

MAY 2026

KAIAPOI *Club*

CLUB NEWSLETTER



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CLUB UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MENU COMING SOON

We're excited to announce a brand-new menu is on the way! Our team has been working hard behind the scenes to bring you fresh flavours, updated favourites, and some exciting new dishes.

Stay tuned. There's plenty to look forward to!

KAIAPOI *Club* MENU



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Memberships for the previous year expired on 31 March 2026. Visit the Club office to renew your membership for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

We're pleased to let our members know that membership fees will remain at \$30. Keeping membership affordable is important to us, as the Kaiapoi Club continues to be a welcoming space for our whole community to come together, connect, and enjoy everything the club has to offer.

Thank you for being part of our Club family.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hello Kaiapoi Club members,

Welcome to May. We are now in winter and I hope you are all keeping well.

Thank you to all who attended the ANZAC day dawn service by the Kaiapoi RSA and the following buffet breakfast at the Club. We had 121 for the breakfast. This was a wonderful time to come together to remember, and for our younger Club members, to learn what ANZAC day is all about.

We also enjoyed on Saturday night after a great ANZAC Day live music from Lady Lala (Tracy and Sara). Keep an eye out for more entertainment in the coming months.

The Club General Manager, Paul Inwood, resigned from his role at Kaiapoi Club on Friday 10 April. We wish Paul all the best for his future. Our Assistant Bar Manager, Caleb James, and our Food and Beverage Operations Manager, Simon Baker, also left our Kaiapoi Club team in April.

I will be standing in as Kaiapoi Club General Manager in the interim. Alongside our wonderful Office Manager, Megan Morris, and with the direction of the Kaiapoi Club Committee, I am confident that we can make sure that the Club continues to be a community space that all our members can be proud of.

Before any replacement staff are hired, we will be carefully considering what decisions will have the best, most positive impact for our Club and our members.

I would like to thank you all for your support of the Club. I look forward to seeing you all around.

Brian Smart
President

CELEBRATE AT THE CLUB THIS MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday 10 May with us at Kaiapoi Club and make it a day to remember. Enjoy a warm, welcoming atmosphere, great company, and a Mother's Day special prepared by our kitchen for one day only.

Bring the family together and help us celebrate the mums and mother figures who mean so much.



Mother's Day Special

Tender pan seared chicken breast, served on
creamy pea & saffron risotto, finished with a rich
white wine creamy sauce.

\$26.50



HOUSIE THREE TIMES A WEEK

Join us for Housie every week: Monday at 6:45pm, and Tuesday & Thursday at 11:30am. With great prizes up for grabs, including early bird, silent lines, and computer calling, there's plenty of chances to win. Bring your friends along! Open to all.

WIN BIG WITH UNLOCK THE BOX

Unlock the Box is a fun, interactive game that adds a bit of excitement and mystery to your visit! For only \$2 (and you can buy as many tickets as you want) you'll have the chance to choose an envelope (with the key in it) you will then be offered a chance for some incentive cash to NOT take the envelope or if you are game to keep the envelope and see if it unlocks the box, revealing a cash prize of up to \$5,000.

Every Friday at 7pm. Open to Kaiapoi Club members.



MEGA MEAT RAFFLE & FAMILY FUN WHEEL

Join us every Saturday for our popular Mega Meat Raffle, with tickets on sale from 4:00pm and the draw at 5:45pm. Great prizes and quality meat trays make it a favourite each week!

While the adults go in the draw for meat trays, the kids can enjoy the Family Fun Wheel from 4:00pm. For just \$2 per paddle (four spins), there are plenty of fun prizes including lollies, chocolates, stickers, and more.

KAIAPOI ROCK'N'ROLL: UPCOMING WINTER DANCE

The Kaiapoi Rock'n'Roll Club meets every Thursday evening from 7pm upstairs at the Kaiapoi Club. We're a friendly and welcoming group with a passion for rock'n'roll, while also enjoying line and partner dancing.

Membership is \$30 per year, with a weekly fee of just \$2. We regularly host live music and offer lessons suitable for all ages and experience levels.

Our Winter Dance is coming up on 16 May, featuring live music from Flipside, with supper included. Tickets are \$20 per person—don't miss a great night of music and dancing!

For more information, contact Marilyn on 027 537 5679.



KAIAPOI RETURNED & SERVICES ASSOCIATION

This article is dedicated to all of the local community, and surrounds, and to acknowledge your generosity in donating to the Poppy Day Appeal on Friday 17 April 2026.

On behalf of the Kaiapoi RSA, we thank you for your support, generosity, and community spirit in contributing to a very successful Poppy Day Appeal.

The Poppy acts as a visible reminder of the sacrifices made both past and present. It bridges generations whereby we acknowledge the courage of those who served and to honour those who did not return. In addition to fundraising for Veteran welfare, Poppy Day highlights National remembrance and community solidarity.

The critical aspect of the monies donated is that these funds will stay in our local community. These are held in a 'Poppy Trust', which allows our RSA to provide rapid and direct support for welfare needs and to support Veterans of all ages.

