



17 June 2025

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s.9(2)(a) OIA

Tēnā koe s.9(2)(a) OIA

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 14 April 2025 where you asked for information relating to firearms licence holders.

I have answered each question below.

1. Please provide data yearly for the last 10 years (by financial year) showing the number of occurrences where the weapon used in a homicide was a firearm.
2. Please provide data yearly for the last 10 years (by financial year) showing the number of occurrences where a firearm has been used and resulted in injury.
3. Please provide data yearly for the last 10 years (by financial year, or if 10 years of data is not available, however far back is available) to show the number of Armed Offenders Squad callouts national
4. Please provide data yearly for as long is available (by financial year) for the number of firearms presentations at Police and the number of firearms discharges at Police.
5. Please provide data yearly for the last 10 years (by financial year) showing the number charges laid relating to assaults where a firearm was used.
6. Please provide data yearly for the last 10 years (by financial year) showing the number of firearms seized by Police, by type

I have decided to grant your request in relation to questions 1 to 6 above, however, it is taking some time to prepare the information. I am endeavouring to release it to you expeditiously and I thank you for your patience.

7. I understand the Mountain Safety Council (MSC) was contracted to Police to deliver firearms safety training. For the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025, or recognising that we are in April 2025 as close to that date as possible, provide me with all firearms safety course reports received by Police from the MSC.

I refer you to the attached documents titled "Firearms Safety Course reports 2022 to 2025". You will find the following Quarterly reports:

- 2022 - Q1 July to September, and Q2 October to December.
- 2023 - Q1 July to September, Q2 October to December, Q3 January to March.
- 2024 - Q1 July to September, Q2 October to December, Q4 April to June.
- 2025 -Q3 January to March.

Please note that due to previous cataloguing issues, the documents attached are not complete. The Quarter (Q4) April to June 2023, and Q3 January to March 2024 are refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

8. *I also understand that Police have coordinated the delivery of a firearms safety course called whakatūpato which aims to deliver firearms safety training in remote and isolated communities, with a particular focus on Māori communities. Can you please provide me with all whakatūpato firearms safety course data held that shows information relating to the course such as:*
9. *How many courses have been delivered*
10. *Location of course, however described eg. police district, NZ region or town, city or other locality*
11. *Number of attendees at each course*
12. *Number of attendees that passed the course*
13. *Number of attendees that did not pass the course.*

I refer you to Appendix 1 titled "Firearms Safety Course data" that shows the date, location and Police district, including the "Fail" and "Pass" data from March 2021 to February 2025.

Note that due to prior record keeping approaches, this data cannot be regarded as complete or accurate, therefore parts of this request are refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Te Tari Pūreke is in the process of reviewing and updating the reporting system in relation to Firearms Safety Course data, nationally.

14. *Please provide the number of licence holders each year from financial year 2022/23 to financial year 2024/25.*

I refer you to table 1 below that shows the number of firearms licence holders broken down by financial year, individual, Dealer, and visitor licences from 2022/23 to 2024/25 (to date).

Table 1: Number of Firearm Licence holders broken down by financial year, individual, Dealer and visitor licences from 2022/23 to 2024/25 to date

| Financial Year | Individual licences | Licensed Dealers | Visitor Licences | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2022/23 | 234,612 | 375 | 51 | 235,038 |
| 2023/24 | 232,425 | 429 | 229 | 233,083 |
| 2024/25 (to 31 March 2025) | 229,551 | 429 | 291 | 230,271 |

Source: National Intelligence Application, 31 March 2025 and 30 June 2023, 2024

The number of active licence holders is captured from the National Intelligence Application (NIA), and is a point-in-time capture, which means that each year has a different source date which is as follows: FY2022/23 – **30 June 2023**, FY 2023/24 – **30 June 2024**. FY2024/25 is a partial count, from 1 July 2024 to **31 March 2025**.

This data only includes active licence holders, defined as those who are legally allowed to possess firearms due to holding a current firearms licence and includes those with the status of "current", "renewal in progress", "suspension", "revocation in progress" and

“considering revocation – no suspension”. This excludes deceased licence holders and expired licences, pending, suspended, cancelled, surrendered, refused, and revoked licences. (This includes only individual firearms licence holders and does not include dealer, visitor, and endorsement numbers).

Note that the above data is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

15. Please provide the number of licence holders each financial year from 2020/2021 to 2024/25 (part year), who have been refused, suspended or revoked.

I refer you to table 2 below that shows the number of firearms licence holders broken down by financial year, refused, suspended, and revoked from 2020/21 to 2024/25 as at 31 March 2025.

Table 2: Number of Firearms Licence Holders broken down by Refused, Suspended and Revoked from Financial years 2020/21 to 2024/25 (as at 31 March 2025)

| Financial Year | Refused | Suspended | Revoked |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 2020/21 | 835 | 818 | 1,023 |
| 2021/22 | 897 | 1,129 | 901 |
| 2022/23 | 1,196 | 1,288 | 895 |
| 2023/24 | 619 | 1,363 | 908 |
| 2024/25 (to 31 March 2025) | 490 | 852 | 531 |

Source: National Intelligence Application, 31 March 2025

Table 2 includes only individual firearms licence holders and does not include dealer, visitor, and endorsement numbers.

This number of licence revocations by financial year is based on a point-in-time firearms licence status change in NIA to a revoked status; note that a licence can be revoked and later reinstated in the same financial year. The numbers provided may have been revoked, but their status may have since changed.

The number does not include endorsement level revocations, refusals, or suspensions where the licence remains in some other status. For example, a licence holder may have had their endorsement revoked, but their licence remains current.

Likewise, licence suspensions by financial year are based on a point-in-time firearms licence status change in NIA to a suspended status; a licence can be suspended within a given year and later reinstated. These numbers are of licences that were suspended in that year, however, not all of them may still be suspended now.

Licence refusals by financial year is based on a point-in-time licence status change in NIA to a refused status. Licences can be refused and later made current in the same financial year. The number is of licences that were refused in that year - their status may have since changed.

When a licence holder chooses to withdraw their application, the licence status in NIA is updated to 'Refused - administrative' therefore this dataset above also includes withdrawn applications - it is not possible to distinguish between a refusal and withdrawal in this data set.

The above data is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

16. Please provide the reasons by Section of the Act for refusal, suspension and revocation and the number of licence holders who have been refused, suspended or revoked for these reasons from 30 October 2023.

I refer you to appendix 2, table 3 (attached) that shows the reason for a firearms licence refusal, suspension, or revocation broken down by category, section of the Arms Act 1983 (the Act), and financial year from 2023/24 to 2024/25 (to 23 April).

