

Firearms Pānui

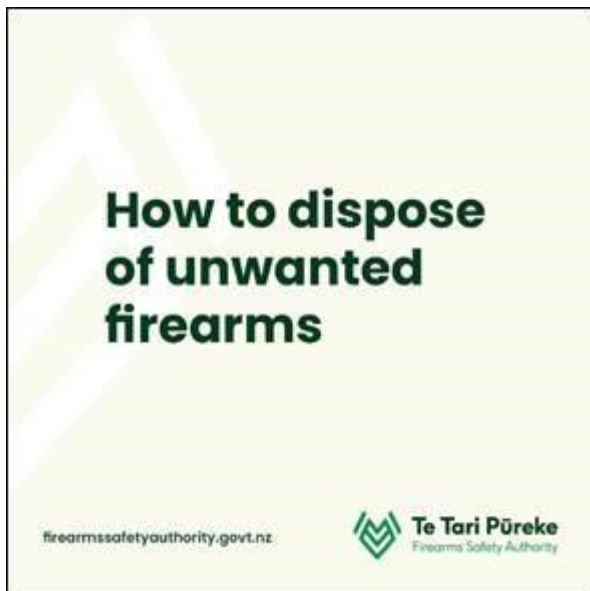
The latest firearms information

Kia ora,

In this edition of the Firearms Pānui you can find more information about:

- New guidance available on the disposal of unwanted or illegally held firearms
- Discussions with local Health Practitioners in Wānaka
- Arms Engagement Group
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New guidance available on the disposal of unwanted or illegally held firearms

Information is available on our website [here](#) to help people with firearms, other arms items or ammunition, that they have inherited or ended up with that they might not want to keep.

The guidance was developed in response to feedback from the public and licence holders, asking what they should do with a firearm they'd inherited when a family member died.

If a member of the public has a firearm, other arms item or ammunition they can't legally possess, or don't want to possess, they have a few options.

- sell or surrender the item to a current New Zealand firearms licence holder, or
- sell or surrender the item to a licensed firearms dealer, or
- surrender the item to New Zealand Police.

How they do this depends on the type of arms item, whether they are a licence holder and, where applicable, what they want to happen to it once it leaves their possession.

If you're a licensed dealer, this guide will also be of use as it clearly outlines obligations and protections for licensed firearms dealers on accepting and handling surrendered arms items.



Discussions with local Health Practitioners in Wānaka

Over the last couple of months, Te Tari Pūreke has been working with Glen and Sam from [Mental Hunts](#). We have been focussing on the importance of health and well-being as a firearms licence holder and how to stay safe.

We believe that the appropriate treatment and management of mental health is always preferable to suspension or loss of your licence.

Last month Senior Partnerships Advisor, Kendra Hill, attended a community discussion in Wānaka and spoke alongside Glen Thurston and Kathryn Wright (a Registered Counsellor).

The session brought together health practitioners, Police, and other community members and generated discussion about rural mental health and the role of Health Practitioners in the firearms licensing system.

We have more information for health practitioners and firearms licence holders [here](#) on our website.

Arms Engagement Group

The Arms Engagement Group provides a mechanism for representatives from the non-firearms owning community to input and make recommendations for consideration by Police and Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority on firearms related matters.

The group was established in 2020 and is administered and supported by the Partnerships Directorate at Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority. Membership of the Group includes those that are community members (non-Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority employees).

There is now a webpage available on the Te Tari Pūreke website about the Arms Engagement Group. You can find it [here](#).

Firearms Community Advisory Forum minutes now available online

The Firearms Community Advisory Forum meeting minutes from March are now available online. You can find these [here](#).

Police take first prosecution for unregistered firearm

In a first case of its kind, Police have charged a firearms licence holder for possessing a firearm that should have been accounted for in the new Firearms Registry, but had not been.

A shotgun was located at the licence holder's address. Subsequently, he has been charged under the Arms Act for failing to provide information for the Firearms Registry in accordance with Section 94 of the Arms Act 1983.

You can find more information on the New Zealand Police website [here](#).

Keep up to date on the latest numbers

Firearms Registry

This month we mark an important milestone when the Firearms Registry turns one on 24 June 2024. Firearms licence holders continue to respond positively to the Registry with more than 200,000 firearms registered by 41,000 people. You can find the public dashboard [here](#).

We're well on track to have supported around 20% of licence holders to have entered the Registry by the time of the first anniversary - a great achievement!

The Firearms Registry will help us make New Zealand safer. It will give licence holders more confidence when buying or selling firearms, as the Registry will let you know if you're dealing with a current licence holder and if the firearm has been reported stolen.



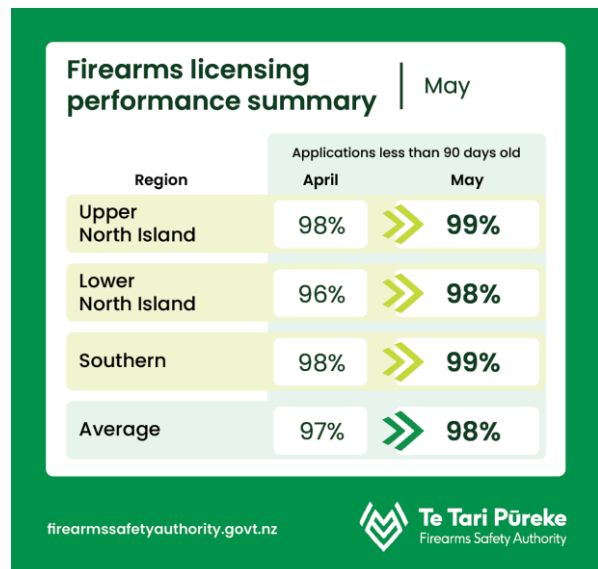
Firearms licensing data

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.



Firearms safety

How to install a steel gun safe for the secure storage of firearms

Each pānui we feature a firearms safety video. This month we have our most popular video on YouTube, **how to install a steel gun safe for the secure storage of 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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