



MINUTES : Firearms Community Advisory Forum

SUBJECT	Firearms Community Advisory Forum
DATE	Thursday 12 December 2019
TIME	0930 - 1230
VENUE	Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, 2 Turnbull Street Thorndon
ATTENDEES	MICHAEL DOWLING, CATHERINE PETREY, NICOLE MCKEE, ANDREW EDGCOMBE, MIKE MCILRAITH, EWAN KELSALL, JARED WRIGHT, TONY RUFFELL, JACK NOLAN, MEREDITH ACKRILL, GEOFF DUNN, DEBBIE WAKKER, RACHEL DEAN (IN PLACE OF ROGER DUXFORD), FIONA GOWER (TELECONFERENCE)
APOLOGIES	PETER FURLEY, PETER NOBLE, JOE GREEN, ROGER DUXFORD, JOHN HERBERT

Agenda item 1: Welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited a round table.

Confirmation of Chatham House Rules.

Agenda item 2: Confirm previous minutes and update action points

Previous minutes confirmed with Action Points from previous meeting confirmed.

FIREARMS COMMUNITY ADVISORY FORUM – ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION POINTS MARCH 2019 MEETING	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS
POLICE TO DRAFT A DASHBOARD ON NUMBERS GOING THROUGH NEW FIREARMS SAFETY PROGRAMME (TRAINING COMPONENT AND THEORY TEST) AND CIRCULATE A DRAFT TO OBTAIN IDEAS ON WHAT OTHER STATISTICS SHOULD BE INCLUDED.	POLICE	COMPLETED AND CLOSED
FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING – POLICE TO PROVIDE SUMMARY SHEET OF THE FIGURES FOR THE FIREARM SAFETY TRAINING TO SHARE WITH FCAF	POLICE	COMPLETED AND CLOSED
FIREARMS SAFETY MESSAGES – MEMBERS TO PROVIDE SUCCINCT MESSAGES WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH RETAIL OUTLETS.	ALL	CLOSED

THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO APPROACH THE PROPERTY INVESTORS ASSOCIATION	FCAF	CLOSED. COLFO AND POLICE TO ATTEND PROPERTY INVESTORS CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR
LOOK AT POSSIBLE INSURANCE INDUSTRY ISSUES AND BODY CORP RULES.	FCAF	CLOSED. IN PROGRESS – COLFO REPRESENTATIVE TO LEAD
POLICE TO SHARE THE DRAFT ARMS CODE WITH FCAF ONCE FURTHER WORK IS DONE	POLICE	CLOSED – GIVEN CHANGES TO COME
ACTION POINTS JULY 2019 MEETING	ASSIGNED To	STATUS
SEND OUT MAY 16 WORKSHOP NOTES FOR FEEDBACK	POLICE	COMPLETED
POLICE WILL PROVIDE DATA ON TOTAL PEOPLE WHO APPLIED FOR PROHIBITED EXEMPTION	POLICE	COMPLETED
STATISTICS ON PEST CONTROL EXEMPTION	POLICE	COMPLETED
SEND LICENSING COMP TABLE	POLICE	COMPLETED

Police provided data on the firearms safety programme as per their action point from the March 2019 meeting. The following data does not include information from the Whakatūpatō course:

- Totals from 1 July 2018 to 11 December 2019:
 - 9750 training opportunities provided,
 - 6726 attended the training opportunities,
 - 6491 passed the firearms safety programme, with
 - 235 not yet performing at a competent level.

- Totals from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (financial year breakdown):
 - 3642 attended the training opportunities,
 - 3525 passed the firearms safety programme, with
 - 117 not yet performing at a competent level.

Police also provided statistics on the pending prohibited item exemptions. Statistics as at Thursday 12 2019:

CATEGORY	PENDING	CURRENT	REFUSED
COLLECTORS	522	163	0
THEATRICAL	25	19	0
DEALERS	63	47	0
PEST CONTROLLERS	99	215	93
FARMERS	6	0	0

Agenda Item 3: Data breach – SAP and permits in envelopes with clear windows (AC Tusha Penny and acting Supt Zane Hooper)

Discussion on matters relating to this agenda item was held in committee and are subject to confidence and will not be recorded in the Minutes.

Agenda item 4: Buy-back to 20 December

Police and FCAF discussed the positive reception from the firearms community at buy-back events, held at all channels including those held at club venues. This discussion was also held in committee and is subject to confidence.

More Public Messaging Action Point:

FCAF advised that some members of the firearms community did not realise that the prohibition applied to some formerly A-category firearms (e.g. lever action rifles with tubular magazines exceeding 10 rounds) and what will happen once the buy-back period ends on 20 December. Police agreed that there will be more public messaging around what firearms are now prohibited and what the status quo will be post buy-back.

Reconciliation Assistance Action Point:

Police discussed that it has begun reconciling the data from the buy-back and amnesty with the data from the previous E-category firearms licence register. This discussion was also held in committee and is subject to confidence.

Agenda item 5: Clarification on questions about future amnesty

Police clarified that firearm licence holders who have submitted an application for an endorsement enabling them to possess prohibited items (e.g. pest controllers, collectors, items being modified and unique items being valued) before 20 December will be eligible for compensation if their application is unsuccessful. It is important to recognise that applications and notifications must be made before 20 December.

Agenda item 6: Consultation on further regulatory changes (discussion on process for this)

Table with Timing of Proposed Changes Action Point:

Police explained that the changes in the Arms Legislation Bill (the Bill) will come into force in four stages after enactment. FCAF requested a table explaining when each change would come into force. Police agreed to clarify and provide a table following the Bill being reported back to parliament by select committee. Members were advised that the timing for each proposed change can be found on the Bill's commentary on the Police website.

Consultation Plan Action Point:

Police discussed that after the Bill is passed, regulations will need to be made to support the changes. The making of regulations will require a broad consultation process with the general population including FCAF, Police spoke about developing a plan to work with FCAF. Because of the potential demand on individual's time, it was recognised that FCAF members may wish to nominate additional subject matter experts for particular topics noting that there will be wider consultation.

Agenda item 7: Prohibited item endorsement applications

This was covered during discussion on Action Points including the need to communicate to A category licence holders that may still be unaware that they possess newly prohibited firearms.

Agenda item 8: General Business

FCAF queried whether any farmers had been given prohibited licence endorsements for wild animal and animal pest control. Police confirmed that they had and stated that the formation of a pest control company was required for this.

FCAF asked if Police could produce a document that would state how the proposed law changes under the Bill would operate once passed. Police agreed that it would begin producing this document next year.

Next meeting:

Proposed FCAF meeting dates for 2020:

- 7 April 2020, or 8 April 2020
- 2 July 2020, or 23 July 2020
- 10 December 2020, or 16 December 2020

Meeting concluded 1230 hrs

ACTION POINTS DECEMBER 2019 MEETING	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS
MORE PUBLIC MESSAGING ABOUT WHAT FIREARMS ARE NOW PROHIBITED AND WHAT THE STATUS QUO WILL BE AFTER THE BUY-BACK ENDS	POLICE	
POLICE TO PROVIDE A TABLE WITH THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE ARMS LEGISLATION BILL FOLLOWING ENACTMENT	POLICE	
DEVELOP PLAN FOR CONSULTATION PROCESS	POLICE	