

Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

Te Tari Pūreke Partnerships - Firearms Pānui | May 2025

Kia ora,

In this edition of the Firearms Pānui you can find:

- Taking firearms safety conversations into the community
- New information on our website about hunting access
- We have updated our MyFirearms instructional videos
- Secondary Schools' firearms safety training pilot results are in!
- Firearms Community Advisory Forum meeting minutes now available
- Firearms Safety: Handle your firearms carefully
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Taking firearms safety conversations into the community

In the last Pānui, we talked about how we're making changes to firearms safety training and bringing the delivery of that training in-house.

One of the biggest changes alongside education, will be our ability to have 'boots on the ground'

around the country, who'll be responsible for taking firearms safety conversations into the community.

This type of work could include:

- Spending more time with licence holders and organisations at events, club visits, and through the firearms dealer network.
- Working alongside organisations such as Fish and Game and the Department of Conservation at key seasonal activities such as opening weekend and roar.
- Representing and demonstrating firearms safety with the wider community (both firearms licence holders and non-firearms licence communities) in various settings, such as regional A&P shows.

We're interested in hearing from you on what you think the priorities should be for our new Firearms Safety Team. What community engagement activities do you see as most important? How would you like us to report back to you on our progress?

Drop us a line at

firearmspartnerships@police.govt.nz



New information on our website about hunting access

We have updated our website with information for hunters and landowners about land access and what to do if you see suspicious activity or believe someone is unlawfully hunting.

Remember, hunters must always have permission to hunt. This is regardless of who owns or manages the land; whether it is conservation estate, other public lands, farmland or forestry.

Find more information here: [Hunting access and unlawful hunting activities](#).



We have updated our MyFirearms instructional videos

They are now more concise, focused on specific topics, and contain step-by-step instructions so you can follow along.

The videos available are:

- How to register
- Login and RealMe
- Saving and resuming drafts

You can find these, and more information about the MyFirearms portal here:

<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/about-myfirearms>



Secondary Schools' firearms safety training pilot results are in!

Five schools and groups took the opportunity to be involved in piloting a firearms safety training programme over the last few months.

Participant feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Activities were ranked as "really useful" and instructor received a 2.9 out of 3 for providing a good environment for learning.

Once we've shared the pilot report with the firearms community groups, we'll take on board their feedback and establish the next steps.

In December 2024, we announced our plan to pilot firearms safety training in some secondary schools, with a view to rolling the programme out in 2026. We are on track to achieve that milestone. Thanks to the support and involvement of Kaitaki Guides Ltd, Fielding High School, Wairarapa College, Palmerston North Boys High and Hawkes Bay Clay Target Club.

Firearms Community Advisory Forum meeting minutes now available

The minutes from the most recent Firearms Community Advisory Forum (FCAF) meeting are now available online. Find the minutes here: [Firearms Community Advisory Forum](#)

FCAF provides a formal mechanism for representatives from the firearms community to input to Te Tari Pūreke on policy relating to the Arms Act 1983 or the Arms Regulations 1992; and review and make recommendations for consideration on firearms-related matters.

You can find more information about the forum here: [Firearms Community Advisory Forum](#)

Firearms safety



Handle your firearms carefully

Hunting during autumn and winter often means being out in the wet and cold. The increased chance of slips and falls in wet conditions makes safe firearms handling even more important.

Hunters must be aware of how they are carrying and handling firearms at all times.

- ✓ Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- ✓ Minimise risk by having a cartridge chambered only when necessary.

This also applies when dealing with fences or other obstacles.

✗ Never attempt to cross a fence with a loaded firearm.

If handing your firearm to someone else, or being passed one, always ensure the firearm is unloaded.

Keep up to date on the latest numbers

On our website we proactively release firearms regulatory information to help people better understand features of the licence holder community, and aspects of the performance of New Zealand's firearms regulatory framework. We have provided a snapshot of this data below.

This section contains:

- Active firearms licences summary by type - Individual, Visitor and Dealer

- Firearms licensing completion summary - Individual, Visitor and Dealer. *This section now has the total number of licences completed in the given month, rather than a percentage, and broken down into different licence types.*
- Firearms Registry update - including total firearms, parts and licence holders registered

Find more information here: [Firearms data and public information | Firearms Safety Authority](#)

Active firearms licences summary

1 May 2025

Individual	229,058
Visitor	165
Dealer*	430
Total	229,653

*A person who holds a dealer licence must also hold an individual licence

Firearms licensing completion summary

1 May 2025

	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
Individual	2197	2064
Visitor	236	188
Dealer	32	24

Firearms Registry Update

1 May 2025

Total Firearms Registered	404,537
Total Firearms Parts Registered	13860
Total Licence Holders Registered	84808

Total Licence holders registered refers to all current and expired individual or visitor firearms licence holders with a registered firearm or firearms part

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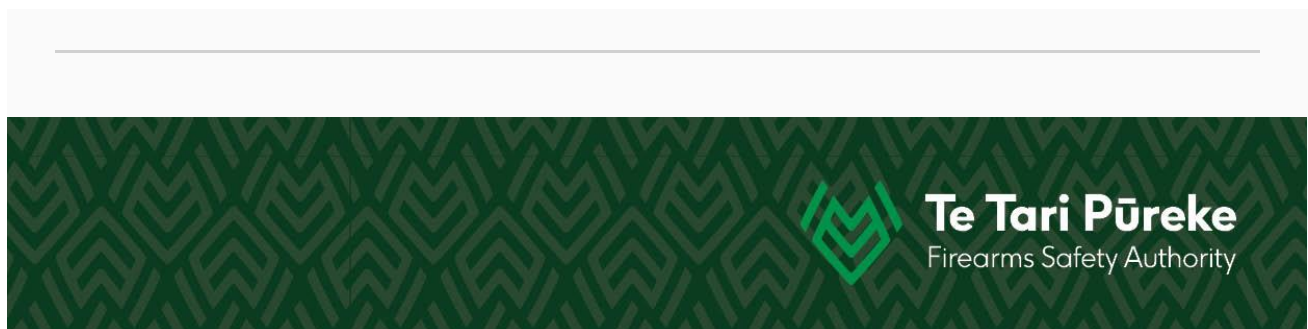
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