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## CHAIR'S CORNER

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Welcome to the twelfth round of the Men's Central League, as we host Phoenix Reserves. A warm welcome to our opponents, their supporters, and, of course, our loyal Petone FC supporters.

Our Women's 1st Team are in Palmerston North today for their 11th round game and currently sit at the top of the Women's Central League. Their final position will likely be shaped by two key away games in mid-July, when they travel to Karori and Wellington United, the other contenders for the league title.

Our Des Smith Ray White Men's First Team have enjoyed a fantastic Chatham Cup run, reaching the last 16 for the first time in many years. We have drawn Napier City Rovers at home on 4 July, with a 2pm kick-off, so be sure to come along and help build our home advantage with loud support for the boys.

The boys come into today's game with momentum after a strong 2-1 win over FC Western in New Plymouth last week. Phoenix Reserves will provide another tough test, especially after our 1-1 draw in the first round — a game many felt we deserved to win. With home advantage and strong support behind them, our lads will be looking to deliver another committed performance.

With the season now just over halfway through, here is a snapshot of where our teams currently sit:

Men's 1st Team	Men's Central League	7th
Men's Reserve Team	Men's Capital Premier	5th
Men's Development Team	Men's Capital 3	2nd
Stonecutters	Men's Capital 3	7th
Argh Me Knees	Masters 1	2nd
Rampage	Masters 3	6th
Stew's Leftovers	Masters 4	2nd
Mighty Dreamers	Masters 6	3rd
Left Over Stew	Masters 6	7th
Women's 1st Team	Women's Central League	1st
Women's Reserve Team	Women's Capital Premier	2nd
Flaming Pickles	Women's Capital 1	6th
Sunshine	Women's Capital 3	1st (Won promotion to Capital 2)

Special congratulations go to the Petone FC Sunshine. Just 1½ years after forming, they have earned two promotions and will now play in Capital 2 for the next nine games of the season. We wish them every success as they take this exciting next step.

Good luck to all teams and players this weekend. We hope our supporters enjoy the football — COYB.

Matt Bliss

Petone FC Chair

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At Powerex, we've always believed that strong communities are built on strong partnerships. That's why our support of Petone Football Club goes far beyond sponsorship signage — it's about actively contributing to the people and families who make the club what it is.

Football clubs are the heart of local communities. They bring people together, create opportunities for young players, and provide a place where lifelong connections are made. As a proud supporter of Petone Football Club, we wanted to find a way to give back that creates real, lasting value — not just for the club, but for its members too.



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## A WIN FOR THE CLUB

Every installation through this campaign doesn't just benefit the homeowner — it directly supports Petone Football Club.

For every solar system installed, Powerex will donate **two solar panels** to the club. These contributions will help offset the club's energy costs over time, allowing more resources to be directed where they matter most — players, facilities, and the club's future.

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## WHY WE'RE DOING THIS

At Powerex, we work across electrical, solar, security, and energy solutions every day — but at the core of what we do is people.

This initiative is about:

- Supporting the club that supports its community
- Helping members take control of their energy future
- Creating a long-term, sustainable impact

We see this as more than just a promotion — it's a partnership that grows stronger with every installation.

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# THE COMMENTATOR'S CALL

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For what feels like an eternity since the Men's First Team last played a Central League game at Memorial Park — 56 days to be exact — a lot has happened in the football world, locally, nationally, and internationally.

Not unlike the Premier League, the Dettol Central League has, more than ever, become a league within a league. The top sides — Wellington Olympic, Miramar Rangers, Napier City Rovers, and Western Suburbs — have broken away from the rest of the competition, not just this season but for a number of seasons now, with 2023 the exception, when our PFC Boys clicked into another gear and got what we deserved.

There are plenty of arguments and discussions about why this has happened. Some point to money paid to players, others to coaches and academies. Facilities come into it as well, and all of those points have an air of truth about them.

So where does Petone sit in all this? At the start of the season, we all hoped that Petone would be competitive with a young, largely inexperienced side. With no relegation this season, it is an opportunity for Sam, in his first season as coach, to build a team that we all hoped would be the 'Best of the Rest'.

That has been harder to achieve than many may have believed. Upper Hutt have done the double on us, and late heroics from Luka Siegel got us three points against Wharfies, while Harry Lamont's late header earned us a point against last week's opponents, Phoenix Reserves. Doing the double over newcomers FC Western was expected and duly achieved.

