

KAIAPOI *Club*

NEWSLETTER



August 2026



MATARIKI, A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Together with KPA (Kaiapoi Promotions Association), the Matariki Ahunga Nui Celebration on Friday, 10th July was a big success. We are proud to be hosting such an important event for the community, and it was amazing to see such a big crowd show up.

We want to especially thank the Nopera family, who generously loaned us a beautiful carving and cloak, made by our very own Corrina and her father, in celebration of Matariki.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I am honoured to present this report for the August 2026 newsletter.

Since returning as President in 2026, it's been a challenging but rewarding journey, full of learning and new connections.

Three major thanks are to be given. Firstly, to the board members for their diligence, attending meetings and helping guide decisions through the 2025/26 year. Secondly, to Megan, who has been an absolute gem since the previous GM resigned and has held things together ever since — quite simply, we wouldn't have a Club without her. Her extensive knowledge of administration, event planning and procedures has been instrumental in maintaining and regrowing the Club, and our office staff under her leadership have worked very well together. And finally, to our staff for their hard work across the bars, meals, and floor — always friendly and hospitable.

I'd also like to acknowledge our section members. Your work behind the scenes is the backbone of this Club, and I'm deeply grateful for it.

Many of you will have noticed changes since the shift in Club management. Some staff have moved on for various reasons, and rosters have been streamlined to better suit the Club's operations, with all staff taking a small reduction in hours as a result.

Looking ahead, hospitality venues everywhere are facing trying times, and the Club is no exception — we're no longer simply a benevolent society, but a business that must be run as one. A big first step has been our Head Chef Jass Singh's new menu, which has been a great success — congratulations to the whole Bistro team for your dedication.

Kaiapoi also remains the only community in the Waimakariri District without a town hall or community centre, making this Club the Hub of Kaiapoi, relied on by many community groups. We remain committed to improving our facilities to the highest standard of comfort and accessibility for all.

With your continued support, I'm confident the Club will keep thriving. Thank you all — here's hoping 2026/27 is a great year at the Kaiapoi Club!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Smart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President



POKER GAMES

NPPL poker runs Monday nights at Kaiapoi Club, 7pm start (registration from 6.30pm), \$40 entry for 2 x 25k chip stacks plus bonuses and cash prizes.

Saturday's game is hosted by FTC, with a 1pm start and \$30 buy-in. The starting stack is 30k, plus a 5k drink chip and 5k food chip.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPDATE

We've introduced a cap of 50 tickets per person, per night. This is all about keeping things fair and spreading the odds for everyone who comes along. Nothing else is changing. Still \$2 a go and a shot at a cash prize of up to \$5,000 cash.

Add a bit of mystery to your Friday night out! Open to Kaiapoi Club members.



BRAIN GAMES

Now fortnightly on Thursdays. Come down with your mates on August 6th and 20th, give the trivia a nudge, and tuck into our Quiz-night special: a full platter for your team, sorted for just \$60.



KAIAPOI ART EXPO & BLACKWELLS WINTER FESTIVAL

The weekend of 18th July was a big one for the Club and all of Kaiapoi. Not only were our doors open all weekend for the KAE (Kaiapoi Art Expo), but on Saturday we also had a great turnout for the Blackwell's Kaiapoi Winter Festival right outside the Club. How good to see the community come to life and to see our space utilized to it's full potential.



MONTH 2026

CLUB SECTIONS

KAIAPOI Club



SHOOTING SECTION IN PREPERATION FOR BODKIN SHIELD

The section travelled to Kokatahi to compete in the annual shoot, for which we will post the results in the next newsletter.

Our next club shoot is in the morning of the 5th August at the North Canterbury Clay Target Club, featuring a fire brigade shoot. In the afternoon we practice ahead of the Bodkin Shield.

The team will then travel to compete in the Bodkin Shield, held in Central Otago from 14th–16th August.

David Capil, *Chairman*





The shooting section is introducing a past& present feature:

PAST & PRESENT: BRIAN SMART

I joined the Shooting Section of the Kaiapoi Club in 2008. In 2009 I represented Kaiapoi Shooting at the Australasian Police and Services Games in North Canterbury: 10 shoots over 5 days, bringing home 7 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze.

I became Vice President in 2012, then President of the Shooting Section in 2014. From there, I set about cleaning things up — forming a committee, cutting out drinking while shooting, rebuilding the club rooms, putting in proper hot and cold running water, and installing a large generator for power. Through all these changes, we put Kaiapoi Shooting Section on the map.

In 2020, the committee applied to have me granted Life Membership of the Kaiapoi Club for my work and commitment to the section. A big honour, and one I'm very grateful for.

Over the years I've spent countless hours organising shoots both home and away, running the section, and creating a great environment for everyone involved. I'm pleased to see David Capil has now stepped up as Chairperson.