The data provided in table 3 are not full financial years as the field capturing the reason for refusal, revocation or suspension was added to NIA on 30 October 2023. Therefore, the numbers are only attainable from 30 October 2023.

The data is based on completed refusal, suspension, or revocation events. This is because the reason applied at this time is the final reason the licence is either revoked, refused, or suspended – the reason may be changed in NIA several times prior to event closure.

The numbers included in table 3 will not total the financial year totals in table 2 (above). This is because there may be people with more than one reason applied to their event. In addition, any refusal, suspension, or revocation prior to 30 October 2023 will not have a reason applied to the event. There also may be times where a reason is not applied to the event.

Note that the above data is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

17. Please provide an explanation of how Police access information from the Firearms Registry to enable their risk assessment and decision-making

Police does not directly access the Firearms Registry, rather they have access to licence holder information passed to NIA and OnDuty (the Police mobile application).


The information Frontline Police can access directly relates to if a person is a firearms licence holder and if they have registered firearms, and the type of firearms. This information supports the timely and accurate risk assessment which allows them to be better prepared when they attend incidents. It tells them if firearms might be expected to be in the possession of a person (or might be at a vehicle stop) so they can better plan to keep themselves and others safe.

Police has access to this information while only using a Police device.

The only people who have access to the Registry itself are staff who need it to do their jobs, including Police / Te Tari Pūreke staff. There are strict protocols in place regarding access to the Police network and Police IT systems, and access to the Registry is no different.

All Police staff with access the Arms Information System must pass Police vetting processes and can only access it using a Police device while on the Police network.

18. Please provide data/information/case studies relating to investigations and prosecutions relating to firearms diversion identified through the Firearms Registry.



While the Registry is still in its early stages, the Ministry of Justice review concluded (page 6 in the link below) that the “early signs therefore show that the Registry appears to be putting controls in place that make diversion more difficult once a firearm has been registered.”

https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Proactive-release-firearms-registry-review_for-release-v2.pdf

The Firearms Registry launched 24 June 2023, and from then, as at 1 May 2025 there were 404,537 total firearms registered, 13,860 total firearms parts registered, and a total of 84,808 firearms licence holders registered which is approximately 36 percent of licenced gun owners in New Zealand.

The 1997 independent inquiry into firearms control in New Zealand known as the ‘Thorp Report’ concluded that 90 percent of licence holders needed to be registered before the full benefits of a registry could be realised.

Te Tari Pūreke has not systematically compiled case studies related to Registry-identified firearms diversion but is aware of significant inquiries relating to diversion currently underway. These involve individuals who have come to the attention of Police for other matters and have been found to be in possession of firearms. Swift identification of the firearms licence holders who have these firearms registered to them, and who should possess them was enabled through the Registry, however, it is too early to comment on how the firearms came to be transferred from the licence holder to the individual of concern.

There are cases available on the Te Tari Pūreke website where the Registry has enabled identification of licence holders with firearms in their possession, but not registered, and which could plausibly be available for diversion, or where the Registry has identified the source of firearms found in the possession of unlicensed people:

- 14 March 2025: [Failing to register firearms has consequences](#): Police seized 12 firearms - 5 were listed in the Firearms Registry and 7 were unregistered.
- 03 Dec 2024: [Firearms Registry closing net around suspected firearms diverters](#): a gang prospect found with firearms and ammunition. A check on the serial numbers on the firearms seized with the Firearms Registry quickly revealed the identity of a licence holder who should have been in possession of the guns.
- 17 Mar 2024: [Police take first prosecution for unregistered firearm](#): a firearms licence holder had registered a rifle into the Firearms Registry, but on execution of search warrants, Police located an additional unregistered shotgun. The offender was also charged with straw purchases of ammunition he had made on behalf of associates involved in the cannabis trade.

There are also recent cases in which the Registry was not the originating source of intelligence, but had the licence holder continued with these same patterns of offending, the Registry would have likely identified the suspicious activity:

- 10 Dec 2024: [Former firearms licence holder held accountable for diverting guns](#): pleaded guilty to charges linked to supply of 18 firearms to unlicensed people. More than 70% of these firearms were ‘A’ category, standard rifles and shotguns able to be purchased from sporting goods and firearms retailer by a licence holder.

- 30 Oct 2024: Holding firearms offenders to account: the licence holder admitted travelling from his Tauranga home to two Gun City stores in Auckland where he paid almost \$11,000 in cash for five Alfa Carbines in June 2022

Between 1983 and 24 June 2023 there was no statutory requirement of standard (A category) firearms licence holders to record details of the firearms in their possession or details about private sales they might make. The legislative gap was the primary enabler for diversion and created a defence against charges for any firearm they sold or supplied unlawfully. Data about diversion over this period is limited as most firearms seized are used as an enabler of other criminal offending. This means that Police investigation and recording historically focused on the main offence, with use of the illegally held firearm considered a possible aggravating factor as is demonstrated with table 3 below.

Table 3 below shows the number of individuals the Retail Arms Diversion team (RFD) identified as potentially diverting firearms that were referred to Te Tari Pūreke Compliance team, and number of these Leads identified by RFD and the Firearms Investigations Team (FIT) as at 23 May 2025.

(Individuals that have been identified as potentially diverting firearms are referred to as "Leads".)

The Leads referred to the Te Tari Pūreke Compliance team were identified as potentially in breach of their firearms licences condition/s.

Table 3: Number of Leads referred by RFD to Te Tari Pūreke Compliance team and the number of leads identified by RFD and FIT as at 23 May 2025

| Leads referred to Te Tari Pūreke Compliance team | RFD and FIT Leads |
|--|-------------------|
| 43 | 208 |

In addition, please see the attached document "Ministers Arms Advisory Group – Police and NOCG [the National Organised Crime Group] Firearms Investigations and intelligence" which provides information and case studies relating to FIT.

Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- s9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons including that of deceased natural persons.
- s9(2)(b) to protect information where the making of the information would –
 - i. would disclose a trade secret, or,
 - ii. Would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

19. Please provide data/information on the number of incidents of firearms diversion detected prior to and since the introduction of the Firearms Registry to show whether this activity has increased, decreased or remained the same.

I refer you to my response for question 18 (above).

Please see table 4 below that shows the total number of leads prior to, and post the Registry (from 24 June 2024), broken down by the number of RFD leads, the number of FIT leads, total leads prior to the Registry and total leads identified since the Registry, as at 23 May 2025.

Table 4: Number of leads prior to and post the Firearms Registry broken down by number of RFD leads, number of FIT leads, total leads prior to the Registry and Total leads identified since the Registry as at 23 May 2025

| RFD Leads prior to Registry formed 24 June 2023 | FIT leads prior to Registry formed 24 June 2023 | Total leads prior to Registry | Total leads identified since Registry 24 June 2023 |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 137 | 12 | 149 | 59 |

Police is working closely with the firearms industry, particularly dealers, to address the issue of Retail Firearms Diversion, which is when a firearms licence holder on-sells firearms they have purchased from firearms dealers to gangs.

