



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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July - August 2025

TAKAPUNA WINTER LIGHTS

Waiwharariki ANZAC Square
38 Hurstmere Road, Takapuna
Saturday 26 July 2025

(Session 1 from 5.00pm to 7.00pm)

The festival runs from Thursday to Sunday.
We have chosen Saturday Session 1.

Takapuna as you normally don't experience her, this much-loved family festival will once again transform the heart of the North Shore into a glowing wonderland of light, music, art and performance. Curated by internationally renowned light artist Angus Muir, the 2025 festival will blend cutting-edge creativity with community spirit, featuring immersive installations, interactive zones, and activations across Hurstmere Green, Hurstmere Road, Potters Park, and Waiwharariki Anzac Square.

Cost: Free. Dinner afterwards at your cost if anyone is keen, there are many restaurants in the area.

Confirm by: Saturday 19 July 2025

Contact: Joy Jordan



DINNER AND CARD EVENING

The Landing Hotel, 2 Onehunga Harbour Rd,
Onehunga
Saturday 9 August 2025

Due to popular demand, we will have another Five Crowns card evening with dinner at The Landing Restaurant followed by cards. Teams to be organised on the night. If you haven't played this game before, it is quite easy to learn, and help will be given to anyone wanting to give it a go. There is plenty of free parking outside. If you do not want to come for dinner beforehand, just for cards, we will start playing at around 7.30 to 8:00 pm.

Further info: Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Cost: Dinner at your expense.

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: Monday 4 August 2025 (let me know if you are coming for dinner)

Contact: Peter Fleming



CHICAGO – The Musical

Bruce Mason Theatre, Takapuna
Sunday 3 August at 6pm

Directed by Kiwi creative institution Michael Hurst, this brand-new production will boast a fully-professional cast of international and New Zealand singers, dancers and actors, who will bring all the glitz, glamour and scandal of 1920's Chicago to life like never before. A night club singer, a double-murderess, a smooth-talking lawyer and a cell block of sin.....Featuring one showstopping song after another including "Razzle Dazzle", "Cell Block Tango" and "All That Jazz" and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen.

Further details: Optional dinner afterwards at a restaurant to be advised closer to the time.

Cost: Tickets from \$99.50 to \$142.50 (plus booking fee).

Confirm by: A.S.A.P.

Pay by: Immediately after I have confirmed purchase of your ticket into the TUAC account: 12-3014-0118011-00.

Contact: Janice Calvert



WORLD PRESS PHOTO EXHIBITION

Smith & Caughey's Building,
Queen Street, (Elliot Street entrance)
Saturday 9 August 2025

Visit the World Press Photo Exhibition 2025 on it's world-wide tour, showcasing the stories that matter with photography from the 68th annual World Press Photo Contest.

Presenting the results of the 2025 World Press Photo Contest, this annual exhibition showcases the best and most important photo-journalism and documentary photography of the last year. The winners were chosen by an independent jury made up of 31 professionals from around the world who reviewed more than 59,320 photographs entered by 3,778 photographers from 141 countries

Further details: Meeting time to be advised.

Cost: \$20.00 (seniors reduced fee)

Pay by: At the latest Friday 2nd August into the TUAC bank account no. 12-3014-0118011-00.

Confirm By: Thursday 24 July 2025

Contact: Joy Jordan



PICKLEBALL

The Y Sir William Jordan
Recreation Centre,
5 Pearce Street, Onehunga

Friday 15 August 2025 at 12.30pm

Pickleball combines a badminton court, tennis net, paddles and wiffle ball. Come along and have some fun trying out this very popular game.

Further details: All equipment provided at their indoor courts. A game usually lasts between 10 - 15 minutes for casual play & we have access to the court for 2 hrs. Rules for the game are first to 11 points (win by 2 points). I have never played before and look forward to giving it a whirl, but most of all having some pickleball fun!

Coffee or lunch option afterwards.

Meet at 12.15pm.

Confirm by: Monday 11 August 2025

Cost: Pay on the day. \$10.00 (for court and paddle).

Contact: Jean Wardle



HIKE/WALK IN WAITAKERE'S UPPER NIHOTUPU

Sunday 7 September 2025 –

10am start at track

This is a 4km out-and-back trail (return same path). It takes an average of 1½ hrs to complete. The all-weather track is mostly flat, only uphill in a few places.

Further details: Take the Piha Road off Scenic Drive and park on the left in a small parking area by a gate. (Due to weather part of Scenic Drive is closed for a further 6 months – there is a detour down Shaw Road off Scenic Drive. (Carpooling to be advised closer to the time.)

Bring: Water and wet weather gear in case of light rain and wear suitable footwear for gravel track. Also bring a lunch snack and maybe a thermos for a short stop at picnic area before heading back to carpark – weather permitting.

Confirm by: Wednesday 3 September

Cost: Walk is free – but any other food/drink purchases at your cost.

Contact: Jean Wardle



DIVA-SPECTACULAR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

Auckland War Memorial Museum –
Auckland Domain

Sunday 24 August 2025 at 10.30am

DIVA – is a dazzling celebration of artists who captivated audiences around the world. This spectacular international exhibition features over 280 show stopping costumes, fashion, photography and music. **DIVA** explores the ambition and artistry of some of the most legendary performers in history such as Gaga, Rihanna, Bjork, Billie Eilish and many more.

Upon arrival you'll receive a slick black headset with music from Divas such as Aretha Franklin, Dolly Parton, Adele, Amy Winehouse, John, Ella Fitzgerald, Prince and Beyonce. As you wander the galleries the headsets will play performances by individual diva for an iconic soundtrack. After the exhibition we will meet in the museum café for lunch or a snack at 12.30pm.