Truly amazing Kaiapoi, and we are forever appreciative of your participation, your kindness, and your respect.

Kei Wareware Tatu. Lest We Forget.

Kerry McCabe
Kaiapoi RSA



A LOVE STORY AT KAIAPOI CLUB: BEKAH AND SHANE

Some love stories begin with a swipe. This one began with a dating site, got a second wind when Shane spotted Bekah on Facebook, and somehow found its way to one of the most beautiful gardens in Canterbury, with a good chunk of the Kaiapoi Club family cheering them on.

Bekah and Shane are, of course, two of our own. Bekah has been part of the Club for two and a half years, with Shane following about a year later. Having already found each other before arriving at the Club, Bekah and Shane will tell you that getting to spend their working days together has only made things better.

When Shane proposed, he did it with his mother's engagement ring on his finger. A small detail that says a lot about the kind of man he is. The wedding itself took place in the stunning Edmonds Garden this past March, surrounded by family, friends, and the kind of golden-hour light that makes everything feel like it was meant to be.

The afterparty was held right upstairs in the Riverside Restaurant. What's worth mentioning is that in the weeks leading up to the big day, Shane (our painter, behind every fresh wall and tidy corner in this Club) spent two weeks repainting the entire restaurant.

He didn't just celebrate his wedding at the Club. He made the space beautiful for it first.

Now, as newlyweds, Bekah and Shane are looking ahead, hoping to put down roots in North Canterbury and build a home as naturally as they've built everything else: steadily, together, and with care.

From everyone at the Kaiapoi Club, congratulations, you two. It's a joy to watch two people who give so much to this place find so much in each other.

Here's to a long, happy life together, and to many more evenings in the restaurant Shane painted just for you.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3 <i>Happy Hour</i>   <i>Kids Eat For Free</i>	4 Monday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	5 Tuesday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	6  <i>Wednesday Wine</i>
10 <i>Happy Hour</i>   <i>Kids Eat For Free</i>	11 Monday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	12 Tuesday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	13  <i>Wednesday Wine</i>
17 <i>Happy Hour</i>   <i>Kids Eat For Free</i>	18 Monday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	19 Tuesday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	20  <i>Wednesday Wine</i>
24 <i>Happy Hour</i>   <i>Kids Eat For Free</i>	25 Monday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	26 Tuesday Housie  <i>\$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free</i>	27  <i>Wednesday Wine</i>
31 South Island Golden Gloves Boxing <i>Happy Hour</i>   <i>Kids Eat For Free</i>			

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	2 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel Live Music: Al Park  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	7 Thursday Housie Quiz Night	8 Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	9 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel Live Music: Veranda Cocktail  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	14 Thursday Housie Quiz Night	15 Unlock the Box Live Music: Tracy Rockhouse  Happy Hour	16 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	21 Thursday Housie Quiz Night	22 Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	23 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel Live Music: Reminiscence with Antony  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	28 Thursday Housie Quiz Night	29 Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	30 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel South Island Golden Gloves Boxing  Happy Hour



HAPPY HOURS & DEALS

Wednesday Wine-Down
4:00pm to 7:00pm

All Quarts \$9.50
All RTD's \$7.50
Kopiko Bay Wines \$7.50

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)

KAIAPOI CLUB GAMES

Monday Housie
Mondays at 6:45pm.

Tuesday Housie
Tuesdays at 11:30am.

Thursday Housie
Thursdays at 11:30am.
*This Housie is now run by Kaiapoi Club,
just like Monday and Tuesday Housie!*

Quiz Night: Believe It or Not
Every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Unlock The Box
Fridays at 7:00pm.
You must be a member to attend this
event!

**Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun
Wheel**
Saturdays. Raffles drawn
5:45pm.

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CLUB SECTIONS



MARCHING ON DISPLAY IN RANGIORA

Our display at the Nationals in Rangiora was a fantastic success. The team performed brilliantly and received congratulations from fellow coaches and marchers alike.

On Friday night, the group headed out for go-kart racing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Saturday evening saw some of the team attend the function, embracing the "Round the World" theme in Irish costumes—creating plenty of fun and great memories for all involved.



The Kaiapoi Club Marching Team.

FOR SALE

We are selling one of our 12ft full-size club snooker tables. Sale includes: Table, Scoreboard, Full set of Snooker balls, Triangle, 2x Cross-head rests, 1x Bridge rest, 1x Long cue & 1x Long rest. The cloth is in a playable condition but would likely need replacing for optimum performance.

\$1200 was recently spent on adjusting the cushions, so our efforts will be to your benefit. Table removal (including disassembly) to be arranged by the buyer at their expense. Typical price from professional services is approx. \$920 for break-down / setup if the new location is nearby. Sale by Tender starting at \$800 before 15th May.

Contact Megan (info@kaiapoiclub.co.nz) at the Kaiapoi Club to make an offer or to inspect in person.



RACING SECTION IN METHVEN

Our Racing Section enjoyed a fantastic trip to Methven on 12 April. Leaving behind drizzly Christchurch weather, we arrived to a warm northwesterly day and a friendly welcome from the Methven Raceway staff. A big thank you to Methven Raceway for arranging a room for us in the grandstand—it was greatly appreciated.

