



June 2017

Unlawful hunting operation

Friday the 2nd and Saturday the 3rd of June I organised a Police Operation targeting hunters in Marlborough.

It was done to coincide with a local, usually heavily participated and well run Woodbourne Pig and Deer Hunt.

Our purpose was to check for those that were hunting unlawfully and those that were out there about to hunt but had no permits. We also wanted to share information with those good hunters on those days and as we expected they totally out-numbered the bad. It was so encouraging speaking to the good hunters and getting support from them.

We also had over-whelming good feedback from locals living in the valleys and rural areas we went to.

We had patrols out overnight and they linked in with fresh patrols the next morning. We also worked with security staff from a local Forestry company.

Our objective was to go where the hunters were going and this took us into many forestry areas and DOC blocks.



We turned away five hunters who had intended going onto either a Forestry block or a Department of Conservation area, none had permits. One had a permit that had expired and was also turned away.



Senior Constable Russ Smith checking on movement in a forestry block.

We are currently prosecuting a man for unlawful hunting, cruelty to an animal and possession of cannabis. This occurred after an investigation into his activities in the outer Sounds.



Stolen firearms

Six Firearms were taken from a property in the Wakamarina Valley a week ago. The burglar targeted the address and only took the firearms. The security cabinet was not as good as it could have been and was made of wood with an average locking system on it. Police will be following up on this aspect of the burglary. Our main priority is getting the firearms back.

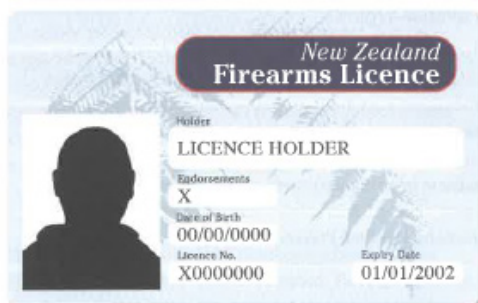
The stolen weapons included:

A Tikka 3m 08 , a .270 Remington rifle known as a 'Bush Pig', a .303 known as a 'Bush' or 'Jungle' carbine, a .22 rifle and a shotgun.

Police located forensic evidence at the scene which we hope will help us locate the offender. If your firearms security is lacking, please get it sorted now. You don't want us to discover it or lose firearms in a burglary.

Renew your licence

If you have a firearms licence – check the expiry date. You must submit your renewal



before the due EXPIRY date 'My advice start the process at least a month before' (I'm going through that process myself now, it is slower than you think) – if you don't get the renewal done on time - it will cost you much more to go through the process. In addition you will not have a current firearms licence.

If you have moved address you must fill out the Firearms Licence - Change of Address form and get it to the Police. Do this as you move or as soon after. You have an obligation to do so. Please check the security of your firearms cabinet and security of all firearms and ammunition.



Stolen ute

The ute above was stolen from a rural property close to Blenheim overnight Sunday-Monday 11th-12th of June.

It's coloured gold and the registration is GUZ272.

If you have information that may help locate it ring the Blenheim Police on 03 578 5279 or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. If you see it being driven ring 111.

Missing stock

Between January and June this year, it's been reported that approximately 350 sheep have gone missing from a property in the Kekerengu area.

The animals are a Romney cross.

It's undetermined what has occurred yet – but we are keeping an open mind.

Check your fences!

Recently a farmer reported that somebody had taken 65 of his sheep from a vineyard he had been grazing in Rapaura Rd.

Police located two sheep dead on the side of the road, clearly struck by a vehicle. About 60 had been seen walking along this main road near the vineyard at 4am. Some sheep were found in a Vineyard across the road. The rest were found approximately 9kms away, having got into the Wairau river and ended up at the confluence of the Waihopai and Wairau river! It appears the sheep had just pushed under the bottom wire of the paddock fence!

Have a great winter. Sergeant Michael Porter, Blenheim Police.