



Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.
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"The Thumbs Up Adventure Club is a social and active group of people who enjoy living life to the fullest"

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David Verrall
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April - May 2026

BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street,
Auckland

Friday 1 May 2026 at 8pm

As this film has such amazing scenery, stories and footage, it is not just for people who enjoy cycling. These short films are a great reminder of why we love to ride our bike; with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all stories that inspire us to get out and ride. Because club members have been attending this event for the past 10 years, we have reserved seating arranged for us.

Further details: Optional dinner at 5.30 pm at Elliott St Stables Foodcourt before the movie.

Cost: Approx \$24.00 per person TBC. Dinner at your cost

Pay by: latest Friday 24th April into the TUAC bank account no: 12-3014-0118011-00. Please let me know when you have paid.

Confirm by: 24th April and let me know if coming for dinner.

Contact: Libby Lyver



HOWICK LITTLE THEATRE – THE LAMPLIGHTERS

Lloyd Elmore Park, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Pakuranga

Saturday 16 May 2026 at 8pm

Three detectives, one unsolved case.

In a remote Cumbrian farmhouse, three former detectives reunite on the Anniversary of a murder case that still haunts them. When they are joined by a determined young crime writer who is unwilling to let the past lie, old loyalties splinter and buried secrets start to surface.

As mist closes in and the night deepens, their friendship falters and, after 10 years, the truth may finally emerge. Contains strong language and adult themes.

Further details: Optional dinner at 6pm at the Marina Thai restaurant, Shop C5/1 Ara-Tai Road, Half Moon Bay.

Cost: \$30.00 with super gold card. Adults: \$33.00 (plus booking fee).

Pay by: At time of booking when I purchase your ticket.

Confirm by: Friday 8th May 2026

Contact: Janice Calvert



DINNER AND CARD EVENING

The Landing Hotel, 2 Onehunga Harbour Rd,
Onehunga

Sunday 10 May 2026

Dinner at The Landing restaurant followed by a 5 Crowns card evening upstairs. Teams to be organised on the night. If you haven't played these games before, help will be given to anyone wanting to learn. There is plenty of free parking.

Further info: Dinner at 6:00 pm. Check out their food choices.

<https://thelandingonehunga.co.nz/menu.xhtml>

Cost: Dinner at your expense.

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Contact: Libby Lyver



NIGHT TROTS

Alexandra Park Raceway,
Cnr Greenlane West Rd &
Manukau Rd, Greenlane

Friday 22 May 2026 from 5.30pm

Come along and enjoy the experience of Night Trots with us.

Have a fun night and hopefully pick a few winners.

Further details: Meet at the Lyell Creek Room on the First floor which has a good view of the track and an excellent Restaurant and Bar. I have booked a table for us.

Confirm by: Thursday 21 May 2026

Contact: David Verrall



FAREWELL LUNCH FOR HELENE HARPER

Bodrum Kitchen (Mediterranean)

The Brickworks,

3058 Great North Road, LynnMall, New Lynn

Sunday 24 May 2026 at 12.00pm

As some of you will know Helene is leaving Auckland to relocate to Christchurch to be with her family. Helene has been a valued member of the club, and she has contributed to the committee for many years. As Secretary she has been tireless and energetic.

I propose that we organise a farewell Sunday lunch for her, with all the members welcome.

- The club will pay for Helene's lunch and drink
- Members will pay for their own lunch and TUAC will give them one complimentary drink

Confirm by: 20th May 2026

Contact: Joy Jordan

AGM

Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau St, Remuera

Wednesday 27 May 2026

From 5.30pm to 9pm. Come along to support your club and catch up with other members. A la Carte from 5.30 pm. Please order in enough time to finish dinner before the meeting starts at 7pm. Guest speaker 7.30 pm. Deborah Yates-Forlong, writer and traveller. A raggle-taggle life on the road, lived by a young woman of the 60's counterculture. After a childhood of upheaval and political awakening in Aotearoa, she sets off on intrepid adventures with a hardy, outgoing English traveller, having two babies under challenging circumstances and eventually settling in rural France.

There will also be a door prize run by Roger Jordan after this.

Further details: Check A la Carte menu online at <https://remueraclub.co.nz/bar/> and scroll down to main course. Vegetarian and gluten free options available.

Cost: Dinner at own cost. One drink paid for by the club. Collect your drink ticket at Sign In desk on entry and present to the bar staff.

Pay by: Dinner payable as you order on the night.

