

Kaiapoi History

Kaiapoi prior to Europeans arriving, was one of New Zealand's most important trading posts for food (kai) and greenstone (pounamu). The most efficient way to travel was by water, all manner of resources were transported along waterways on their way to or from Kaiapoi, including: pounamu from the Arahura River, titi (muttonbird) from the islands around Stewart Island / Rakiura, and obsidian from Mayor Island / Tuhua.

Kai (food/resources) would need to be poi (swung in) from other places hence the name Kaiapoi which it is said can be translated as a metaphor for "economics". It was described to me that Kaiapoi was like the Wall Street of New Zealand.



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Local Events

Lantern Festival - 19th - 30th July
Art Expo - 24 - 25th July
Fire and Ice - 23rd July
Spring Festival - 13th - 19th September
Party in the Park - 19th September
Light party - 31st October
Christmas Carnival - 4th December
Strawberry Fair - Kaiapoi Food Forest - 11th December

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"Locals Tips" for things to do in Kaiapoi

- Cruise on the **River Queen** with your friends or family on scheduled sailings or book a private function for your work or social club adding on the catering option that suits your needs.
- **Kaiapoi Food Forest**, ideal for picnics and foraging for fresh seasonal fruit, veggies, berries and herbs.
- Love shoes visit **Shoe Therapy** and **The Footwear Outlet** you will not be disappointed with the selections.
- **CBK Kaiapoi** Craft Beer & Kitchen is famous for its Skillet Cookie, a great dessert after one of their stone grills.
- Visiting the Ruataniwha centre, home of the library, museum and **Art on the Quay** which hosts exhibitions of local art is always a great idea during inclement weather or a lazy day.
- **The Collective** local and community artists and crafts people that have products from recycled, up cycled, natural hand made Maori art and pounamu products and much much more.
- There is wide range of eateries in town, Mongolian, Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Thai, European cuisine, Sushi, Teppanyaki - plus loads of takeaways, something for everyones taste.
- Each of the local cafes have their own unique feel ie. **Paris for the Weekend** for their lovely hand baked scones and high teas, located just by the river in the old railway station, **Red Eight** is famous for its great cabinet food & sweet treats, **Rivertown cafe**, spacious family friendly and yummy food, **Coffee Culture**, delicious snacks and desserts accompany a great range of hot and cold drinks, **Urban Revival** Freshly baked muffins and scones each morning. Fully licensed and with 5 beers on tap and a selection of local wines.
- **Blackwells Department** store, a family business since 1871 with a wonderful selection of goods from fashion to fishing and everything in-between.
- **Craze** fashion sale rack is always worth browsing through, The **Kaiapoi Florist** and **Love your Home** filled with a wonderment of loveliness, if you are into Op shopping you have lots to chose from in Kaiapoi.
- **Woodford Glen** operates between October to March if you love the smell of fuel and loud engines roar around the track.
- Trouselot park, Skate park, Playground, Rose garden wonderful for the kids to play and have fun.
- Walking or biking head down either side of rivers stop bank "local tip" electric bikes can be hired at **Five Peaks Brew Co.** You will find Obelisks decorated by local artists, lakes filled with birdlife, Honda Forest, from the Manderville walking bridge you may see people hiring boats from **Kore boat hire**, rowers on the river an abundance of natures beauty.
- **Kaiapoi Farmers Market** - Saturday mornings opposite New World, next to Paris For The Weekend

Enjoy discovering Kaiapoi

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