The introduction of the Registry, and associated recording of firearms ownership, now inhibits the ability of licence holders to divert firearms after they have purchased and registered a firearm. A sale being recorded by the licenced dealer creates visibility of that firearm and firearms licence holder is then required to register ownership. This prevents the ability to on-sell firearms to unlicensed persons undetected.


Prior to the Firearms Registry, diversions were identified by Police Districts, while most leads had been identified from dealership data logs. (In this instance, dealership data logs refers to all the dealership logs/data that firearms dealers provided to Police since RFD/FIT were created.)

The other elements include leads that in the first instance were identified via another method/database such as referrals by external / internal agencies, or individuals coming to Police attention via offending (suspicious behaviour) and a subsequent investigation during which firearm/s were discovered (see my response to question 18).

20. *Please provide data/information/case studies relating to any stocktake by Te Tari Pūreke or Police on firearms held in police stations, specifically where firearm serial numbers were either traced back through the Firearms Registry or where there was an absence of serial number, or attempts had been made to remove a serial number from the firearm.*

In June 2024 Te Tari Pūreke conducted a stocktake of all 7,189 firearms held in Police stations that have an appropriate level of security and processed to store non-Police firearms medium to long term (31 armouries). This included both seized and surrendered firearms. Of these 69.3 percent of firearms contained a serial number, 28.1 percent had no visible¹ serial number and 2.53 percent had had their serial numbers removed. Of the firearms with serial numbers, 675 (13.5 percent) were traced back to the original purchase from a licenced dealer using five years of retail firearms transaction records collected and collated since 2021.

¹ On some models the serial number is located under the sight so the serial number is impossible to see without removing the sight



You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Nāku noa, nā



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FIREARMS SAFETY PROGRAMME

QUARTERLY REPORT
Q3 JAN/FEB/MARCH 2025



Month data

| Month | Ticketholders | Attended | Passed Theory | Completed Practical | % of spaces booked | Courses Delivered |
|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| January | 498 | 456 | 440 | 454 | 92% | 37 |
| February | 551 | 522 | 495 | 519 | 87% | 43 |
| March | 569 | 543 | 521 | 541 | 92% | 42 |



Summary

We have delivered 406 courses this financial year.

Evaluations remain positively high with a 4.92 rating out of 5.

No health & safety issues.



FIREARMS SAFETY PROGRAMME

QUARTERLY REPORT
Q2 OCT/NOV/DEC 2024



Month data

| Month | Ticketholders | Attended | Passed Theory | Completed Practical | % of spaces booked | Courses Delivered |
|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| October | 746 | 706 | 672 | 704 | 96% | 53 |
| November | 752 | 713 | 687 | 711 | 96% | 53 |
| December | 670 | 626 | 597 | 623 | 97% | 47 |



Summary

Courses remain in demand. We have 241 courses to deliver over the next 6 months.

Evaluations remain positively high with a 4.85 rating out of 5.

No health & safety issues.





FIREARMS SAFETY PROGRAMME

QUARTERLY REPORT

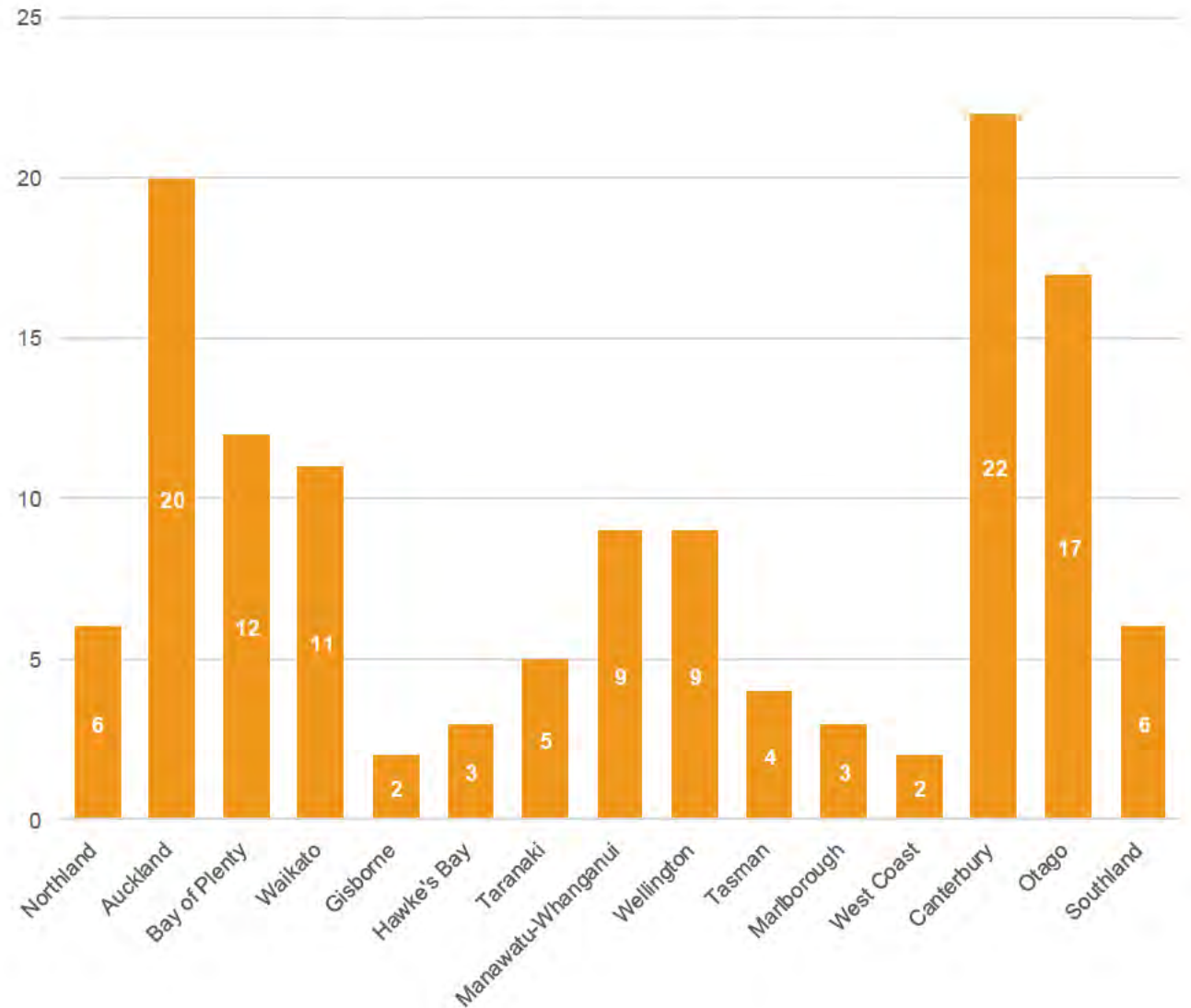
Q1 JUL / AUG / SEPT 2024

QUARTERLY REPORT

Q1 JUL / AUG / SEPT 2024

- In Q1 we delivered 131 courses.
- Total Attendees: 1609
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the theory test: 1533
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the practical session: 1599
- We sat at 88% of capacity over the quarter, with September being at 96%.