Adding to the excitement, two of our members had their names drawn in the on-course “In the Bag” competition. Congratulations to Pauline and Alister, who were both successful in picking the winning bags.

It was another very enjoyable day for all involved. We’ll round out the month with a visit to Rangiora Racecourse on 26 April, where there’s sure to be more great tips, and plenty of cheering from our gazebo as the winners come in!

Cheryl Peters



ENTERTAINMENT IN THE TRAVEL SECTION

Twenty-five Travel Section members were treated to a lively Operatunity Show, packed with 28 well-loved songs, dazzling costume changes, and plenty of entertainment. The outing continued with a relaxed and enjoyable lunch at the Hornby Club, rounding off a thoroughly memorable day.

If that sounds like your kind of outing, be sure to check out the Travel Section noticeboard behind the pool tables. Pay your \$20 section subscription and start making the most of the experiences on offer.

Bob Smith

Travel Section Chairperson



INTERCLUB COMPETITION WITH CARD SECTION

Cards are in full swing now that the Interclub competition has started. We lost our first game to Papanui but it was close so we're still confident of making a full recovery!

Last weekend we sent a team of seven to the National Cribbage Championships held at the Porirua Club. There were just over 100 players so the competition was intense but still had a relaxed flavour to it thanks to the hospitality and enthusiasm of the Porirua organisers and staff. Wonderful!

Our own Bryan Cations was placed 6th overall after the two days of play. Well done Bryan – very proud of you!

Want to play cards? 500? Euchre? Crib? Just let us know and you will be welcomed warmly!

Jan Burke

Card Section Chairperson



OUTDOOR BOWLS

The Section held its Closing Day for the 2025/26 season on Saturday 18 April. Proceedings began at 1:00pm, with Club members competing for the Cliff Cross Trophy. Congratulations to B. McLaughlin, G. Bell, and R. McCarthy, who took out the win.

Following prizegiving, members enjoyed a meal prepared by fellow Club members, rounding off a very enjoyable afternoon.

Kieran Cruickshank represented the Club on the Champion of Champions Day on Sunday 19 April at Belfast, competing in the Canterbury U5 Women's Singles. After a very close match, Kieran narrowly went down to the Mandeville representative, an excellent effort and very well played.

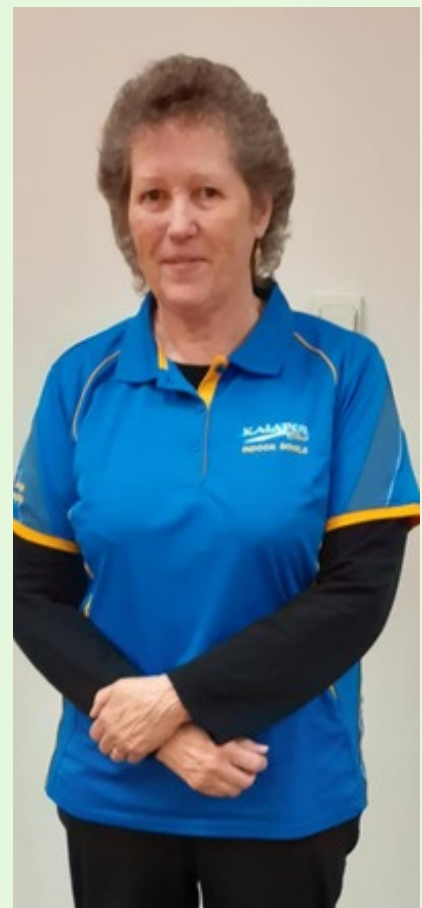
A reminder to all members that the AGM will be held on Saturday 16 May.

INDOOR BOWLS

We are currently busy with our competitions, and last night saw the completion of our Championship Singles. Congratulations to Dianne Wood, who took out the title, with Jenny Gernhoefer finishing as runner-up in a very close and competitive match.

Dianne has also been selected to represent Canterbury in their upcoming match against Buller—an outstanding achievement.

In addition, five of our members have been selected for the North Canterbury representative teams, competing next week against Canterbury Chartered Clubs on Wednesday and Ashburton on Saturday. It promises to be a big and exciting week ahead.



FROM YOUR EDITOR

After writing and designing this newsletter for 15 editions, this will be my last issue in my current role — though I hope our paths continue to cross.

It has been a joy to share the wonderful things that happen at the Club, and I am so grateful to everyone who has shared their story and taken time to read. You are what makes this place truly special.

Please keep showing up and supporting your local Club. Without you, this newsletter (and much more) would not be possible.

With gratitude,
Jade Wilson



SUBMIT TO THE KAIAPOI CLUB NEWSLETTER!

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

Kaipoi Club newsletters are published during the first week of every month. The submission deadline for the June Newsletter is Monday 25 May at 5pm.

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QUIZ EVENTS

**FREE
ENTRY**



**EVERY
THURSDAY
AT 7PM**

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