

KAIPO “KYPES” HEKE



MEET KAIPO

Kaipo Heke, known simply as “Kypes”, is a versatile actor and musician and a proud Ngāpuhi Māori from New Zealand.

He has a background in the armed forces and bodyguarding, but is a fun-loving, gentle giant at heart. Kypes brings this multifaceted nature to his roles; presenting as equally loveable or menacing.

Since beginning his screen acting career in 2020, Kaipo has been keeping consistently busy. His cast roles credit *The Bluff*, *Boy Swallows Universe* and *Young Rock*.

When not working, Kypes can be found writing songs, drawing cartoon superheroes, rebuilding old motor vehicles, and singing with his son’s band.



MEASUREMENTS

HEIGHT
188cm

TOP
4XL

PANTS
42

SHOE
14

HIPS
120cm

WAIST
150cm

CHEST
147cm

HIGHLIGHTS

Professionally acting for over 5 years, Kaipo has been regularly working, collecting a number of cast role credits across film and television.

A notable career highlight of Kaipo's is when he played the role of Ezra in the award-winning television mini-series *Boy Swallows Universe*. Kypes enjoyed getting to act with the likes of Travis Fimmel, Ben O'Toole, Lee Tiger Halley, and Logie & AACTA awards winner Felix Cameron.

One of Kypes's personal career highlights includes working on the TV sitcom *Young Rock*. Portraying the role of The Sultan in season 2, he enjoyed getting to work alongside incredibly talented actors like Uli Latukefu, Brett Azar and Joseph Lee Anderson.

The movie star treatment Kypes received from having his own trailer helped to offset the broken ribs he received from his role; it's safe to say that he remembered the shoot for weeks after! He still thinks back on this time fondly.

Kaipo's other cast role credits include the role of Harbour Master in the film *The Bluff*, and a role in the upcoming feature film *Allen*.



Boy Swallows Universe - TV Series



Young Rock - TV Series



The Bluff - Feature Film



Boy Swallows Universe - TV Series



Instant Scratch-Its - TVC

COMMERCIALS

In the last few years, Kaipo has been featured in over half a dozen commercials for many trusted and well-known brands. Some of these include *Instant Scratch-Its*, *Supercheap Auto*, and Queensland Government.

Stockland Halcyon - TVC



SKILLS & LICENCES

As a Defence Force veteran and bodyguard, Kaipo brings his lived experience and skills to the screen.

- Current Security Weapons Licensed
- Ex-military with high level Army ordinance experience
- Winner of combined forces (NZ Police & Armed Forces) shooting competitions.
- Trained in Unarmed Combat
- Film Industry Weapons Shoot Certified
- Theatrical weapons safety and performance training (undertaken Oct 2025)
- Previous experience in Personal Protection and as an International Bodyguard.
- Currently Licenced Heavy Multi Combination Driver.



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