

Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

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Kia ora,

In this edition of the Firearms Pānui you can find:

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Public consultation on the Arms Act rewrite is underway

From 13 January to 28 February, the Ministry of Justice is inviting public submissions to assist them with the Arms Act rewrite.

You can find more information on the [Ministry of Justice Firearms Reform webpage](#).

The law has not yet changed. During this time, firearms licence holders must keep complying with their legal obligations.



Answering common questions in a new FAQ series with Mental Hunts

We took some time over the break to talk with our friends at Mental Hunts about some common questions firearms licence holders have when it comes to safety and mental health.

Check out their [series of FAQ videos](#) which will be dropping on their social media pages and YouTube channel across the next few weeks.



Remember, unlicensed firearms users must always be supervised

Whether you're shooting on private or public land, remember, all unlicensed firearms users must be under immediate supervision of a licence holder.

Immediate supervision means that the licence holder is:

- physically present and actively supervising the shooter
- close enough to be able to take control of the firearm being used by the shooter if necessary, and
- not using another firearm while providing supervision.

More information can be found on our website:

[Shooting on rural properties](#)

[Using a firearm under supervision without a licence](#)



New guidance on preparation and activation of wills and enduring power of attorney documents for firearms licence holders

The Department of Internal Affairs now has information on their website for firearms licence holders regarding disposal of firearms and ammunition when making a Will or an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA).

There is also information about what to do when you become someone's Executor or Attorney. These pages include links to Te Tari Pūreke guidance. Find more information at the following links:

[What to organise before you die](#)

[Probate and wills](#)

[What you need to do when someone dies](#)

[Property enduring power of attorney](#)

Obituary: Dr Chaz Forsyth

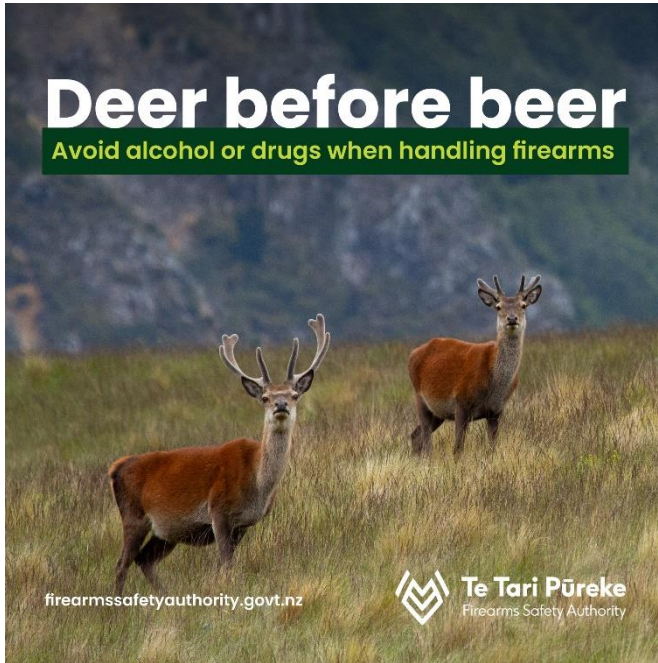
It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of a firearms community member, Dr Chaz Forsyth.

Chaz was a well-known member of the New Zealand firearms community. Recently, he completed his thesis on Firearms in the New Zealand Community and earned his Doctorate.

Through his research, he contributed to the insight about use of firearms in New Zealand. He was also a previous Firearms Safety Instructor, a passionate researcher, a hunter, shooter and mentor to many.

Firearms safety

Deer before beer - avoid alcohol when handling firearms



Many of us like to have a few drinks over the Summer holidays. It's important to remember though, that **alcohol and firearms do not mix.**

If you want to have a drink when you've been using your firearm, lock it away first. 'Deer before beer' can stop an accident!

We all know that alcohol impacts good decision-making. So, if you've had a few beers, leave the hunting for another day. It's not worth risking something going wrong.

Look out for your mates and refuse to shoot or hunt with anyone who has been drinking.



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