The arrival of Xavier Coleman is welcome. I've been a fan of his style for a couple of years, but the loss of MJ Des Tombe to Island Bay was disappointing. Success often breeds success, and success attracts players.

Against that backdrop, the Chatham Cup run has been a real bright spot for Sam and the team. The difficult away win against Seatoun was an excellent result, and having already run Napier close in the league, there is no reason to be overawed by them next week.

That makes the prize even bigger. Reaching the last eight for the first time since 1995 would be invigorating, exciting, and a reward for all the effort Sam and his team are putting in, not just on game day but also in training.

If we can get past Napier and even dream of going as deep as that 1995 run, it would give Sam real confidence to build on for the 2027 Central League, which should be very competitive, to say the least.

For Petone, this is the kind of moment that can shift belief. A win over Napier would not just extend a cup run, it would show that this young side is moving in the right direction. Go Petone, and go the All Whites.



— Paul Ollie Olsthoorn, *Petone FC Men's Commentator*

## SANDRA PICKERING

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Sandra Pickering — long-time club member and wife of Life Member Phil — passed away after a brief illness on 11 May.

She was a loving mother to Jordan, Tina and Angela, mother-in-law to Claire, Alfonso and Paul, and 'Sanma' to five grandchildren.

Sandra played for our women's first team from 1980 to '95. Unfortunately, the records don't tell us how many games she played. She also represented Wellington as a goalkeeper from 1981 to '84 and at the under-18 level in 1982.

She was our women's Most Improved Player in 1981 and, in 1984, was awarded women's Best & Fairest, jointly with her lifelong friend Janice.



As well as playing, she managed our women's first team in 1988 and was assistant coach to Phil in 1991 and '92.

Away from the field, she served on our Women's Management Committee for several years, including as Treasurer in 1983-85, and was on our Management Committee in 1991. She has also been a key contributor to two recent Strategic Review groups.

Her sister, Susan, played football at Petone and served on our Women's Management Committee.

Sandra was also instrumental in securing substantial funding several years ago, enabling investment in several areas of the club.

Our thoughts are with Phil and all of Sandra's family.

*Produced by Ray Bell.*

*This article first appeared in our match-day programme on 23 May 2026.*

# PETONE FC EVENTS CALENDAR

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## SATURDAY, 27 JUNE:

*\*Please bring cash & coins for the races and games!*

### Petone FC Horsie Night

Betting, music, and a great time! It's a night of racing, games, prizes, and plenty of fun, all while helping support the club. \$10 per head. 6PM Start. Plus All Whites match from 3PM!

## SATURDAY, 18 JULY:

### Petone FC Senior Quiz Night

The annual community event invites members, supporters, and teams to the clubrooms for a social evening of trivia, raffles, and prizes.

## SATURDAY, 08 AUGUST:

### Petone FC Bingo Night

Our Annual Bingo Night—a fun evening of games and prizes raising vital funds to support our Women's teams.

## SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER:

### Petone FC Senior Prizegiving

The end-of-season event to celebrate the achievements of all senior men's, women's, and social football teams.

## FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER:

### Petone FC Golf Open

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# Men's Capital Premier

Saturday, June 27 | 10.45 am | Memorial Park

## Petone Reserves

GK (1)	Luke McKinnel
GK (22)	Shea Stapleton
2	Luke Piper (C)
3	Josh Deacon
4	Blake Arkinstall
5	Alif Kusuma
6	Will Grantham
7	Anthony Jensen
8	Ethan Nash
9	Leo Gunn
10	Alistair Morris
11	Cooper Dawson
12	James Glover
13	Matt Beaton
14	Luke Grindlay
15	Rereao Grace
16	Aiden Doran
17	Sam Holloway
18	Matias Munoz
19	Liam Boyd-Smith
20	Declan Street
21	Cooper Davidson
23	Harry Graham
24	Sharmake Axmed
25	Finn McGrath
26	Cohen Fabish

Coach	Connol Modd
Coach	Benn Dawson
Manager	Robin Holloway
Physio	Habit Health

## WPX Academy Men's U18

GK (6)	Cameron Podbury
5	Liam McMaster
14	Cruz Pietersen
16	Jack Clegg
33	Kaleb McLeod
34	George Fullelove
41	Arlie Loughnan
43	Cailean Hamilton
47	Grayson Cattle
49	Gethyn Foster
53	Zach Cashmore
64	Joe Zaturowski
67	Arlo Hanning
71	Finnbarr Hanrahan
72	Fionn Howard (C)
75	Grayson Lunman
81	Bosley Dome
84	Dylan Tollervey

