# Firearms Pānui The latest firearms information

Te Tari Pūreke Partnerships - Firearms Pānui | July 2024

Kia ora,

In this edition of the Firearms Pānui you can find:

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Fictured: Mike McIlraith (Director Partnerships), Ewan Kelsall (Manager Partnerships), Kendra Hill (Senior Partnerships Advisor) and Andrew Pepper (Arms Manager).

#### **NZDA Hunting & Wildlife Expo**

Earlier this month, some of the team from Te Tari Pūreke attended the NZ Deerstalkers Association Hunting & Wildlife Expo in the Hutt Valley

Thanks to all the members of our firearms community who came and chatted to us!

We had lots of conversation about applying for firearms licences - from those who were new to the firearms system and people wanting to get back into it.

Many of our young people had questions about safe storage options when renting and we were able to talk about why this is important. The debut of our new security display gave us a practical way to showing people options for secure storage, to help keep themselves and their families safe.



# Refreshed information about licence endorsements

Information about endorsements on our Te Tari Pūreke website has been refreshed and redesigned. Each category of endorsement now has its own page. Examples include the rules for pistols, prohibited firearms, dealers, collectors and theatrical armourers.

Splitting the pages like this means that users can quickly navigate across the website and find the information they need fast, and in plain language.

You can find the endorsements section <u>here</u> on our website.



## Firearms safety test now available in Te Reo Māori and Simplified Chinese

Our firearms safety tests are now available in Te Reo Māori and Simplified Chinese. These are the two most requested languages by licence applicants completing the firearms safety course.

All first-time licence applicants must attend and pass the free safety course. There is both a theory test and a practical training session delivered in collaboration with our partners at the Mountain Safety Council.

The translation makes the safety test more accessible and inclusive, and it makes the process smoother. Tests were translated by accredited translators, quality checked by a second translator and tested by native-speaking licence holders and staff. They have been added to the portfolio of resources accessed by our 40 safety trainers around the country.



### Welcoming our new Senior Partnerships Advisor - Iwi

Earlier this month we welcomed Nopera, our new Senior Partnerships Advisor - Iwi into the Partnerships Team.

Having spent most of his professional career working in the Education, Health, and most recently the Youth Working sector, it is evident to Nopera that te ao Māori has strong foundations in Aotearoa. It is a passion of his to encourage non-Māori to grow their confidence and capability in finding solutions that work for them without compromising the mana and tikanga of te iwi Māori.

We look forward to working with Nopera and are excited to have him at Te Tari Pūreke.

#### **Firearms Registry**

Firearms licence holders have achieved a new milestone. The number of people using the firearms registry continues to climb and now tops **50,000 licence holders**, more than 22 per cent of the licensed community. We acknowledge everyone who has entered their firearms in the registry and updated details like a change of address or the transfer of a firearm.

Since the Registry went live, we have had more than **243,000 firearms** and 10,000 firearms parts registered by licence holders.

Remember, the first time you have an activating circumstance you are required to record all arms items in your possession, this includes firearms owned by an organisation or business.

You can find more information <u>here</u> about sharing an arms item with other people.

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 licencing performance data broken down by region.

Firearms licens performance su		y   July
Region	Application <b>June</b>	ns less than 90 days old <b>July</b>
Upper North Island	98%	>> 98%
Lower North Island	97%	>> 95%
Southern	98%	>> 97%
Average	97%	<b>&gt;&gt;</b> 97%
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# **Firearms safety**

How to install a basic cable lock system for secure storage of single firearms

Each month we feature a firearms safety video. This month we have: How to install a basic cable lock system for secure storage of single firearms.

If you have missed our previous features or want to watch them again, you can check out the full series of videos **here**.





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