

Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

Te Tari Pūreke Partnerships - Firearms Pānui | October 2024

Kia ora,

In this edition of the Firearms Pānui you can find:

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Taking firearms safety to The Bay

Last weekend, the Central team headed to the Hawkes Bay A&P Show. The event was a great opportunity to talk to firearms licence holders, and many teenagers who were studying the firearms safety code and getting ready to apply for their licence.

Our stand featured our safe storage display and our wooden firearms. The wooden firearms were popular with young firearms users who were keen to get a

photo in some safety gear and demonstrate firearms safe handling, alongside telling us about their hunting adventures.

The team is looking forward to heading to more events!

📷 Pictured is Phil from the Central team, demonstrating safe use of firearms with our wooden firearm display.



Wairarapa Police getting tough on poachers

In a Police media statement on Friday 4 October, it was stated Wairarapa Police are stepping up their efforts to target poachers and hope recent convictions encourage rural communities to break the silence.

Police are ramping up patrols on rural roads across the Wairarapa and are stopping all vehicles that they come across, says Acting Sergeant Nick Bunny, Wairarapa Community and Rural Manager.

In the past year, Wairarapa Police have charged a number of people with poaching. Offenders face prosecution in court, having their firearms licence revoked, equipment seized, and firearms destroyed.

You can read the full article [here](#).



Unlicensed hunter caught, fined and rifle destroyed after being caught on CCTV

In an article released on The Press, a spotlight hunter's rifle is to be destroyed after he was caught illegally possessing it in "highly suspicious" circumstances.

Farmers in the Marlborough Sounds had reported poachers on their properties, around the time that a vehicle was seen in the area and caught on CCTV.

The hunter was fined \$850 for the firearm and ammunition charges, and an order was made for the destruction of both items. You can read the full article [here](#).



See you at the Sika show this weekend

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!

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New Q&A series with MentalHunts

Keep an eye out over the coming months for the new Q&A series MentalHunts is launching with Te Tari Pūreke.

MentalHunts focus on breaking down mental health barriers and encouraging people to talk about their mental health.

The aim of this new series is to have short videos covering some of the key questions firearms licence holders have about their licence and mental health.

Keep an eye on the [MentalHunts YouTube](#) and social media channels for updates.



Pictured is Kendra, Senior Partnerships Advisor and Glen, from MentalHunts.

Keep up to date on the latest numbers

Firearms Registry

We have had **more than 300,000 firearms registered** by 27% of licence holders since the Registry has been live.

Remember, the first time you have an activating circumstance you must register **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 | 30 October

Total Firearms Registered **303,793**

Total Arms Items Registered **11,631**

Total Licence Holders Registered **62,966** 27%

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View

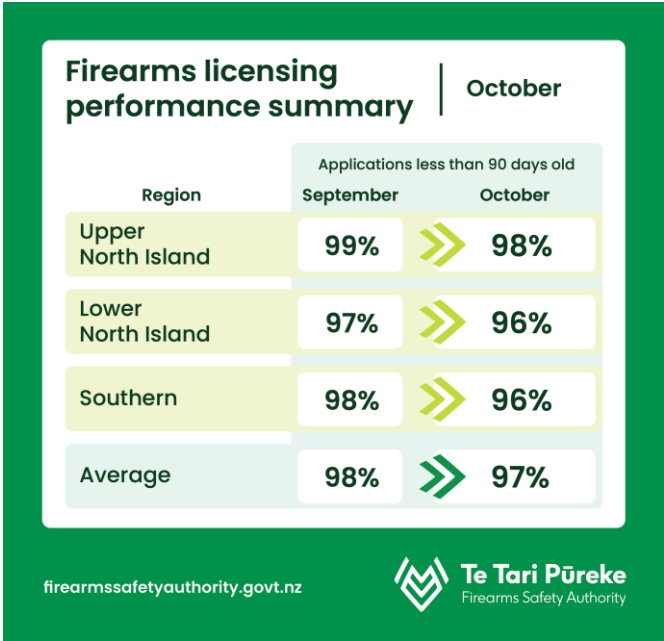
Firearms licensing data

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.



View

Firearms safety

We want your feedback - firearms engagement and education framework for New Zealand

Engaging and educating licensed community and public are critical priorities for us. Community outreach and engagement is a growth opportunity: we don't enough have flexible, consistent services that can respond to demands from communities, or where requirements of iwi and Māori are met.

So, we're developing a firearms engagement and education framework for New Zealand that addresses our changing environment, reduces inequality, and leverages firearms community partners to achieve shared outcomes, focusing on safety, licensing, pest control and putting food on the table. We are meeting with a number of groups from the firearms and non-firearms community, to hear their views and ideas around how firearms engagement and education could be developed and we'd like to invite you to share your views as well.

- What are your thoughts on how we, and the firearms community, might evolve firearms safety training to be the best in the world?
- What are your thoughts on how we, and the firearms community, might better engage with the wider community: in general, in hard to reach/rural places, with school aged – mid 30-year-olds.

Please email firearmspartnerships@police.govt.nz with your comments or feedback before 20th November. Your suggestions will be incorporated into our planning as we look at how we can evolve safety outcomes for New Zealanders.



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