



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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October - November 2025

**HIKE/WALK IN WAITAKERE'S
UPPER NIHOTUPU DAM**
**Saturday 8 November 2025 –
10am start at track**



I am really keen to do this walk – so here we go again!
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. We can carpool from the Arataki Visitor Centre.

Bring: Suitable footwear for gravel track. Water and wet weather gear in case of light rain. 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: End of October with your phone number.

Cost: Free.

Contact: Jean Wardle

(Note: Alternative rain date will be Sunday 9 November).

**WALK IN AUCKLAND CITY
EXPLORING HISTORY**
**Saturday 15 November
10am till 12 noon**

Further details: Meet at the Clock Tower at 2 Princes Street, CBD.

We will stroll through the Auckland University Campuses exploring the rich history and architecture of these buildings and other interesting places along the way. Some steps on the walk so wear comfortable footwear.

Further details: Bring water/umbrella. There is paid parking on Princes Street or the Civic car park which is \$2.50 per hour to a max of \$12.50 for the whole day. We will have lunch at the Arts and Education building on Symonds Street.

Cost: Only for any lunch or drinks you buy.

Confirm by: Thursday 13 November.

Contact: Sue O'Neill



**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
(by Oscar Wilde)**

**Titirangi Theatre – Lopdell House,
418 Titirangi Rd, Titirangi
22 November 2025**

(Show start time to be advised)

A delightful comedy from 1895 with young lovers, mistaken identities, amazing Outfits and glorious wild repartee.

Further details: We will meet at Deco Eatery in Lopdell House for dinner before the show at 6pm and then go down into the theatre for the show. There is parking behind Lopdell House or on Titirangi Rd. There is also a car park off South Titirangi Rd on your left opposite the back of Lopdell House.

Confirm by: 4 November 2025

Cost: Tickets \$20.00. To be paid into the Tuac account no: 12-3014-0118011-00.

Contact: Helene Harper.



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

RIVERHEAD TAVERN – “THE RENEGADES”

33 York Terrace, Riverhead
Sunday 23 November 2025
from 12 – 5pm

The Renegades provide feel good high energy acoustic music. Since 2016 this group is known for their unique spin on classic rock, Americana, folk and country blues.

Further details: The gates open at 12 noon. This group are playing at The Boat House where the menu includes pizzas, platters, burgers, salads and bar snacks. For a group of 6 or more I can book a table.

Cost: Lunch at your expense.

Confirm by: Friday 14 November or preferably sooner so that I can secure a table.

Contact: Janice Calvert



OREWA BEACH, SWIM, WALK/BIKE AND BBQ 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa Sunday 15 February 2026

To make the most of Summer, come along to the beach by the Surf Club for a swim at 1pm as the full tide is at midday.

At 2.30pm you are welcome to go for a walk or bike tide around the estuary then back to David's place to socialise before having a BBQ about 5.30pm.

Bring: Your own meat and a plate to share plus whatever you would like to drink for the BBQ. Also a swimsuit, suncream, walking shoes/bike + sunshine.

A fun day with good friends.

Confirm by: Friday 13 February 2026.

Contact: David Verrall



MANGEMANGEROA RESERVE

Howick, Auckland
Saturday 20 December 2025

Time for a nice relaxing walk before Christmas in the Mangemangeroa Reserve

which has a variety of landscapes including coastal, native bush, farmland, and a unique estuary and salt marsh habitat. There are a couple of tracks we can walk*Mangemangeroa Kōwhai Path: 60 min 3.6km and Mangemangeroa Rotary Loop Path: 30min 1km*

Further details: Meet at 9am at the Reserve. The Reserve is located at 108 Somerville Road, Howick.

Cost: Free except maybe coffee afterwards

Confirm by: Saturday 6th December

Contact: Jean Wardle



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



ASB CLASSIC WOMENS' TENNIS 2026

Stanley St, Grafton
Wednesday 7 January 2025

Come to the tennis and have a great day out. It is one of the best things to enjoy doing in Auckland over the summer.

Further details: This is a Day session commencing at 11.30am. The gates open at 10.30am.

Bring: A hat or cap, suncream. snack bar, water bottle and money for lunch.

Cost: Ticket \$65 plus booking fee.

Confirm by: 10 October and I will purchase your ticket.

Contact: David Verrall



ELLERSLIE RACEDAY

Saturday 31 January 2026

A Summer day at the races delivers a relaxed atmosphere, on track action and all the essential ingredients for a great day out.

Further details: Gates open at 11am.

There is free parking infield. Please use 16 Derby Downs Place to enter the infield. The first race is at 12 noon. Meet in the Public Stand before the first race.

Let me know if you are coming.

Bring: Money for food, drinks and the odd bet and the luck of the Irish!

Contact: David Verrall



JOKE

After 25 years in the liquor business, Tom quits, buys 50 acres in remote Alaska, and lives in total peace - no visitors for six months.

One day, there's a knock. A huge bearded man says, "Name's Lars, your neighbor from 40 miles up the road. Having a Christmas party Friday at 5. You should come."

"Sounds great," says Tom.

Lars starts to leave, then adds, "Gonna be some drinkin'."

"No problem - I can handle that."

"Probably some fightin', too."

"I get along with folks - I'll be fine."

"Maybe some wild sex, too."

"Even better!" Tom grins. "What should I wear?"

Lars shrugs. "Don't matter... just gonna be the two of us." 🤔😂

FOR SALE: POWERFIT EXERCISE MACHINE

Helps your muscle and aerobic fitness.

Special price: \$30.00

Contact: Helene Harper on 021 921068 or email: heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



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