Q1 Number of Courses by Region





Course Delivery

July and August were steady, but September filled very quickly – I have increased the number of October and November courses accordingly.



Course Booking Website

Our main contact at Te Tari Pūreke now has access to the booking system, allowing her to release applicants for another course. This has significantly reduced the need for email exchanges and has saved us a lot of time.



Ordering System/New test papers

The team have successfully placed orders for collateral from TTP. The simplified Chinese test papers have been used – we will be following up on usage of these and the Te Reo Māori papers in the coming month.



Health & Safety

No incidences to report.



Travel and Venue Expenses

We are continuing with paying 0.95 c per km despite the IRD Mileage rates going to \$1.04 per km and the pressure to raise our rate to this, but we are unable to match this with current budgets. We've seen price increases from many venues, and some that previously didn't charge are now doing so.



Recruitment

Our instructor covering Upper Hutt and the Wairarapa is leaving us in December and so we are recruiting for his replacement, and also for another instructor in Dunedin as the instructor there has asked for additional help.

Professional Development Day

On August 24th, we hosted our annual Professional Development Day, marking the first time all of our instructors gathered together in one room rather than in regional meetings. This provided an excellent opportunity for networking and the exchange of ideas.

We were pleased to have Te Tari Pūreke join us to share valuable insights and collect feedback from our instructors on the future direction of the Firearm Safety Course. Additionally, **s 9(2)(a) OIA** from The Institute of Management New Zealand led a session on innovative delivery methods, ensuring that our team remains energized and aligned with best practices.

It was a very well received day with lots of positive feedback from our team.

We are preparing for 2025 dates to get out to our team now to ensure we have another great turnout.



Evaluation Survey Q4

We received a 4.9 out of 5 rating in Q1

Feedback we're proud of:

- That the instructor took safety seriously and passed on knowledge over and above the requirements for the course
- It was a very accessible course for all levels of familiarity with firearms. {Instructor} is a great instructor and provided a lot of useful information without the arrogance or condescending nature that has accompanied some other training I have seen.
- Professional trainer, and good practical instruction and practice. You could see he wanted us to learn rather than just ticking a box
- The instructor provided information regarding ammunition and guns that was tailored to each person's planned pursuits. He was very approachable and happy to share his knowledge.
- Refreshed my mind and learnt a few new tricks to carry on using to make it safer for not only my self but others while using a fire arm and out hunting. health and safety side of it was good to know!
- The real stories that you could actually put into relevance



Feedback to consider:

- number of attendees was pushing it for the level of assistance some people required in the hands on section
- Some of the left handed people seemed to struggle a bit with right handed firearms
- Live fire training instead of simulation. Simulating a firearm in states of readiness is one thing but to actually be able to do it at a rang would be the best thing for applicants
- Some of the questions on the test need to be worded better
- Make the scratch test something you can circle or tick so accidental mistakes can not be made
- 12 people was probably the max to ensure it wasn't too intimidating to a learning environment



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Report submitted to Richard Keeys, Ewan Kelsall, and Mike McIlraith by email September 2024



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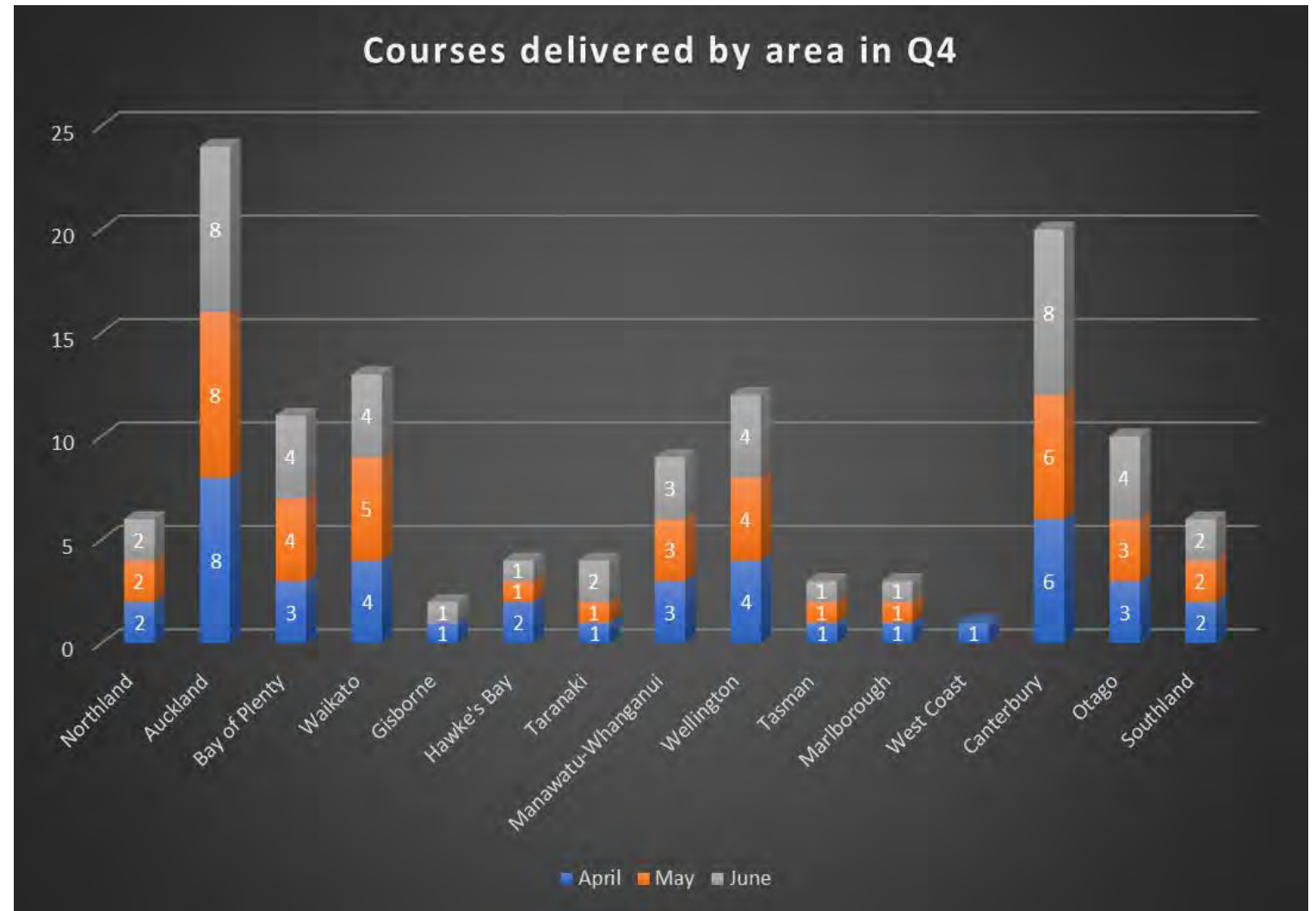
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APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2024