Thanks to all the past and present members who've supported the section along the way. Brent, Nigel, Dean, Tania, Big Jim, and the many other committee members and helpers who made it what it has been.

Thank you all,
Brian Smart



DARTS ON TOUR

Our Darts Section competed in the Darts New Zealand Nationals Championship, held from 21–25 July at the Richmond Club.

Recently, the prestigious Alf Franklin Memorial competition was held at the Kaiapoi Club, where our own Jason Dellow (pictured) finished as Runner-Up. Congratulations, Jason!

Mike Scott, *Treasurer and Secretary Darts Section*

RACING AGM 24TH OF JULY

The Racing Section celebrated with a Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner in July, with a great turnout for a night of good food, plenty of laughs, and a few fun surprises along the way.

Our Section AGM will be held on Monday 24th August at 7pm, at the Kaiapoi Club. We'd love to see both our current members and any new faces there — come along, have your say, and cast your vote.

Cheryl Peters, *jack-of-all-trades Racing Section*



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EVENTS C

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2 AGM 10:00am <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	3 Monday Housie 6pm NPPL Poker  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	4 Tuesday Housie  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	5 Balloon Section  Wea Win
9 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	10 Monday Housie 6pm NPPL Poker  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	11 Tuesday Housie  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	12 Balloon Section  Wea Win
16 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	17 Monday Housie 6pm NPPL Poker  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	18 Tuesday Housie  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	19 Balloon Section  Wea Win
23 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	24 Monday Housie 6pm NPPL Poker  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	25 Tuesday Housie  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	26 Balloon Section  Wea Win
30 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	31 Monday Housie 6pm NPPL Poker  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free		

BURST

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel 1pm FTC Poker  <i>Happy Hour</i>
n Burst + n Raffles <i>Wednesday Late Down</i>	6 Thursday Housie Quiz Night	7 Unlock the Box  <i>Happy Hour</i>	8 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel 1pm FTC Poker  <i>Happy Hour</i>
n Burst + n Raffles <i>Wednesday Late Down</i>	13 Thursday Housie	14 Unlock the Box  <i>Happy Hour</i>	15 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel 1pm FTC Poker  <i>Happy Hour</i>
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HAPPY HOURS & DEALS

Wednesday Wine-Down

4:00pm to 7:00pm

All Quarts, RTD's and
Kopiko Bay Wines discounted

Friday Happy Hour

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Happy hour for all members.

Saturday Happy Hour

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Members discount off of all
beverage products.

Sunday Happy Hour

2:00pm to 6:00pm

House Wine glass \$7

Beer Pints \$7

*(excludes Guinness, Panhead, Steinlarger
Cold & Heineken)*

Kids Eat Free

Sundays 5-8pm

KALAPOI CLUB GAMES

Housies

Mondays at 6:45pm

Tuesdays at 11:30am

Thursdays at 11:30am

Balloon Burst

Wednesdays at 5pm

Quiz Night: Believe It or Not

Fortnightly on Thursday at 7pm

Unlock The Box

Fridays at 7pm

You must be a member to attend this
event!

Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel

Saturdays at 4pm. Raffles drawn
5:45pm

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS KEEPING INDOOR BOWLS BUSY

We've been busy with our club championships! Results are as follows:

- Pairs: Bruce Stevenson & Carol Todd
- Fours: Bruce Stevenson, Russell Wards, Charlotte Neeson & Janice Sword
- Marshall Trophy: Russell Wards & Bruce Stevenson

Some of our members also competed in the North Canterbury Allan Petrie Triples, where Noeline Ware, Bruce Stevenson & Mary Wills won 5 out of 6 games.

7 of our ladies also entered the Chartered Clubs Nationals, played at the Hornby Club.

Mary Wills, Secretary and Treasurer



ARTS AND CRICUT AT KAE

On the weekend of 18th–19th July, the Creative Arts / Cricut Section became part of the KAE, held successfully at the Club. A number of members had their artwork on display and for sale as part of the exhibition.

On the Saturday, section members set up in the meeting room to showcase their talents and exhibit their products to the public passing through. It proved to be a worthwhile day for everyone involved.

The photos show the group with their display tables — plus one unexpected "exhibit" that wandered in through the doors — along with one of our members' paintings on display.

David Stuthridge, Chairperson Arts Section



IN MEMORIAM

We were sad to farewell one of our original members, Elaine Stobbe, who passed away suddenly on 14th June.

We extend our sympathies to her husband Peter and the family. Elaine was a treasured member of our group, always bringing enthusiasm and laughter with her. She will be greatly missed.

COME HAVE A HIT AT TABLE TENNIS ON TUESDAY NIGHT

We have three teams in the Inter Club competition: A Reserve Grade, B Grade and C Grade.

A Reserve Grade are leading their division with 8 wins and 1 loss, while B Grade sits mid-table with 3 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw. C Grade sit in second place in their division with 6 wins and 2 losses.