Head Coach	Cameron Grieve
GK Coach	Ed Harding
Manager	Steven Janes
S&C	Raffaele Moro
Physio	Sam Wilkins



## Match Officials

Referee

Gregory Binning

RayWhite

## Men's Capital Premier Matches

1	Sat, 28 Mar	Upper Hutt City	Home	4-0	Jensen, Boyd-Smith 2, Gunn
2	Sat, 4 Apr	WPX Academy Men's U18	Away	1-3	Own Goal
3	Sat, 11 Apr	Wellington Marist	Home	2-2	Gunn, Dawson
4	Sat, 18 Apr	Waterside Karori	Home	1-0	Gunn
5	Sun, 26 Apr	Miramar Rangers	Away	4-0	Boyd-Smith 3, Jensen
6	Sat, 2 May	Greytown	Home	1-8	Boyd-Smith
7	Sat, 16 May	Wellington Olympic	Away	1-3	Gunn
8	Sun, 24 May	Western Suburbs	Away	1-1	Doran
16	Sat, 30 May	Te Kotahitanga	Away	1-2	Dawson
9	Sat, 6 Jun	Upper Hutt City	Away	2-2	Graham, Piper
10	Sat, 20 Jun	Wellington Marist	Away		
11	Sat, 27 Jun	WPX Academy Men's U18	Home		
12	Fri, 10 Jul	Waterside Karori	Away		
13	Sat, 18 Jul	Miramar Rangers	Home		
14	Sat, 1 Aug	Greytown	Away		
15	Sat, 8 Aug	Te Kotahitanga	Home		
17	Sat, 22 Aug	Wellington Olympic	Home		
18	Sat, 29 Aug	Western Suburbs	Home		

## Men's Capital Premier Table

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	GD	Pts
Wellington Phoenix U18	10	10	0	0	34	7	27	30
Wellington Olympic Reserves	10	9	1	0	45	10	35	28
Greytown	10	8	1	1	44	13	31	25
Upper Hutt City Reserves	10	6	0	4	19	14	5	18
Petone FC Reserves	10	3	3	4	18	21	-3	12
Miramar Rangers	10	3	1	6	18	37	-19	10
Wellington Marist	9	2	2	5	13	23	-10	8
Petone FC Reserves	11	2	0	9	11	41	-30	6
Wellington Marist	10	1	2	7	18	32	-14	5
Upper Hutt City Reserves	10	0	2	8	12	34	-22	2

# Dettol Men's Central League

## Saturday, June 27 | 1.00 pm | Memorial Park

### Des Smith Ray White Petone

GK (1)	Luca Siegel
GK (22)	Shea Stapleton
2	Alfie Crookston
3	Nick Drayton
4	Blake Chandler
5	Jake Powell
6	Hami Paranihi-Nuku
7	Ta Eh Doe
8	Lucas Jelley
9	Daler Tokhirov
10	Xavier Coleman
11	Ashtun Lake
12	Ollie Pickering (C)
13	Matt Beaton
14	Luke Grindlay
15	Leo Gunn
16	Joshua Apaapa-Preston
17	Alif Kusuma
18	Jarden Parata-French
19	Liam Boyd-Smith
20	Alex Davies
21	Cam Healy
23	Harry Lamont
24	Jared Eglinton
25	Aiden Doran
26	Olen Juru
27	Anthony Jensen
28	Declan Street

Head Coach  
Asst Coach  
Asst Coach  
Asst Coach  
GK Coach  
Manager  
Asst Manager  
Physio

Sam Pickering  
Luis Corrales  
Connol Modd  
Benn Dawson  
Nick Stanton  
Gavin Siegel  
Steve Eglinton  
Habit Health

### Wellington Phoenix Reserves

GK (1)	Joseph Chalibi
GK (22)	Liam McMaster
2	Daniel Nelson
3	Kyle Koch
4	Dylan Gardiner (C)
5	Jesper Edwards
7	Phillip Azevedo
8	Hayden Thomas
10	Fletcher Pratt
11	Luke Mitchell
12	Grayson Lunman
13	Ryan Lee
14	Willem Des Tombe
15	Marcus Commisso
16	Jack Clegg
17	Athan Thompson
18	Cailean Hamilton
19	Mac Munro
20	Joe McIntyre
21	Ben Trenberth