INCLUDING YEAR-END TOTALS

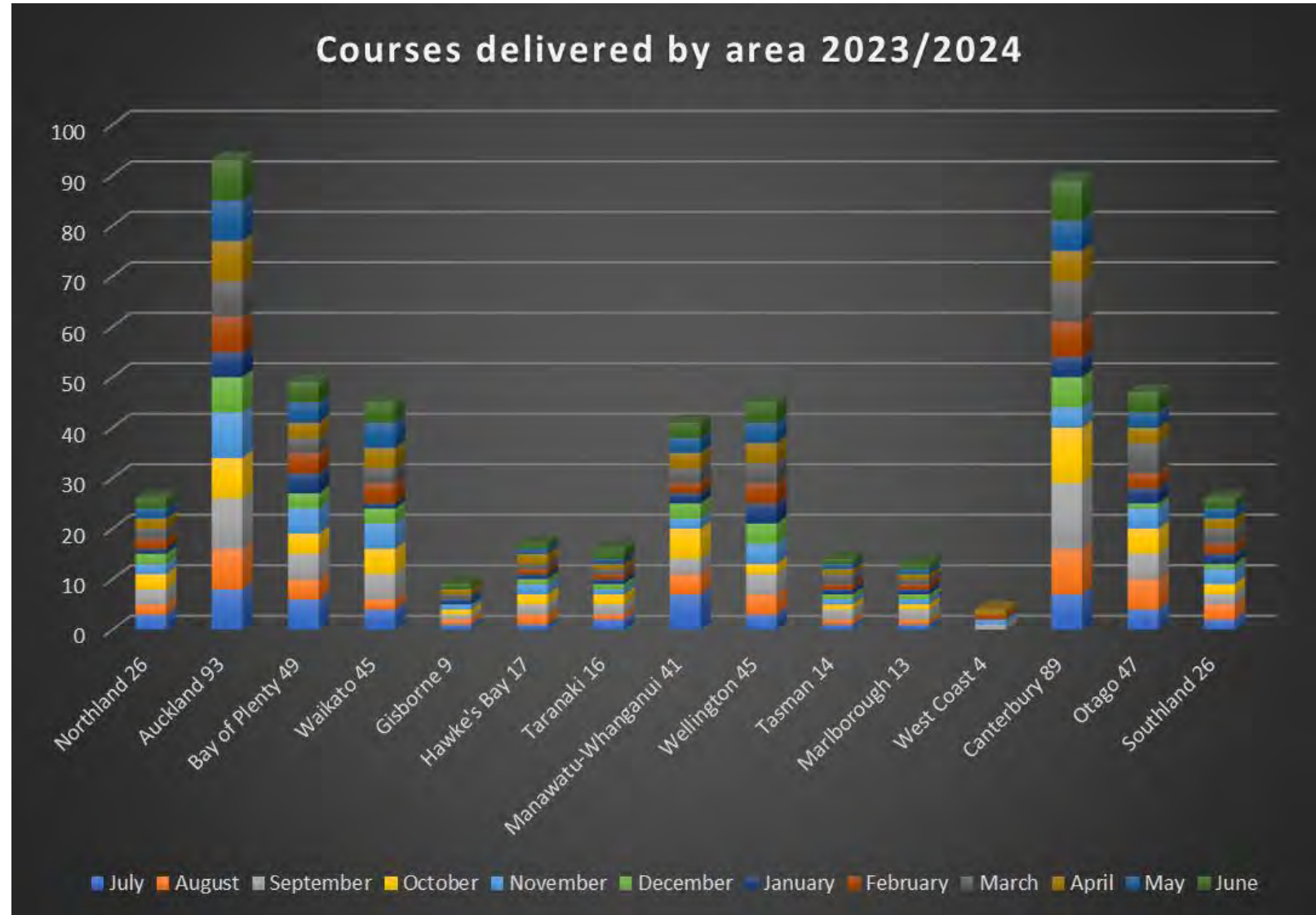
Q4 April/May/June 2024

- In Q4 we delivered 128 courses.
- Total Attendees: 1573
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the theory test: 1504
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the practical session: 1565
- We sat at 93.3% of capacity over the quarter.



FULL YEAR TOTALS

- In 2023/24 we delivered 534 courses.
- Total Attendees: 6743 (from total bookings of 7122, so 379 on the day absences)
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the theory test: 6464
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the practical session: 6707
- We sat at 92% of capacity over the year.





Course Delivery

We delivered all courses allowed for under the contract this year and sat at 93.3% full for the quarter, 92% full for the year.



Course Booking Website

We have completed the major project to update our data safety procedures, and this included a cull of all data over 6 months old from our systems. We also have password protected the key course details that are emailed to our instructors with attendee's details on it to ensure data is kept safe.



Health & Safety

No incidences to report. I have had a few comments come through on the course evaluations of cold halls so will add a note to the booking information to dress warmly and ask instructors to turn on heaters where possible.



Travel Costs

IRD Mileage rates have been raised to \$1.04 per km



Professional Development

Saturday 24th August at our office in Wellington.

Peer Moderation

In Q4 we completed the last of our 20 Peer Moderations for the year. Our instructors are very positive about the professional development these provide.

They have a tuakana-teina feel to them - a reciprocal learning relationship not based on a one-way flow of knowledge; both parties gain immensely from the interaction.

We also get insights of where we need to be clearer about the learning objectives and delivery styles, so everyone is teaching in the most effective way.

"Thanks Sarah I really enjoyed sitting in on another course and it has really got me thinking about ways I can improve my delivery.

It's an excellent development tool and I will 100% be interested in doing it again sometime."



Firearms Safety Instructor - Peer Moderation Worksheet

Name: _____

Instructor you are moderating: _____

Date: 10/03/2024

Was it easy to find the venue? Did the instructor have the room set up well? Any feedback or comments?

