KAIAPOI Club
NEWSLETTER







October 2026

FROM OUR
PRESIDENT



Again, it is my pleasure to present this report for the October newsletter.

The last few weeks have been hard for the Club Manager, Megan, the Trustees and the Club Board, with the staff restructure and working out where we can save money. However, Megan, Gary and Keith have worked very hard and have managed to turn a profit for the month. Albeit small, it is a big change after a number of months.

In the past month or two I have put out there to members about behaviour within the club. It appears some people just don't want to listen, or read for that matter, and try to make their own rules. This behaviour will no longer be tolerated.

There is also a rumour mill running flat out around other clubs that Kaiapoi Club is insolvent and we are closing the doors. The club is open and trading as normal. We are trying very hard to stop the rumours, so if you hear this malicious gossip, please tell people we are still open and the rumours are false.

Turning a corner
We have quite a few new and returning members in the club.

It's good to see new faces here on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, taking part in our great meals and having a drink. Please make everyone feel welcome and encourage them to join one or more of our sections.

If you have any ideas on what you would like to see run on those days by way of entertainment, please put it in writing and we will get back to you for more information.

You can contact the president at:
president@kaiapoiclub.co.nz

Brian Smart
President

FROM OUR CLUB MANAGER



With the warmer weather starting to arrive, it has been wonderful to see the Club busy and our members, friends and families enjoying everything we have to offer.

We have had strong turnouts at our recent events, including the Saints Boxing Night and wrestling event. These events bring plenty of energy into the Club and showcase our facilities to the wider community.

The past few months have brought plenty of change, and I am very proud of the way our team has continued to work together and support one another. There has been a real team effort across all areas of the Club, and I would like to thank our staff for their hard work, flexibility and commitment.

Our focus now is firmly on looking forward. There is a renewed sense of energy around the Club, and we are continuing to make changes that will help us build a strong, welcoming and enjoyable Club for our members and the wider community. There is still work ahead of us, but by working together and keeping our focus on the future, I am confident we are heading in the right direction.

As we head into the warmer months, we encourage everyone to make the most of what is happening at the Club. Come in for a meal, enjoy a drink, join us for Housie or live music, attend an event and bring your friends and family along. Every visit helps us build a busy, vibrant Club for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to our members, staff and everyone who continues to be part of the Kaiapoi Club. I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Megan Morris

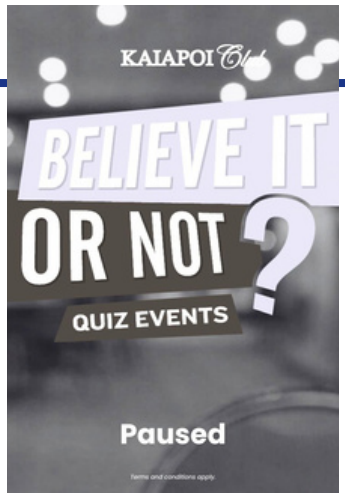
Club manager



LIVE MUSIC IS BACK

It's about time we started hearing some live tunes in the club again! We're happy to announce that we'll be bringing back all your old favourites. Here's what we have lined up for you on Fridays 6-9pm:

2 October: Tracey Rockhouse
16 October: Terry Walls
30 October Reminisce with Anthony
...And many more to come!



QUIZ NIGHT ON PAUSE

After many rounds of trivia, our fortnightly quiz is going on a break indefinitely. We're planning to review the quiz night in the hope of coming back stronger. In the meantime, we don't want the club to go quiet, so we'll be introducing a new Thursday evening activity. A huge thank you to everyone who has come along, and to our Quiz Masters for running the show!



SALE OF THE EXISTING BOWLING CLUB PROPERTY AND A PORTION OF THE REAR CAR PARK

The Trustees intend to proceed with the sale of the existing Bowling Club property and a portion of the rear car park. This is a significant decision and one that has not been made lightly. Considerable research, discussion and consultation has taken place, including consultation with the Club's financial advisors.

After carefully considering the Club's current position and its long-term needs, the Trustees believe this course of action is in the best interests of the Kaiapoi Club and its members, with the primary objective of strengthening our financial position and helping to future-proof the Club for the years ahead.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to info@kaiapoiclub.co.nz.

INTRODUCING HOUSIE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

Starting 8 October at 6:30pm, we're adding a fourth Housie session and our second "evening edition." Housie now runs twice in the morning and twice in the evening:

Mornings: Monday and Thursday at 11:30am
Evenings: Tuesday at 6:45pm and Thursday at 6:30pm





INVITATION TO ROCK N ROLL NIGHT

This is an invitation to come celebrate the graduation of the begginers to Rock N Roll Dancing. This is a **special dance night** for them and all the Rock N Roll Fraternity and Kaiapoi Club members.

