

Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

Kia ora,

Autumn is a busy time for Kiwi hunters, and with the deer Roar winding down, the duck hunters will be busy preparing for the opening weekend of the gamebird season. With an estimated 60,000 New Zealanders expected to take part in the opening weekend, we would like to remind all hunters that a safe and enjoyable weekend hunting takes a lot more than just luck.

Amongst the excitement of opening day, it is important that every hunter remembers the basics of firearms safety. Always treat every shotgun in the maimai as loaded. Keep the muzzle pointing away from yourself and other people, finger off the trigger, and have control of the shotgun at all times.

Shotguns that are not in use should be unloaded and stored in a holder or safe place out of the way. If you are finished shooting for the day, completely unload your firearm and secure it. Remember, always save the refreshments until after you've safely locked your firearms away.

We want everyone to have a great weekend with friends and family and head home safely, hopefully with a duck or two in the bag.

Remember it takes more than luck to get a duck.

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



Focus on collaborating with the community

Earlier this month, Mike and Matt from Partnerships had discussions with Bay of Plenty community members about the Whakatūpato firearms safety course. We'd like safety training and information to reach more people in rural, remote, and isolated communities, so it makes sense that we reach out to community leaders in those areas to collaborate on how best to do this.

Whakatūpato is a joint venture between Te Tari Pūreke and iwi groups to encourage safe use of firearms. It provides the training and skills so attendees can apply for their firearms licence.

Mike Keefe and Chaz Doherty will continue to advise and guide us forward as we plan what these courses might look like in the future. We value the knowledge and mana that they bring to our discussions.

 Pictured left to right: Mike McIlraith, Mike Keefe, Matt Lambert, and Chaz Doherty.



Firearms safety refresher test in Simplified Chinese

In response to feedback, the firearms safety test for licence holders looking to apply for a new licence (renewal) has been translated into Simplified Chinese.

The translation makes the 20-question safety test more accessible and inclusive, and it makes the vetting process smoother.

This is just one of the ways we’re working to make sure we communicate the right information to our communities in a way that makes sense for them.



Engaging with artillery and collectors’ items specialists

We’re continuing to increase our network of stakeholders in the specialist field of artillery and collectors’ items, with more meetings to come with stakeholders in the South Island.

Our Senior Partnerships Advisor, Emilia Steer, met with Dr Aaron Fox this week. Dr Fox is an academic who has delved deep into the history of New Zealand’s First World War trophy guns and is a former owner of a 75mm Turkish field gun.

We’re very grateful for individuals willing to contribute their knowledge and insights in this specialist area, helping us create guidance that helps to preserve and protect these historic items, while still meeting legislative and safety requirements.

 Pictured left to right: Dr Aaron Fox and Emilia, Senior Partnerships Advisor

Council of Licensed Firearms Owners AGM

Director of Partnerships, Mike McIlraith, recently spoke at the Council of Licensed Firearms Owners (COLFO) Annual General Meeting (AGM). He offered his perspective on a range of topics, provided an update on our latest activities, and answered questions from attendees.

Mike says “I believe that both the firearms community and Te Tari Pūreke are aligned in wanting the safe use and control of firearms. It’s with the community and Te Tari Pūreke working together that we’ll get the best possible safety results.”

At Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority, we’re committed to working with the sector and the wider community, to listen and understand their perspectives - especially about firearms safety and regulatory settings.

Firearms licence holder survey

Te Tari Pūreke is undertaking our second survey with the public and firearms licence holders to measure public confidence in the firearms licensing system.

The surveys are one of the ways we are delivering on the recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attacks on Christchurch masjidain on 15 March 2019.

The survey is anonymous and 1,700 recently approved or renewed firearms licence holders have been selected for the survey, along with 1,000 members of the public who do not hold a firearms licence.

The analysis and report on the results in 2022 included recommendations for actions to be taken and you can find more information [here](#).

Keep up to date on the latest numbers

Firearms Registry

We have had more than **175,120** firearms registered since the Registry opened.

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.



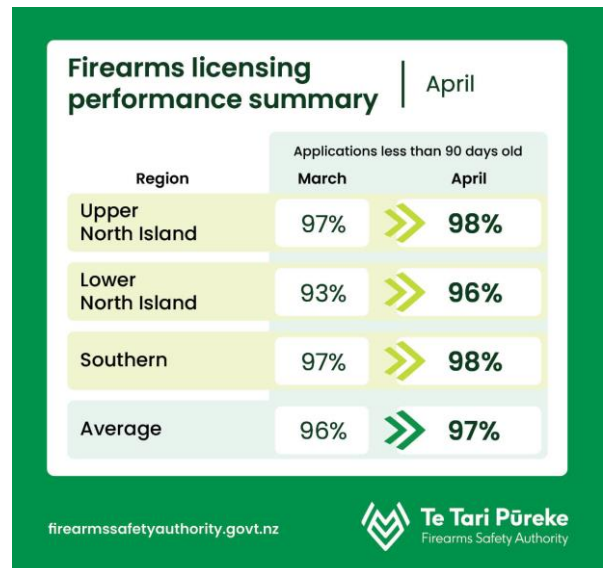
Firearms licensing data

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 licensing performance data broken down by region.



Avoid alcohol or drugs when handling firearms

Each month we feature a firearms safety video. This month we have **Rule 7: Avoid alcohol or drugs when handling firearms**

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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