Yes, the venue was easy to find.

The venue was amazing, the room was well set up with 3 distinct areas, a seated semi-circle for the instruction, tables for the exam and another dedicated area for the practical firearms part (with a well-defined safe area).

I discussed with _____ that the semi-circle can potentially create "body blocking" for some demonstrations.

Although in hindsight, I like the feel of the students in that proximity to the instructor and I will try and replicate this at my next course. The only change I would make is keeping the semi-circle down to 120° opposed to 180° if possible (given the class size).

Did they introduce themselves, check IDs of attendees, cover the health & safety and the structure of the day, and encourage questions?

Yes, I was very impressed with _____'s ability to recall the students' names throughout the course. He encouraged the students to ask questions and had an excellent rapport with the students. The students felt comfortable were able to ask very good questions that lead into good examples and stories for _____.

Did they make the seven basic rules clear and easy to understand?

Did they mention them in different contexts a couple of times?

Yes, an excellent and very in-depth explanation of the 7 rules with great stories and examples. Excellent student engagement in this part. I feel the time _____ spent at this stage helped relax the students.

Again, I have taken something away from this and will look at how I can better develop my recap of the 7 rules.

How did the theory test go?

Any helpful tips that you learnt or want to share with them?

The Theory test went well, the students were given clear instructions as to what was expected and what help they can be given. The seating was arranged well and the tests were a mix of Test 1 and Test 2.

How was the content part of the session?

Did they engage the attendees with good stories and examples, cover storage and transport, answer questions, and demonstrate safe direction well?

Yes, excellent student engagement.

_____ had a good mix of humour whilst still getting some great content, stories, examples and demonstrations in.

How do you feel the practical went? Any suggestions?

Excellent. I liked _____ explanation of instant state so much that I will adopt it.

Did they have any great resources that you think everyone could benefit from, or that you'd like to suggest they use?

Given that _____ has been doing this for under a year he doesn't have any additional resources, like I don't feel there was anything lacking.

Any other comments or feedback?

I was very impressed with _____ course delivery. I feel bad that I don't have any comments on how he can improve his delivery, it is quite the opposite, I have taken away loads of points and notes to improve my own course delivery. I very much enjoyed analysing another course and have found this process very beneficial for my own development in this field.

Evaluation Survey Q4

We received a 4.86 out of 5 rating in Q4

Feedback we're proud of:

- Excellent content and real world experience from tutor
- The information was presented in an easily digestible manner, and the practical aspect was done in a safe and intentional way.
- Easy to follow, practical and hands on.
- Great communication and explanation
- {Instructor} was really good got everyone involved and included everyone
- The guy was awesome so thorough and made it so enjoyable and knowledgeable
- Well organised and confident instructors. Content appropriate, delivered clearly in logical progression.
- Top bloke. Very nice and unjudgemental
- The person running it was very clear and helpful, it was good how she talked about the 7 rules before the test
- That the instructor had fist hand experience and clearly explained the importance of gun safety without boring those on the course
- The facilitator was fantastic and made the course extremely enjoyable. He has an amazing knowledge of firearm safety and experience and this comes across.
- Instructor kept to the timing - started at 9am and we finished at 1230.
- It was great- happy that he marked in the day so we know if we passed or not and had the chance to resit on the day
- I liked the hands on training. I find book work easy but get nervous with practical so it was good to have that experience under supervision
- Having completed a FA course years ago, this is a much more complete and practical course. Well put together and exceptionally well presented
- The instructor was very professional and still made it interesting with stories outlining the significance of different rules. He also added a few jokes and was very professional. The instructor was competent and his background and experience was great

Feedback to consider:

- Do it online
- Word some of the questions better
- Make the question easier to read and easier to understand
- The wording of some of the test questions was difficult
- Possibly to add to the manaakitanga- venue provided a cuppa
- A left-handed rifle for us left-handed folks
- Left hand gun would be ideal and more realistic for once license is received
- Needs to be digital test, not paper? Need more notice to book test, availability of courses 😞 sad..
- Practical assessment should be done at a range.
- Maybe live firing at a range
- I noticed some of the left handed people could have used a lefty weapon for the practical.
- If there was a firearm available for left handed people to train with
- There's still ambiguity in the multi choice answers
- Maybe could be longer and go into more depth on some practical firearm use
- Maybe and only maybe the exam with some younger ones in a large group environment is a bit daunting. And varying levels of literacy it can be hard doing and exam in front of others
- It would be nice if you have a training shooting session as well for the first timers who has never used a gun
- The theory test answer paper is poorly designed easy to mix up questions and answer lines ABCD.





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FIREARMS SAFETY PROGRAMME

QUARTERLY REPORT | Q3

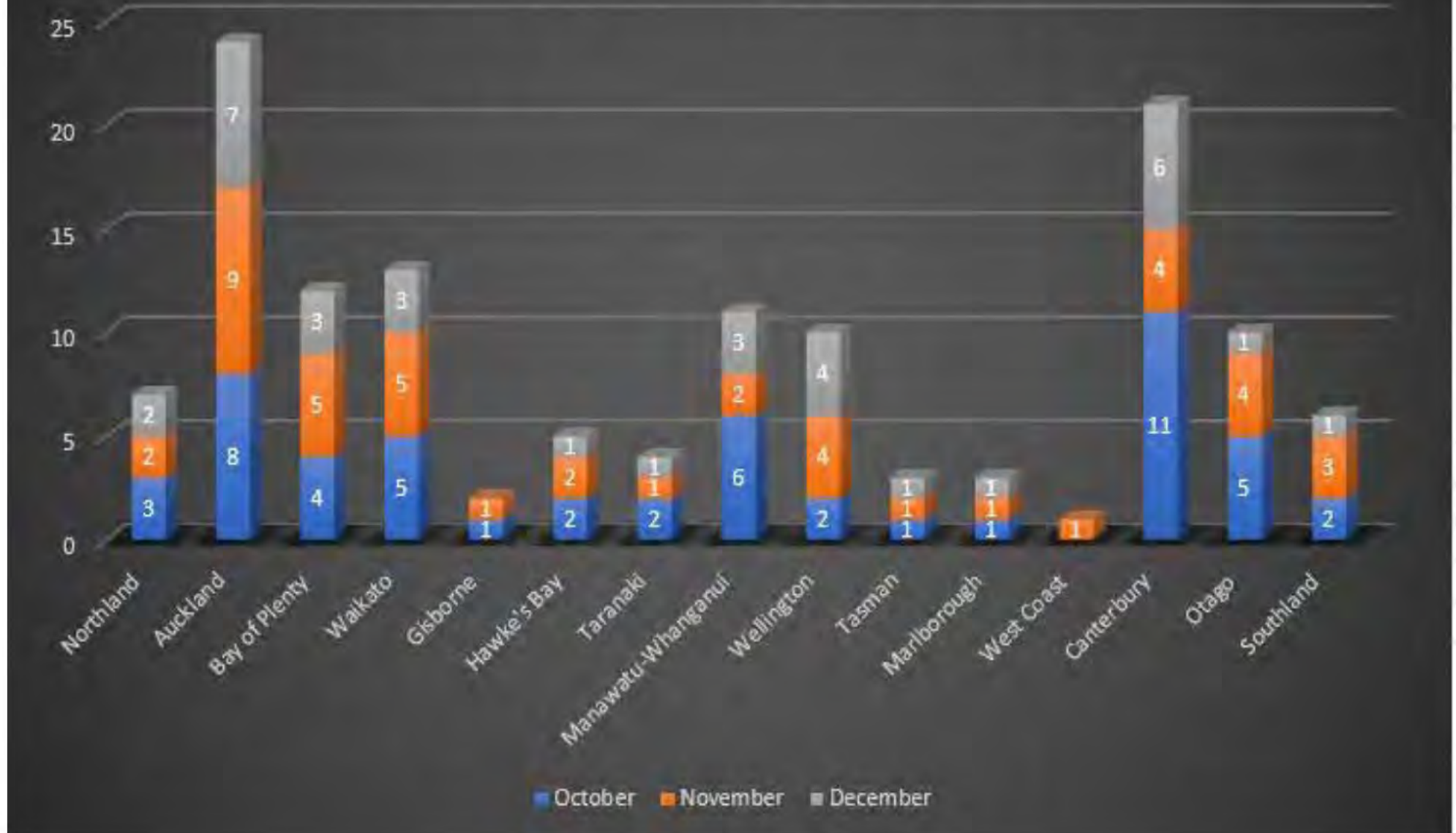
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QUARTERLY REPORT | Q2