- **Saturday 10 October**
- Kaiapoi Club Upstairs Lounge
- $5 entry fee
- 7 to 9:30pm **Tracey Rockhouse** playing live
- Open to all

Pre-dance meal offering: $35, a set 3 choice menu and a dessert included.

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KAIAPOI Club

CLUB SECTIONS









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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDN
4 *Happy Hour* *Kids Eat For Free*	5 **Monday Housie** 6pm NPPL Poker	6 **Tuesday Housie**	7 **Balloon Section** *Wedn Wine*
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CALENDAR

ESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 **11:30 Housie**	2 **Unlock the Box** **Live Music** **Tracey Rockhouse** Happy Hour	3 **Mega Meat Raffle** **+ Family Fun Wheel** 1pm FTC Poker Happy Hour
Burst + **Raffles** nesday Down	8 **11:30am Housie** **6:30pm Housie**	9 **Unlock the Box** Happy Hour	10 **Mega Meat Raffle** **+ Family Fun Wheel** 1pm FTC Poker 7:10pm Bledisloe Cup Happy Hour **Rock N Roll**
Burst + **Raffles** nesday Down	15 **11:30am Housie** **6:30pm Housie**	16 **Unlock the Box** **Live Music** **Terry Walls** Happy Hour	17 **Mega Meat Raffle** **+ Family Fun Wheel** 1pm FTC Poker 6pm Bledisloe Cup Happy Hour
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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

KAIAPOI CLUB GAMES

Housies
Mondays at 6:45pm
Tuesdays at 11:30am
Thursdays at 11:30am
(*From 8 October another Housie on Thursdays at 6:30pm)*

Balloon Burst
Wednesdays at 5pm

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

CARDS SECTION IS DEALT A GOOD HAND

Here's a short update by Jan Burke, Chairperson for the Cards Section.

Another tournament completed. And another placing! The South Island cribbage tournament was held at the Richmond Club on Sunday 6th September. Our own Russell Campbell and Bill Campbell were placed 3rd equal. Well done Russell and Bill!

Our next tournament is the South Island 500s on Sunday 11th October at the Papanui Club. Fingers crossed!

Jan Burke, Chairperson



Are you interested in playing cards — 500, euchre or crib? Contact Jan Burke 027 262 6233.

CHALKING UP THE FUTURE AT THE POOL SECTION

From the Pool Section we're sharing a profile from one of its committee members. Alyssa is the section's secretary and one of our younger voices, and she has some ideas for the club's future.

My name's Alyssa and I'm 17 years old. I first came to the Kaiapoi club 5 years ago to play pool for schools, representing Kaiapoi High School, and it's something that just was right. Since then I have travelled to Junior National tournaments held in Auckland in 2025 and South Island tournaments held in Invercargill in 2024, and I have found a second family in the pool community.

Everyone is kind, caring and encouraging for the next generation of the sport. As well as pool for schools, I play interclub for the Kaiapoi Anchors on Wednesday nights and am proud to say we placed first in Division 3 this year and get the privilege of moving up a division next year. I also have the responsibility of being a part of the pool section committee as their secretary, which means I also get to attend section liaison meetings to speak for the section and also give the junior members a voice in a mainly adult run club.



I would love to see more juniors brought into the club by running a have-a-go day and giving them opportunities to be on the club committee because we need to give the next generation a voice.

Alyssa Burke, Secretary

Interested in getting involved with the Pool Section? Get in touch with Alyssa: 020 419 007 77.

THE OUTDOOR BOWLS SEASON IS OPEN

Rosalie Stevenson, the new Outdoor Bowls Secretary, reports on the passing of two valued members Randall McDonnell and Jack Becks as well as the successful opening of the season.

In memoriam

It is with regret that we acknowledge the passing of two of the Section's Life Members.

Randall McDonnell joined the Outdoor Bowls in 2006 and quickly became a valued member of the Section, serving as Secretary for many years. He was a driving influence in the successful celebration of our centennial in 2016. Randall was made a Life Member in 2023 and will be sadly missed.

Jack Becks was the club's longest-serving member. Jack joined the Section in 1968 and was still active playing bowls in 2026. He had a very successful bowling career and acted as the Club Coach for many years. Jack was made a Life Member in 2017.

Seasons start

On Tuesday, 8 September our Club was invited for a friendly game of bowls at The Sterling Retirement Village in Kaiapoi.

