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Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

Kia ora tātou,

A big shout out to our friends in the Recreational Firearms Users Working Group who have been collectively working together on messaging for the upcoming Roar and Duck seasons.

Te Tari Pūreke is developing the hunter safety messaging we'll be sharing for both seasons, which responds to the greatest risks associated with each of these activities.

For the Roar we are encouraging hunters to make good plans, especially when hunting in pairs, and to focus on identifying their target beyond all doubt.

By planning safe, acting safe, we believe hunters everywhere will stay safe!

You can keep an eye on the [Firearms Safety Authority Facebook](#) for hunting tips leading up to the roar.

Mike McIlraith
Kaihautū Kōtui | Director Partnerships
Te Tari Pūreke | Firearms Safety Authority



Preparing for the ROAR

It's almost roar season and many hunters will be getting ready to head into the hills.

Becoming Roar-fit will help hunters set themselves up for a safer and more successful hunting season by taking practical steps towards fitness. The guide includes:

- Training DOs
- Hot tips
- Monthly prompts
- Safety resources

You can find out everything you need to know, and download NZ Mountain Safety Council's free [8-week Roar-fit training guide](#). You can also check out

their social media for hunting and fitness tips from Te Tari Pūreke and other partners.



Hunting research project

The Game Animal Council has underway a major research project to gather information about deer, pig, chamois and tahr hunting in New Zealand and they need your help.

The last time this kind of research was done was in 2011-2012. That information informed the hunting sector's collective understanding of hunter participation, recreational harvest and hunter motivations. However, much has changed since then and it is important for the effective management of hunting and game animals that the GAC and other key stakeholders have access to up-to-date data.

You can [follow this link](#) to participate.



Photo of Te Tari Pūreke and Te Papa staff.

Information for museums

A document on the legislative requirements for Museums is under development.

It is intended to assist museum directors and curators to meet their requirements under the Arms Act 1983, the Arms Regulations 1992, and their subsequent updates. This guide aims to provide an accessible overview of the best practices for the safe possession, management, and appropriate storage and display of firearms and arms items within a museum setting.

Check out our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) posts.



Investing in quality equipment for firearms safety courses

Having realistic, good quality equipment for trainers and trainees helps us get the best possible learning outcomes.

Te Tari Pūreke have upgraded the fleet of deactivated rifles used in the 500+ firearms safety courses run every year.

The new, robust .223 calibre rifles have replaced the various different .22 rimfire bolt action rifles which have reached the end of their service life and the new rifles will definitely improve the practical handling portion of the safety course. The new centrefire bolt action rifles now allow the use of training rounds which will also improve the training experience for the students.

The variety of firearms used in the training are now more aligned with what trainees might use, as a firearms licence holder.

First-time firearms licence applicants must attend and pass a firearms safety course. Find out what you need to do on our [website](#) and upcoming firearms safety courses [here](#).



Photo of Director of Partnerships, Mike McIlraith (right) and competition organiser, Nick Fisher.

Sparrowhawk NZ annual hunter challenge

Last month, Partnerships Director Mike McIlraith headed to the rolling hills of Albury, South Canterbury, to attend the Sparrowhawk NZ annual hunter challenge.

This event was open to participants of all skill levels, and it was great to see an emphasis on firearms safety and the sharing of knowledge between experienced and newer licence holders.

Thanks to all involved for such a good day! 🌻

Find more photos from the event on our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Keep up to date on the latest numbers

Firearms Registry

We have had more than **137,051** firearms registered since the Registry has been live.

Remember, the first time you have an activating circumstance you are required to record all arms items in your possession.

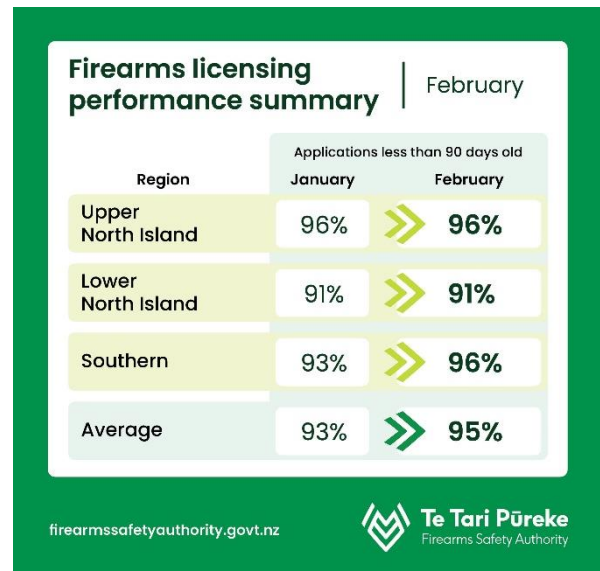
Find out more about activating circumstances and ongoing events [here](#) or give our helpful registry team a call on 0800 844 431.



Firearm 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. For example, in-person interview, interviewing referees, and inspecting an applicant's storage facilities.



Firearms safety

Check your firing zone

Each month we feature a firearms safety video. This month we have **Rule 5 - Check your firing zone and be aware of anything between you and your target.**

If you have missed our last couple of features or want to see them again, you can check out the full series of safety videos [here](#).



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