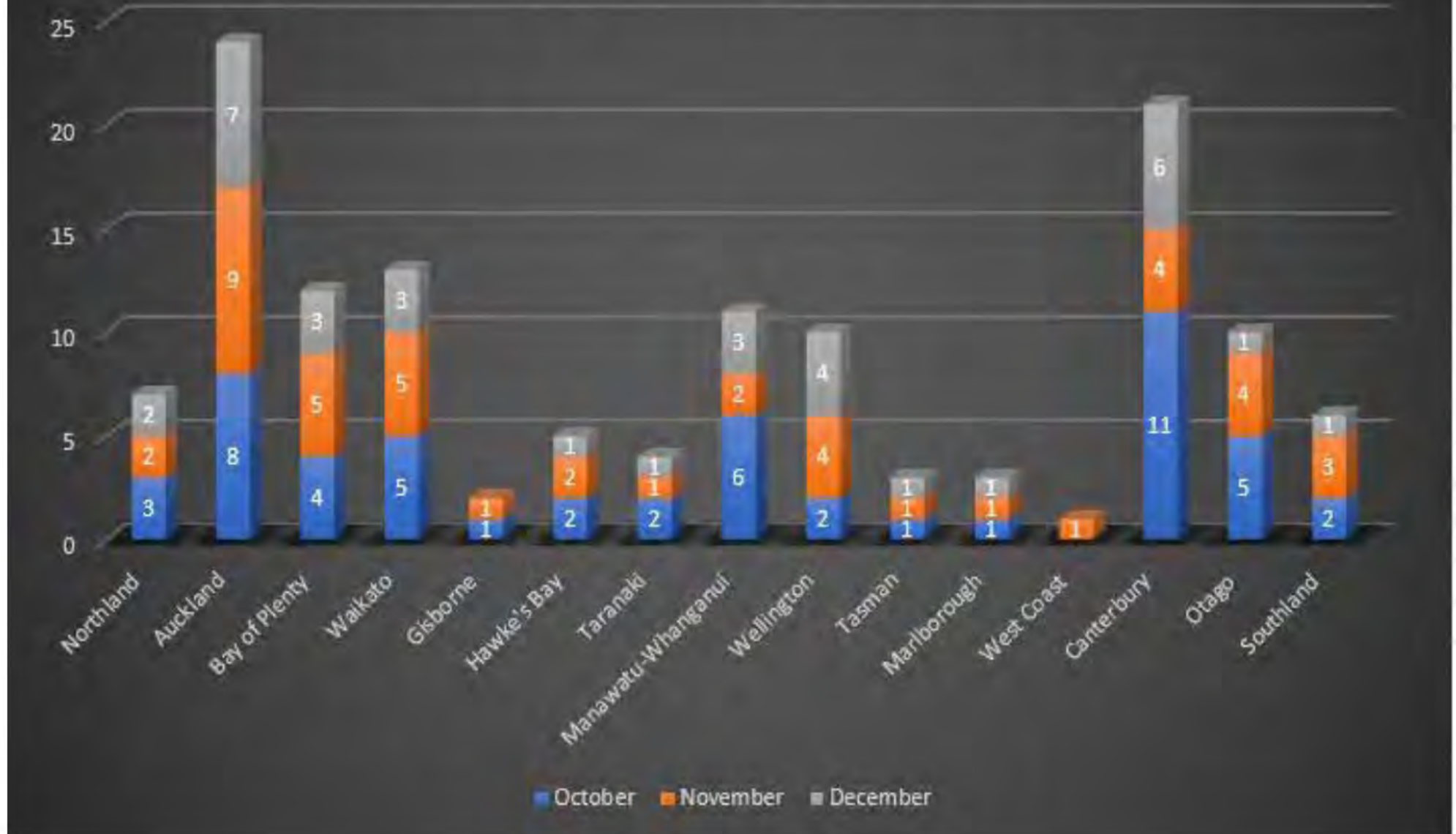
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Peer Moderations

We have completed 5 Peer Moderations, with another 4 scheduled. This will be a focus for February - June for the team.

Participant Feedback

It was a great course and I learnt a lot. I highly recommend our instructor, he was very knowledgeable and is someone who obviously has a passion for hunting and also rifle safety so it was really great having someone with his knowledge teaching us.

You actually need to understand the coarse to pass. Answers aren't just given out during the testing. Gives me some confidence in other hunters when getting out in the bush.

Instructor was excellent. Really liked that he made everyone feel comfortable, kept everything at a good pace. Happy to share stories and advice. Really liked that there were a range of different firearms to see and use.

Excellent instructor who delivered a clear and approachable training program backed by deep experience and knowledge.

The thing I liked most about the training session today was being shown the correct way to use a rifle and to be able to do it safely at the same time which is incredibly important. Our mentor today was very helpful and I really reccomend him

The instructor was thorough and we had a small group which meant we had more time to be involved and learn.