Cost: \$25.00. Seniors \$23.00. Lunch your cost.

Confirm by: Sunday 10 August or earlier. Make payment into the TUAC account: 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Helene Harper



A CENTURY OF MODERN ART Auckland Art Gallery

Sunday 14 September 2025

On loan from the Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio, *A Century of Modern Art* offers a sweeping survey of the visionary painters who transformed modern art.

The collection includes 57 iconic works by 53 artists, such as Claude Monet, Edgar Degas and Vincent van Gogh, and premier examples by pioneering artists of the American and European avant-garde. *A Century of Modern Art* traces the birth of modern painting, beginning with the Impressionists in the 1860s, and follows its evolution through all the key movements.

The exhibition includes works by Paul Cezanne, Edgar Degas, Helen Frankenthaler, Édouard Manet, William Merritt Chase, Amedeo Modigliani, Berthe Morisot, Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Camille Pissarro, Robert Rauschenberg, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Vincent van Gogh, James McNeill Whistler, among others.

A Century of Modern Art showcases the diversity and innovation that defined modern art movements. From the emotive brushstrokes of Van Gogh to the evocative landscapes of Monet and Rauschenberg's bold abstractions, these works not only revolutionised Western art history but continue to inspire new generations.

Further details: Meet at 12 noon for lunch (optional) then on to Gallery at 2pm.

Cost: Seniors \$25.50

Confirm by: Friday 15 August

Contact: Roger Jordan or Joy Jordan



MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER – RIALTO CINEMA

167 Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 31 August 2025

Further details: Movie to be advised closer to the day. Meeting time also to be advised once movie is chosen. Meet in the upstairs foyer.

Optional dinner afterwards.

Pay by: On the day.

Confirm by: Saturday 30 August 2025

Contact: David Verrall



GOMIL (GRUMPY OLD MAN IN LYCRA)
Bruce Mason Centre, The Promenade,
Takapuna

Saturday 27 September 2025 at
7.30pm

One of New Zealand's biggest theatrical success stories is back in the saddle! Following the phenomenal popularity of *MAMIL* (Middle Aged Man in Lycra), which played to over 70,000 people across the country, comes its laugh-out-loud sequel: *GOMIL* – Grumpy Old Man in Lycra. And this time, it's going national.

From the comedic genius of writer and director Gregory Cooper (*MAMIL, That Bloody Woman*) and starring Kiwi acting royalty Mark Hadlow ONZM (*King Kong, The Hobbit, SNAG*), *GOMIL* is primed to bring a fresh wave of laughter, Lycra, and life's mid-life absurdities to 14 cities throughout New Zealand in a major national tour kicking off this September.

After a critically acclaimed, sold-out debut season in Ōtautahi Christchurch, *GOMIL* is shifting gears and going full speed ahead across Aotearoa. Audiences who laughed (and winced) along with the unforgettable antics in *MAMIL* will now follow the journey of our favourite cyclist as he faces a new life stage: grumpier, greyer, and still clad in way too much Lycra.

Hadlow, one of the country's most beloved performers, reprises his role with impeccable comic timing and emotional depth, bringing to life a story that's not only hilarious, but also touching, timely, and unashamedly relatable.

Whether you're a weekend warrior, a reluctant spouse, or just someone who enjoys watching others sweat the small (and stretchy) stuff, *GOMIL* is a must-see. This show digs deep into the world of ageing men, fragile egos, friendship, family, and the undeniable need to keep moving—no matter how creaky your knees may be.

Get ready to laugh, reflect, and maybe even wince in recognition as *GOMIL* pedals its way across the country this spring. It's more than a show—it's a celebration of growing older (and slightly wider) with humour, heart, and a healthy dose of spandex.

Further details: Optional dinner beforehand at a restaurant to be advised closer to the time.

Cost: Between \$79 to \$99 plus booking fee. Have bought a few tickets in B Reserve at \$79 plus fees so contact me early if you would like to purchase one and I will advise you the cost, and then pay into the TUAC account no. 12-3014-0118011-00.

Confirm by: Friday 29 August

Contact: Janice Calvert



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 and performances by local and international musicians.

See link <https://www.sydney.com/events/vivid-sydney>

Vivid planning for the 2026 festival is underway but exact dates for each event are not yet published. Plan your trip to Sydney to include as much of the Vivid experience as you like. We have chosen 3 days, but the festival runs from 22nd May to 13th June. I can also suggest other walks, visits to local attractions etc.

Further info: Will follow after Vivid publish all events. Some festival events are charged for and some are free. Follow link below for information on the 2025 festival.

<https://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



JOKE

At a wedding ceremony, the priest asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace.

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She started walking toward the pastor slowly. Everything quickly turned to chaos.

The bride slapped the groom.

The groom's mother fainted.

The groomsmen started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The priest asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?"

The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

NZ SCULPTURE ON SHORE

Fort Takapuna, Vauxhall Rd, Devonport
Sunday 16 November 2025

Get ready to experience an extraordinary celebration of art in a breath-taking setting. New Zealand's largest sculpture exhibition returns again this year. Ticket sales support Women's Refuge.

Further info: Prices not announced as yet but expressions of interest being taken for now. Opening times still to be determined and will be advised once they publish this. Lunch either at the event or will choose a nice café in Devonport.

Cost: To be confirmed when published. Previous years have had Earlybird sales approx. \$20 / seniors \$15, and after that time approximately \$25.00 adults / \$20 seniors. Lunch at your cost.

Ticket sales: Earlybird tickets on sale from 9.00am Thursday 14 August.

Pay by: Online or on the day. Details will be advised when published. (Previously you have needed ID if buying a senior's ticket at the gate)

Confirm by: 1st November 2025

Contact: Libby Lyver



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