Confirm by: Wednesday 20th May 2026

Contact: Joy Jordan

Libby Lyver

VIVID LIGHT FESTIVAL

Circular Quay Sydney

Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June 2026

Expressions of Interest sought

Vivid Sydney is an annual festival held in Sydney, Australia. It includes outdoor immersive light installations and projections as well as performances by local and international artists.

See link <https://www.sydney.com/en/visiting-sydney>
Vivid planning for the 2026 festival. Exact dates for each event are not yet published but we have chosen 3 days, but the festival runs from 10-12 June. I can also suggest other walks, visits to local landmarks and more.

Further details will be published after Vivid publish all events. Some festival events are free and some are free. Follow link below for info on the 2025 festival.
<http://www.vividsydney.com/programs>

Costs: Various costs for certain events (to be determined). Flights and accommodation at your cost. Plenty of advance notice being given to be able to get cheap airfares if interested in coming.

Pay by: Details to be advised early 2026

Confirm your interest by 5th October

Contact: Laura Cunningham



SECRET MUSEUM TOUR

Auckland Museum

Sunday 14 June 2026

As per Museum's website:

See what's tucked away in the basement of the Museum.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance to explore the underground world where many of our treasures are stored. Your guide will reveal how we look after our priceless collections and how they are kept safe for future generations. This is a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes and see how museums protect and care for their precious objects when they are not on display.

Further details: Meeting time is 10am.

Meet at the white arrow in Te Ao Mārama South Atrium of the Museum at 10.00am. As this tour goes into the basement of the Museum, it is not possible for latecomers to join the tour. **Please arrive in plenty of time.**

Confirm by: ASAP for booking numbers

Cost: \$30.00 per person. \$27.00 per member.

Contact: Jean Wardle



FOR SALE

Tent sleeps 3. Very good condition.

Price: \$25.00

Contact: Helene Harper



JOKE

A certain country was ruled by a dictator who was very paranoid. He rarely appeared in the public; he preferred to send one of his many doubles.

One day, the enemy attacks the palace. The survival of the dictator is in question. The doubles await news, trembling in fear. If the dictator dies, they would be no longer useful, and with all the secrets they know, the new regime surely wouldn't let them live.

Finally, they are called into a conference room. One of the dictator's chief advisors enters.

"My dear doubles!" he says. "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that our beloved leader has survived the dastardly attack, and so, your services are still very much required."

The doubles collectively sigh with relief.

Then a big man with an axe enters the room.

"Now for the bad news," continues the advisor. "He lost an arm..."

EVENTS

And while we are talking about events, if there is something that you would like to suggest as an event, or even think you would like to organise yourself, speak to one of the Committee. They would love to hear your idea and even help you get it into the newsletter. The club exists because there are people who want to socialise with others and have adventures.

PHOTOS FOR THE WEBSITE

If you have any photos from any TUAC events, we would love to see them on our website in our photo galleries. You can email these to Ian Ashurst E: ashurst.family@xtra.co.nz who will upload them onto the website gallery. You will need to let him know what event they relate to and if you can give each photo a title, this can be loaded to accompany the photo. You will also need to send him a short, written version of what the event was about. For ideas on what this looks like, check out previous galleries. It does not have to be too involved as there is limited space for this. It should just be a precis of how much fun you all had!

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

If paying your subs, enter invoice number in payment details. You do not need to put your name in the details fields, as this is automatically displayed when using internet banking. Deposit cheques into the club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby (libby.lyver@gmail.com) the same information.

BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT FOR ANY EVENT, CHECK WITH THE EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

Non-members may attend some club events. Members have priority and a surcharge may be applied to non-members. Contact the event organiser directly to make a booking for any event.

If you have confirmed to go to an event where the ticket is prepaid by the organiser, or accommodation booked, pay by the due date. The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away.

If accommodation has been made for you by the organiser, it is your responsibility to either pay the whole amount, or find someone else to take your place

If you cannot attend on the day, advise the organiser immediately, as they may have people wishing to attend.

INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER: If you introduce a new member and they join the club you will get a credit of \$10 on your next TUAC membership renewal account.

LIABILITY: "I acknowledge and accept that neither the Thumbs Up Adventure Club ("the club"), nor any other party associated with any activity arranged by or through the club shall have any responsibility for any liability, financial or otherwise, which might arise whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death which might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in any event or its related activities."

Any queries regarding an event please get in touch with the event organiser only.

Do not use the Hotmail account as this is NOT monitored frequently