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FIREARMS SAFETY PROGRAMME

QUARTERLY REPORT | Q1

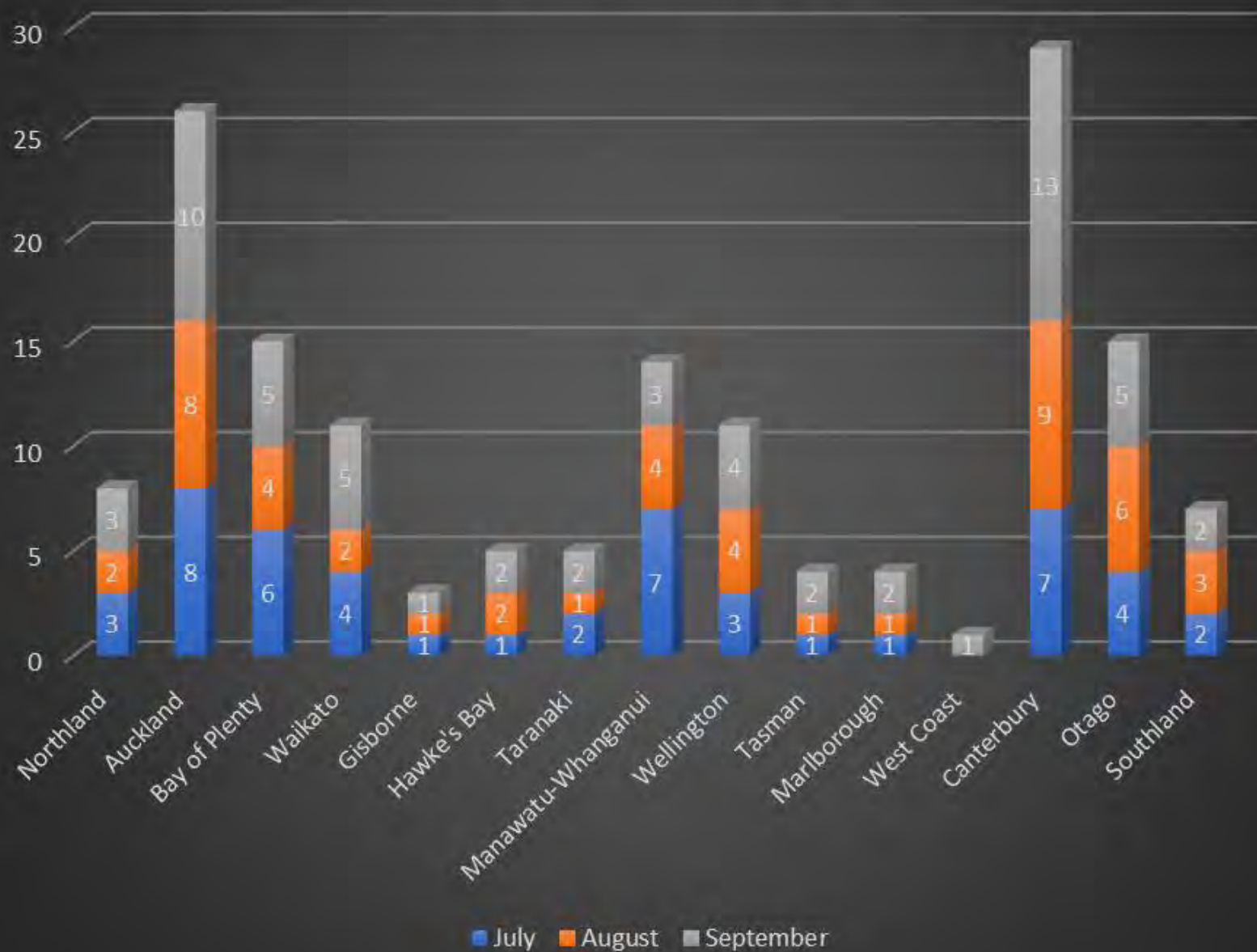
JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

Q1 July/August/September 2023

- In Q1 we delivered 158 courses.
- Total Attendees:1798
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the theory test: 1712
- Attendees who achieved a pass in the practical session: 1787
- For Q1 we were 97.3% full, which is incredible considering we ran an extra 24 classes over our last year totals for the same period. The courses were all full, with cancellations occurring on the day before or day of the course, so the spaces were unable to be filled.



Courses delivered by area in Q1





Course Delivery

For the next quarter we have 145 course scheduled; 16 more than last year. While demand seems to be slowing a little, we load courses two months in advance so readjusting to a lighter demand takes a couple of months. For Q1 & Q2 we will deliver a total of 303 courses, leaving only 230 courses for Q3 & Q4.



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Collateral

We had a great meeting with Kendra and Ewan around collateral and removing our instructors from the distribution list. We are looking forward to the ordering system where they can order what they need.



Peer Moderations

Our Firearms Instructors are struggling to find time for Peer Moderations due to the increased courses being delivered, so we will focus on getting these done in Q3 and Q4.



Course Booking System

We have implemented changes to our reminder emails to help keep Te Tari Pūreke informed of when attendees book/cancel courses.



Instructor Updates

- We have two new instructors; **s 9(2)(a) OIA** in Gisborne to share the load of our existing instructor, and **s 9(2)(a) OIA** in Tūrangi.
- We are about to interview 2 candidates in Whangārei.
- We are recruiting for another instructor in Dunedin to share the course load.



Venues

We've had a few venues double-booking and cancelling our booking so I am talking to instructors to ensure that we book on the basis that we will not be cancelled. We are updating our venue information to include if the venue is wheelchair-accessible.



Professional Development

Upcoming Professional Development Dates:

- Auckland - Saturday 28 October
- Christchurch - Saturday 11 November
- Wellington - Saturday 25 November

Participant Feedback

Great instructor. He was confident, clearly spoken and appropriately humorous in a way that kept the room's attention for the whole duration. His pose-pause-pounce Q&A style made you think about the question even if you weren't called upon to answer.

The instructor was enthusiastic and well versed in what he was teaching, he made very clear concise statements that made it very easy to understand

Excellent facilitator, great step-by-step processes demonstrated that work regardless of firearms type. Good tone set; treating demonstration firearms with respect, without making the setting feel intimidating.

Shane was very inclusive and knowledgeable. It was clear this was not just a job for him, and that he was doing his part to ensure that those coming through the course was getting the best safety knowledge available.

The tutor was knowledgeable, made the information easy to understand, he was happy to answer any questions and he made the whole process stress free. I didn't feel pressured or judged or anything.

I've previously done the course about 4 years ago, but never got round to submitting the paperwork as moved overseas and found it lots better this time around.

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For Q1 we are sitting at a 4.85 out of 5 rating.





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