We're travelling to Greymouth on the weekend of August 8th for a reciprocal event, as they came to us last year, and it should be a fun trip to the West Coast.

Kaiapoi players had some success at the recent Canterbury Grade Championships. In A Reserves, John and Rachel won Gold in the Doubles, with John also taking Silver in the Singles, while in B Grade, Peter and Murray won Silver in the Doubles.

We'll also be entering two teams in the South Island Champs, taking place on the 18th & 19th of September in Wanaka.

We invite you to come have a hit!

While the competition side of the club is strong, our casual player numbers have diminished, so there are empty tables available on Tuesday nights for anyone interested in having a hit — you'll be most welcome. All equipment provided.

Shirely Prescott, Chairperson





CUE UP: SNOOKER & BILLIARDS NEWS

Our section members have had a busy year to date. So far, we've maintained our dominance in the snooker competition with Rangiora Club, we're pleased to be introducing new players to the great game of billiards, Interclub Snooker is underway, and we have a number of players consistently representing us at local and national events.

A big congratulations to David Fomm-Ward, 2026 Timaru Classic Champion, for his 3-1 win over Mark Canovan at the end of May, and congratulations also to Louise Kerr (photo), winner of the 2026 NZ Women's Snooker Open, also in May. Roger Nees (photo) won the Intermediate Snooker Plate competition.

Lou also got the upper hand over Michael Beattie in our own Intermediate Snooker Championship on 19 July. We're proud of their efforts and wish them all the best for upcoming tournaments.

If you're interested in meeting a few new people and trying out your skills on the big table, drop by – join us upstairs for a brew, a game of snooker, pins or billiards, and a bit of mostly-friendly banter on Tuesdays.

Club Night starts around 6:30pm every Tuesday. Beginners are welcome. For more info, chat to John Wilson on 027 886 1112.

John Wilson, Secretary

OUTDOOR BOWLS IS READY FOR A NEW SEASON

The Outdoor Bowls Section held its AGM on 16 May, with 27 members in attendance. Ross Bennetts was voted in as our new President.

The Green is wintering well. Kevin and his team recently treated it for moss and star weed, and a group of workers helped in soiling low areas. This has been very successful and has the Green looking good enough to play on. Jeff, with assistance from Bob Columbus and others, has done a great job replacing the top board surrounding the Green. The "Big Tree" has also been pruned by a team of volunteers, so a considerable amount of work has been completed.

A successful Fish 'n' Chip Night was held on Friday 26th June, with approximately 29 members braving the cold. We'll be running another night in July and August, so hope to see you there.

As our new season fast approaches, anyone interested in bowls can contact any of the following at any time:

Ross Bennetts: President 028 4107678

Rosalie Stevenson: Secretary 027 4511150

Jack Taylor: Club Captain 022 4279255

Signing off for the last time:

Mark Freitas, *outgoing Secretary Outdoor Bowls Section*



CARDS SECTION ON A WINNING STREAK

The Interclub tournament is well underway. We play a different club each Saturday for three rounds, with 5 games per round — Euchre and Cribbage. Round 3 has started, and while we're not in the lead at this point, we're managing to hold our own.

We did just win the Manera-Burgess Cup, which Jean Parsons is holding in the photo with many of the other Interclub players. This is a special Interclub trophy contested between Papanui and Kaiapoi. Well done us!

On the 15th/16th of August 2026, Kaiapoi Club's Cards Section is hosting the 31st Clubs NZ National Euchre Singles Championship. 312 players from around New Zealand have registered, with only one player becoming the NZ Champion for 2026. A very exciting weekend ahead for Kaiapoi and the card players.

Jan Burke, Chairperson

Jenny Ellenbroek, Convener



IN MEMORIAM

Jean Parsons passed away in July, just a week after playing her last card tournament. Her fellow players remember her as an absolutely lovely person who had been actively involved with the section for over 30 years. The memorial service will be announced in due course.

35 YEARS THE TRAVEL SECTION

The Travel Section enjoyed their 35th birthday lunch at Suburban 416. There were 34 members in attendance, and each received a small birthday present as a surprise.

There was lots of chatter and lots of laughs!

The section is out and about every month and back in time to the Club on a Wednesday for raffles.

Bob Smith, Chairperson



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Email your Kaiapoi Club stories to comms@kaiapoiclub.co.nz.

Kaiapoi Club newsletters are published during the first week of every month. The submission deadline for the September Newsletter is Tuesday the 25th of July at 5pm.

— TEXAS HOLD'EM —

POKER

*at the
Club!*



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MONDAY

★ ***NIGHTS*** ★

— REGO AT —

6.30PM



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SATURDAY

★ ***AFTERNOONS*** ★

— **1PM** —



— HOSTED BY —

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SEE YOU ON THE TABLE!

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME.



CLUB CARD NEEDED FOR ALCOHOL.