Twelve bowlers along with 4 supporters made up our team. The sun shone, and everyone was eager to play. The sideline was outnumbered by the Sterling residents who pulled up a chair. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, with plenty of jovial banter, laughs and comments such as 'Oh no... What happened there... did you see that... it was the wind!'

The games concluded with a sausage sizzle, a drink, debriefing and more jovial conversation awaiting the results and thank-yous. Even though we will take the...

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...win, it was the friendships and conversation shared over that time together with both teams that made the day a success.

The highlight of our month has been our Open Day on Saturday 19 September. The green was in perfect condition, the weather shone on us, and current members, along with a few new members, were keen for a 'roll-up'. Mary Wills rolled the Jack, and John Greengrass rolled the First Bowl. Forty-two members on the green, with more supporters on the sideline, enjoyed two great games of bowls played with plenty of good-natured competition, laughs and socialising.

At the conclusion of the games, the clubrooms became a hive of activity, as members shared the stories and enjoyed the BBQ sausages and salads. What a wonderful way to start off the 2026/27 season.

With Club roll-ups started on Tuesday 22 September and Interclub not far away, we look forward to seeing many more members out on the green.

Rosalie Stevenson, Secretary

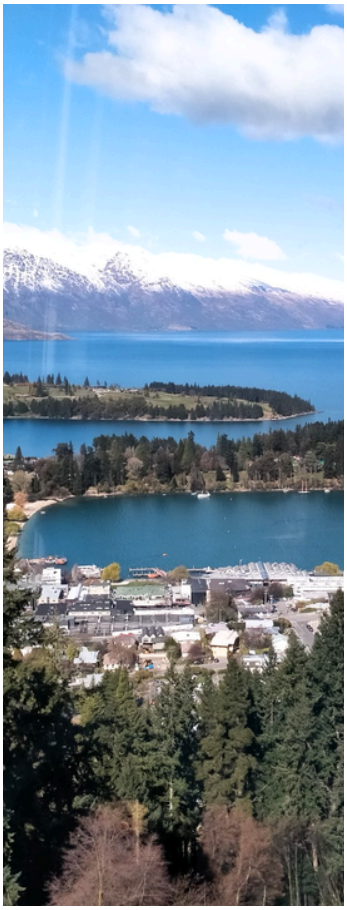




Couldn't make it to the Open Day, but still interested in playing outdoor bowls? Give Ross Bennetts, Chairperson, a quick call on 028 410 7678.

THE TRAVEL SECTION IS LIVING UP TO ITS NAME

Find out what you missed out on and why you'd better join soon in Bob Smith's update for the Travel Section.



Our September outing was a 6-day trip for 12 members down south, with overnight stays in Tekapo, Cromwell and Dunedin.

We visited the Wanaka Transport and Toy Museum at Wanaka Airport, went onto the TSS Earnslaw in Queenstown, and rode up the gondola to get the best view of the snow-covered mountains and that magnificent lake.

In Dunedin we finished off with a guided tour of Larnach Castle.

A very successful trip.

On Thursday 22nd October we are going to the Operatunity show 'Let's Twist Again', followed by lunch. See the noticeboard behind the pool tables.

Bob Smith, Chairperson





Don't want to miss out on these amazing outings? Join the Travel Section! Call Bob Smith 021 111 5534.

A FEW LAST NOTES FROM OUR CLUB MANAGER...

We're happy to announce that our head chef Jass, will be back early this month to bring the bistro back up to the high standards we like to hold ourselves to. Look forward to some fresh ideas for the warmer months!

Behind the bar, there are fresh ideas brewing too. Corrinna will be launching some bar specials soon.

You might also have heard some buzzing in the bistro. We've brought back the buzzers on Monday to Friday afternoon 4pm. This allows us to provide a more streamlined service during the quieter parts of the week. Table service will continue over the weekends, when the Club is at its busiest.

Every family meal and night out helps us get back on our feet, and the Kaiapoi Club is for families and kids especially. Bring the whole family!

Oh, and don't forget to come and watch the Bledisloe Cup:

- Saturday 10 October, 7:10pm
- Saturday 17 October, 6:00pm



SORT YOUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION WITH US

It's October, which means the holidays are creeping up on us. The Sunken Lounge is a atmospheric, cosy space that's perfect for a tea-time Christmas or New Year's celebration. It's the kind of room that does half the decorating for you. Watch the sun go down, enjoy a couple of platters, and let the night find its own pace.

Book an inspection before you book the room for your holiday celebration. Walk the space, picture your event, and talk pricing with our team.

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

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