Head Coach  
Asst Coach  
GK Coach  
S&C Coach  
Physio  
Team Manager

Josh Neff  
Mingi So  
Ed Harding  
Ben Maunsell  
Sam Wilkins  
Justin Raffan



### Match Officials

Referee	Ashton Davenport
Asst Referee 1	Russell Underwood
Asst Referee 2	Maximillian Arntsen

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## Dettol Men's Central League Matches

1	Sat, 28 Mar	Upper Hutt City	Home	0-2	-
2	Sat, 4 Apr	WPX Reserves	Away	1-1	Lamont
3	Sat, 11 Apr	FC Western	Home	5-0	Pickering 2, Lamont, Marti
4	Sat, 18 Apr	Waterside Karori	Home	2-1	Lamont, Lake
5	Sat, 25 Apr	Miramar Rangers	Away	1-4	Lake
6	Sat, 2 May	Napier City Rovers	Home	0-1	-
7	Sat, 9 May	Western Suburbs	Away	0-1	-
8	Sat, 16 May	Wellington Olympic	Away	1-5	Lake
9	Sun, 24 May	Island Bay United	Away	0-2	-
10	Sat, 6 Jun	Upper Hutt City	Away	0-2	-
11	Sun, 21 Jun	FC Western	Away	2-1	Gunn, Parata-French
12	Sat, 27 Jun	WPX Reserves	Home		
13	Sat, 11 Jul	Waterside Karori	Away		
14	Sat, 18 Jul	Miramar Rangers	Home		
15	Sun, 2 Aug	Napier City Rovers	Away		
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## Dettol Men's Central League Table

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	GD	Pts
Wellington Olympic	11	8	2	1	31	10	21	26
Napier City Rovers	11	8	2	1	27	7	20	26
Miramar Rangers	11	8	2	1	25	8	17	26
Western Suburbs	11	6	3	2	20	9	11	21
Upper Hutt City	11	5	0	6	16	21	-5	15
Island Bay United	11	4	0	7	17	25	-8	12
Petone FC	11	3	1	7	12	20	-8	10
Wellington Phoenix Reserves	10	2	2	6	10	13	-3	8
Waterside Karori	11	2	2	7	10	27	-17	8
FC Western	10	1	0	9	6	34	-28	3

# COACHING AND MANAGEMENT STAFF FOR 2026

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## CLUB DIRECTORS, COACHES AND MANAGERS

Sam Morrissey	Director of Football
Sam Pickering	Director of Junior and Youth Football
Jack Morrissey	Director of Junior Football
	Development Centre Coordinator
	Head of Foundation Football
	TDP Head Coach
Julia Harrison	Women's Administration Manager
Ryan Leman	Analyst

## MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Sam Pickering	Head Coach
Luis Corrales	Assistant Coach
Connol Modd	Assistant Coach
Benn Dawson	Assistant Coach
Steve Eglinton	Manager
Gavin Siegel	Manager

## MEN'S RESERVES

Benn Dawson	Coach
Connol Modd	Coach
Robin Holloway	Manager

## MEN'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Richard Kerr-Bell	Head Coach
Nate Freeman-Butler	Manager

## WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

Sam Morrissey	Head Coach
Karl Moresi	Assistant Coach
Sarah Duffin	Goalkeeping Coach
Jodie Agent	Manager
Nick Chong	Strength and Conditioning Coach
Josua Deacon	Strength and Conditioning Coach

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## WOMEN'S RESERVES

Rachel Finlay	Head Coach
Richard Arkinstall	Assistant Coach
Julia Harrison	Manager

## JUNIOR ROLES

Caelin Patterson	Girls Development Officer
Luca Siegel	Goalkeeper Coach
Joshua Deacon	Strength and Conditioning Coach
Laura Morrissey	First Kicks Coordinator

