nopera, our Senior Partnerships Advisor- Iwi, he has a wealth of experience in education and mental health and is passionate about supporting Māori



New communications channel for dealers: the Dealer Pānui

In September, the first Dealer Pānui went live. The Dealer Pānui (Dealer Newsletter) is a new communication channel specifically for licensed dealers to provide fast, accurate and relevant information.

The Dealer Pānui is a regular summary of information and guidance, including legislative changes, key dates, and useful links. We are pleased to have over 200 licensed dealers subscribed so far, and we will be looking to increase this number.

You can check out the first edition [here](#).

If you would like to receive future editions or have content suggestions, please email

firearmspartnerships@police.govt.nz.



New proposals for shooting clubs and ranges

The government has proposed new legislation to change the oversight of shooting clubs and ranges. The Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Bill is now going through a formal Parliamentary process.

Operators and users of shooting clubs and shooting ranges should be aware that the law has not yet changed. The current requirements of Part 6 of the Arms Act and Parts 5 and 6 of the Arms Regulations still apply to clubs and ranges.

During this period of change, Te Tari Pūreke will continue to help the firearms community do the right thing. We will continue to ensure shooting clubs and ranges are engaged, educated and encouraged to keep meeting legal obligations to keep their users and local communities safe.

More information about clubs and range is available [on our website here](#).

If you have any queries about your current obligations as a shooting club or shooting range operator, you can contact the team here: clubsandranges@police.govt.nz




See you at the Sika show this November

If you're heading to the Sika Show on 2-3 November, be sure to stop by our stand!

We'll be running competitions, giving out safety information, and promoting the safe use and storage of firearms with our new display stand.

So come and have a chat with one of our team and you can enter our draw to win a personal locator beacon!

 Pictured is Ewan Kelsall and Kendra Hill from our Partnerships Team with the safe storage display.

Keep up to date on the latest numbers

Firearms Registry

The Firearms Registry now has one-quarter (25%) of all active licence holders using the Registry.

The 25% mark has been achieved through an almost even split of licence holders either registering online by themselves, or reaching out over the phone to our Registry Team for help.

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



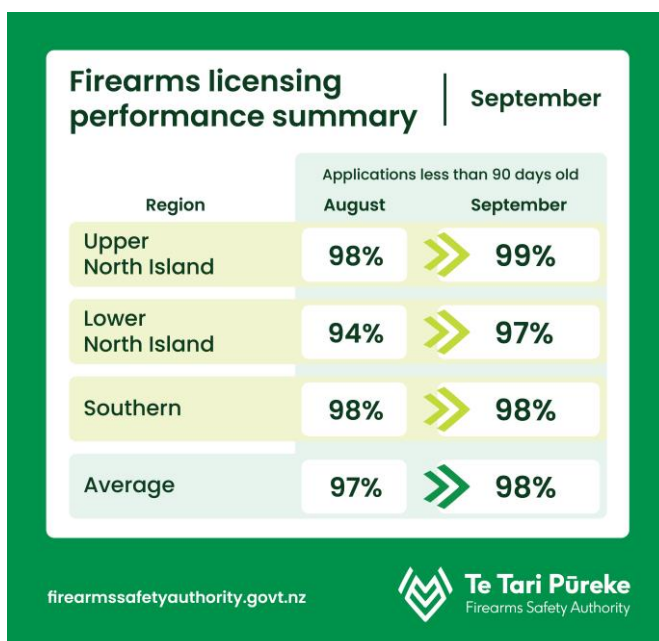
Firearms licensing data

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

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Rule 4 of our 7 Rules of Firearm Safety is to identify your target beyond ALL doubt before firing. If in doubt, don't shoot! Check out the safety video [here](#).

At night, the maximum range of your firearm's projectile remains the same, but your ability to assess your firing zone changes drastically. Your firing zone and target identification are paramount when hunting in the dark.

Familiarise yourself with the hunting area during daylight hours so you're aware of where it's safe to shoot at night, and if you're new to hunting in low light, consider partnering with an experienced hunter for safety and guidance.

Common aids for night-time hunting include handheld spotlights, which may illuminate the target but not the area behind it, making it difficult to check your firing zone. Take care to identify the whole of your target, and what's behind it, beyond any doubt.

Night vision devices such as thermals or image intensifiers often have limited range detection and low resolution which makes it difficult to check your firing zone and identify your target. Be aware of their limitations and safety considerations.

Never use a night vision device mounted on a firearm for general observation. This breaks Safety Rule 2 – always point your firearm in a safe direction.

Remember, it is an offence under the Conservation Act to shoot during the hours of darkness on any public conservation land.

Plan safe, act safe, stay safe.



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