

Shannon Katipa has been a full member of NZChefs for many years and was an Executive member of the New Zealand Chefs Association until the 30th of July 2018. At this time, due to personal reasons, he relinquished his role on the NZChefs board and has not been an active member of the Association since. During his tenure, Chef Katipa upheld the code of conduct of the Association where his actions were seen to be ethical at all times.

In recent news articles, the Association acknowledges that Chef Katipa is pictured wearing, the NZChefs Trademark logo on his Chefs Jacket. The Association has asked for removal of this image and has been unsuccessful in this request.

NZChefs wishes to reiterate that our association stands and expects from its members and community of practice; professional behaviour that integrates integrity and passion for the culinary arts and, they, do not undertake any actions that places themselves outside of the law. With this connotation NZChefs does not condone Chef Katipa's actions as reported.

Further comment on this matter will only be provided by the Association President Hughie Blues.