## UNDER 17 DEVELOPMENT – BOYS

Aiden Doran	Head Coach
Oliver Pickering	Assistant Coach

## UNDER 17 DEVELOPMENT – GIRLS

Caelin Patterson	Head Coach
Ellie Johnson	Assistant Coach

## UNDER 15 DEVELOPMENT – BOYS

Luke Piper	Head Coach
Cameron Healy	Assistant Coach

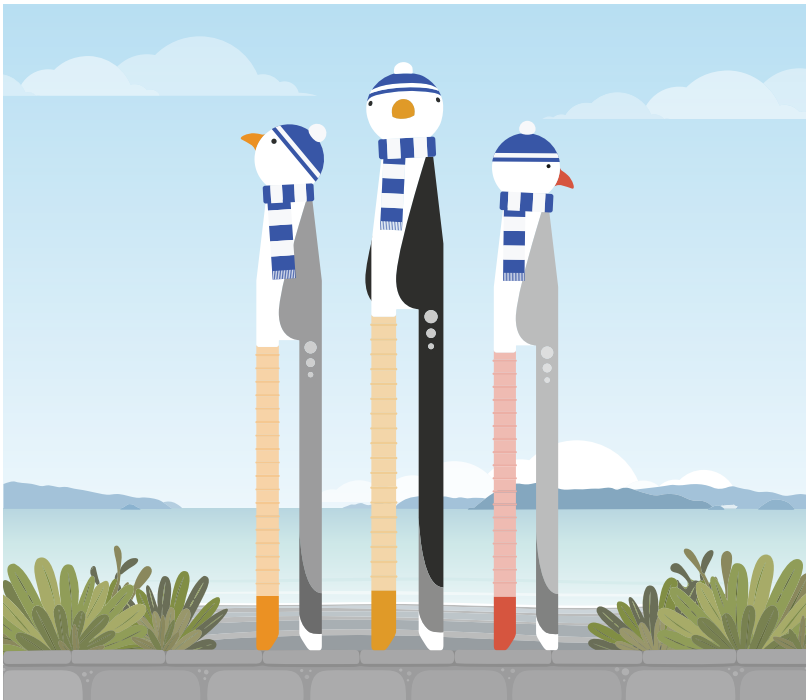
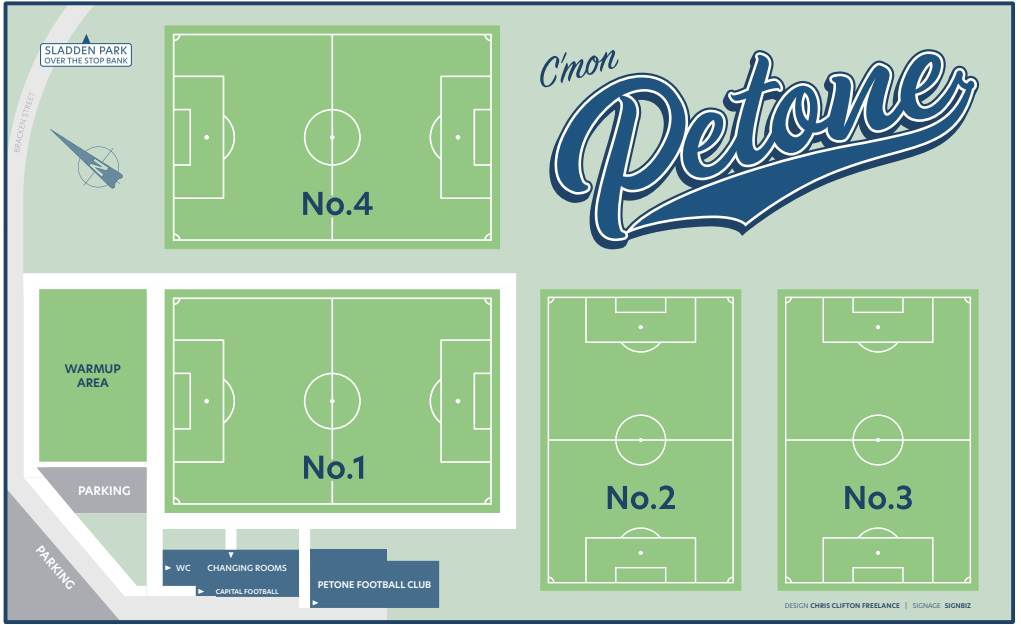
## UNDER 15 DEVELOPMENT – GIRLS

