

Firearms Pānui



Kia ora tātou,

We now have a live, functioning Firearms Registry in Aotearoa. It has been great to see many firearms licence holders have already registered their firearms and arms items in the Firearms Registry.

Our website has been updated to include all the information you need to know as a firearms licence holder. [Find out about your obligations as a firearms licence holder.](#)

You can now find Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority on social media, see below for links and more information.

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Health and wellbeing of firearms licence holders

Learn about the importance of your health and wellbeing as a firearms licence holder, and your obligations when experiencing a physical or mental health condition that may adversely affect your safe use of firearms. [Information available on our website →](#)

Information for health practitioners

Find out what to do as a health practitioner if your patient has a firearms licence or has access to firearms and you are concerned about their fitness to hold a licence, or to possess or use a firearm.

You can [listen to our podcast with GoodFellow Unit](#) or find more information on our website [Information for Health Practitioners →](#)



Unlawful hunting hui

There is considerable concern at the impact unlawful hunting is having on landowners and commercial hunting operators, from both a financial and personal safety perspective.

Te Tari Pūreke attended the unlawful hunting hui organised by Game Animal Council and NZ Police. It provided an opportunity for representatives of the hunting and farming communities, Police and others to discuss current initiatives. They discussed what could be done to help reduce the incidents of unlawful hunting around New Zealand.

Fantastic turnout for Firearms at Field Days

The largest agricultural event in the Southern Hemisphere was back to peak traffic as 105,000 people visited Fieldays in the Waikato. 15 staff from Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority, from 6 locations around the North Island, took shifts to participate in the event.

Visitors were warmly welcomed to our hunting and outdoor themed marquee, lured in by the immaculately restored, Barry Crump-era 1984 Toyota Hilux. There was also an opportunity to win one of two personal locator beacons being given away every day. Over the four-day event, hosts gave out over 5,500 chamber safety flags.

Hot topics of conversation were:

- Firearms Registry launching on 24 June: how it will work and what people need to do, by when.
- Storage and transport of firearms and ammunition.
- Safe storage of firearms and ammunition at home.
- Firearms licences: how to apply and the reduction of the applications backlog. New applications are as fast as 5 or 6 weeks from application to first vetting appointment.



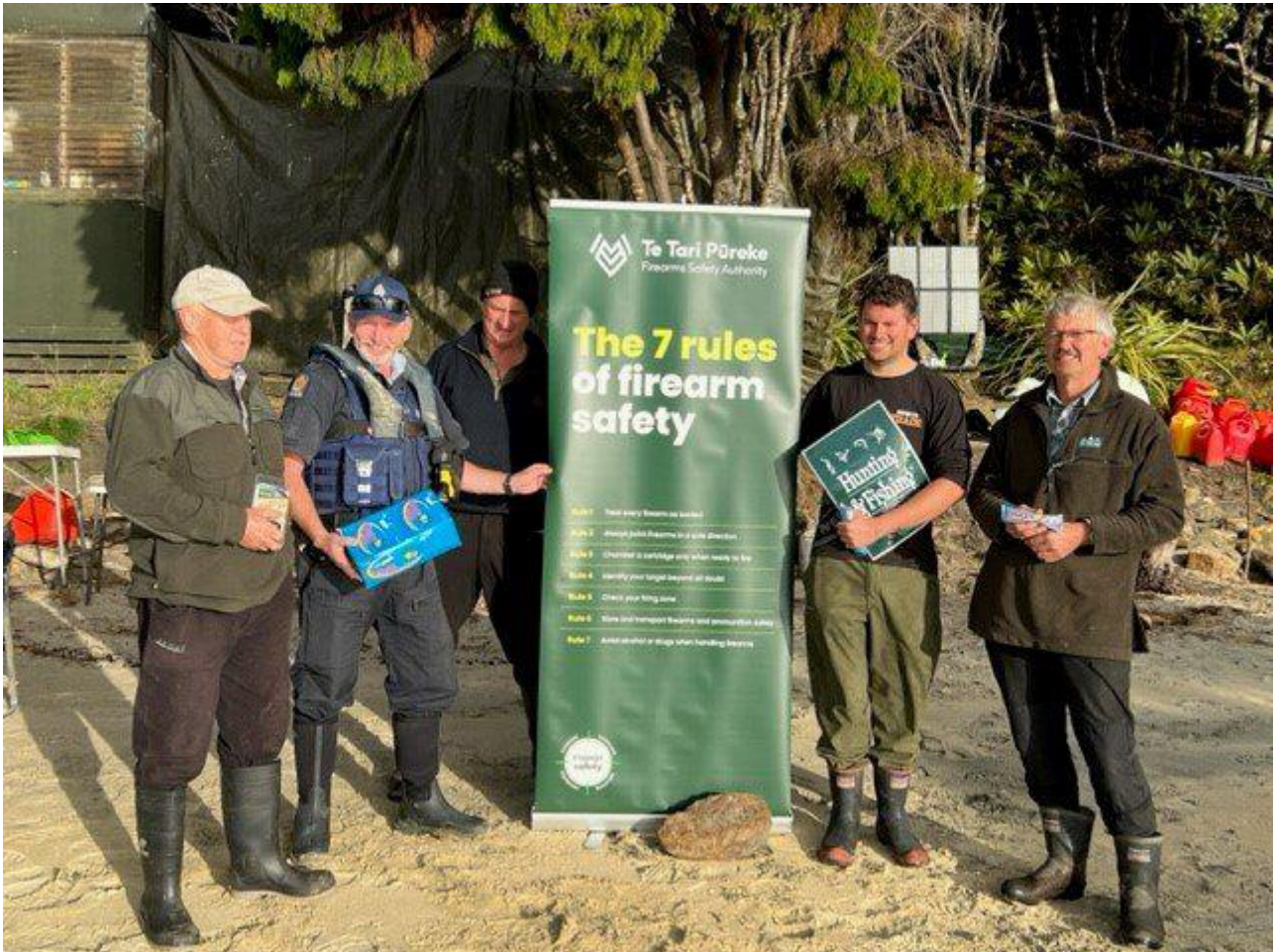
Operation Southern Winds, Rakiura

Operation Southern Winds 23 was a multi-agency operation involving the Rakiura Māori Land Trust (RMLT), Department of Conservation (DOC), Ministry for Primary Industry (MPI) and New Zealand Police.

From 16 to 20 March 2023 the team got to many of the hunting blocks in and around Rakiura Stewart Island. The team spoke with hunters about firearms safety and security. They checked to see if hunters had their firearms licences, were compliant with their hunting permits and were observing the Fisheries rules. The approach was all about compliance and giving constructive feedback and education to clarify the rules and regulations for the respective agencies.

Rakiura Stewart Island's Sole Charge Constable "was impressed with the general standard of knowledge with respect to recent changes in legislation for transporting and storage of firearms and awareness of the amendments to the 7 Rules of Firearms Safety."

There was support from Invercargill Hunting and Fishing, Rainbow Confectionery and Te Tari Pūreke. They supplied chamber flags which were particularly appreciated by hunters using huts that were poorly lit. The chamber flags gave a better indicator that the bolts on the rifles were open and the chambers clear. There were also combination trigger locks, chocolate fish, personal locator beacons and hi-vis vests provided.



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