



The Protected Objects Act begins

The Protected Objects Act 1975 has now replaced the Antiquities Act and new forms and procedures are in place.

New Forms

New forms for the Protected Objects Act can be found on our website www.protected-objects.govt.nz. There are a number of changes to the forms, especially the application form for export.

If you cannot access our website, please call us and we will send you copies of the forms in the post.

Public Notices

When the find of a taonga tūturu is notified to the Ministry, it is now required to publish a public notice calling for claims of ownership to be lodged within 60 working days. Public notices will be published in local papers and on our website.

If you wish to lodge a claim for ownership, please contact Ailsa Cain at the Ministry.

Registered Collectors

All registered collectors should have received in the mail a letter informing them of the changes to the Act and a request to send their old certificates back to the Ministry. The Ministry will replace the certificate with a new card that is the size of credit card. If you are a registered collector and have not received this letter, please let us know.

Registered collectors do not have to re-register under the Protected Objects Act.

Licensed Dealers and Auctioneers

All licences issued under the Antiquities Act 1975 for dealers and auctioneers will continue to be valid under the Protected Objects Act until 31 January 2007. As has been the case in the past, dealers and auctioneers will be required to reapply for their licence before 31 January.

A list of all dealers and auctioneers currently licenced to trade in taonga tūturu is on our website.

Nationally Significant Objects Register

You can now apply to have an object you own included on the Nationally Significant Objects Register. Please go to our website for an application form and information on the Register.

Only objects that are deemed to be of such significance to New Zealand that their export would substantially diminish New Zealand's cultural heritage will be accepted on to the Register.

Seminars

Thank you to all of you who attended the Protected Objects seminars last month. A number of interesting points were raised.

Upcoming Newsletters

We will continue to publish a newsletter every month until March 2007 and then will publish quarterly. Over the coming summer months, the newsletters will look at finding taonga tūturu and how to claim for ownership. If there are any topics you would like us to cover, please let us know.

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- call Jo Rees on (04) 499 4229; or
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