Kate Marra	Head Coach
Joshua Deacon	Assistant Coach

## UNDER 14 DEVELOPMENT – BOYS

Jack Morrissey	Head Coach
Luis Corrales	Assistant Coach

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Tania Jorgensen  
Rose Martin  
Jack Morrissey  
Laura Morrissey  
Michael Page  
Grant Tansley  
Tina Whalen  
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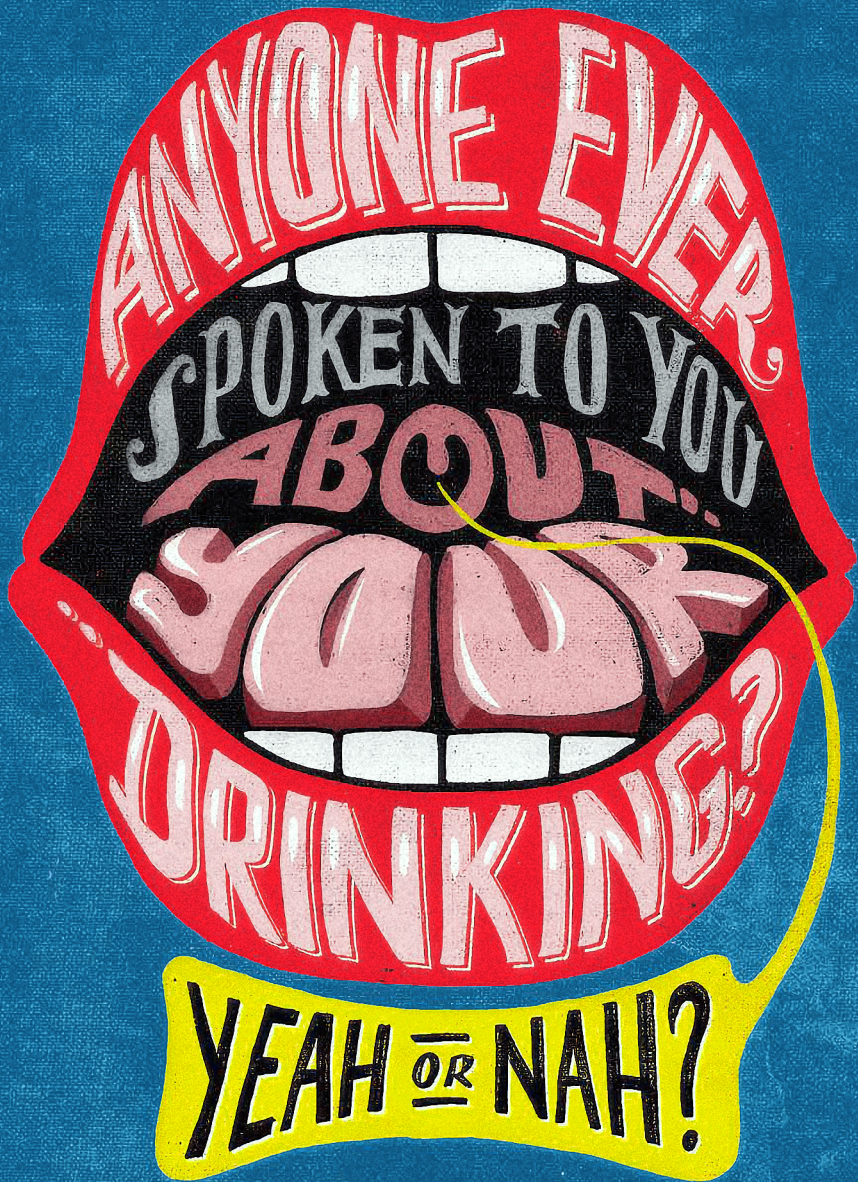
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- Alcohol can only be consumed in our lounge or balcony. It MUST NOT be taken outside of these areas.
- Our licence does not include BYO. Please leave your own alcohol chilling in your fridge at home.
- Don't be offended if we ask for proof of age. We can only sell alcohol to people over 18 years old (16 or 17 if your legal guardian is with you, but they must purchase the drink for you).
- Your turn to buy the round. Get in before the 'Last Drink' call. We will only sell one drink per person.
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## KITCHEN HOURS

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The opening hours are subject to change depending on the schedule of events at Memorial Park.

### **Closing Hours**

The kitchen remains operational on busy nights until 6:30 PM; however, it will close after the speeches.

### **Kitchen closed?**

You can purchase frozen pies from behind the bar, and one of our friendly staff can heat it for you.

If you would like to book our club for a special occasion, please email [tina@petonefootball.org.nz](mailto:tina@petonefootball.org.nz).



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*If you haven't registered yet, please do so as a non-playing member! Registration grants you exclusive access to club news and bar services, compliant with our liquor license. Simply scan the QR Code and choose 'Other' as your role when filling out the form.*

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# HAIL! HAIL! PETONE'S HERE

*Hail! Hail! Petone's here,  
What the hell do we care,  
What the hell do we care,  
Hail! Hail! Petone's here,  
What the hell do we care now!*

*For it's a grand old team to play for,  
And it's a grand old team to win,  
And if, you know, the history,  
It's enough to make your heart go oh, oh, oh, oh!*

*We don't care what the other side say,  
What the hell do we care,  
For we only know,  
That there's going to be a show,  
And Petone supporters will be there!*



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