



**Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.**  
**www.tuac.co.nz**

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

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## December 2024 - January 2025

### ANNUAL XMAS PARTY Cornwall Park Saturday 30 November 2024

To be held on the corner of Grand Drive and Bollard Ave. Arrive from 11am onwards for pre-lunch drinks and a catch up with other members. Xmas lunch will be served promptly at 12.30pm. There will be a lovely selection of ham on the bone, cold meats and salads, Xmas cake, fresh fruit platters and strawberries. Wine and juice provided. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

**Further details:** A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent closer to the date to those who have confirmed they are attending.

**Secret Santa:** Again, this year the committee are sponsoring the gifts. You will get an entry ticket for this when you sign in on the day.

**Bring:** Beach chair. To help reduce NZ's waste problem and keep NZ clean and green, there will be no plastic/disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to bring their own plate(s), glass and cutlery and to take all your rubbish home.

**Confirm by:** Friday 16 November 2024



### WEEKEND IN WHITIANGA Friday 6 to Sunday 8 December 2024

Come and spend a weekend with me on the Coromandel Peninsula. Address to be supplied when you confirm you are coming.

**Friday:** Arrive any time from 3pm. Book and pay for your own accommodation. There are lots of Airbnb's in the area. For those with caravans/campervans there is a NZMCA campground on Debenham Drive. Friday night dinner – option to go to the pub for dinner (live music) and dancing for those who prefer fish and chips.

**Saturday:** Glass bottom boat – Great Cove Cruise, \$135.00 per person or group of 2 or more, or around \$110.00 (boat limited to 14 people). Other activities – beachcombing (Sat. 10am – 3pm), bike park.

Sat night dinner – Pub or home. More details to follow.

**Sunday:** Option to go to the 'Dark Side' on the ferry. (Called that to distinguish it from the Whitianga side). Cycle the loop (approx. 32km) to Hahei and/or Hot Water Beach. There are a few cafes within walking distance from the ferry landing.

**Further info:**

<https://allaboutwhitianga.co.nz/visitor-information/things-to-do/mountain-biking-cycling/Whitianga-bike-park>

<https://allaboutwhitianga.co.nz/https://www.glassbottomboatwhitianga.co.nz/gallery/>

**Cost:** All activities as above, pay own accommodation. Meals out your cost.

**Pay by:** When you book you own accommodation



**FULLY BOOKED**

## XMAS THEMED NEW YEAR

Stanmore Bay

Thursday 2 January 2025

Come and celebrate the end of the festive season with a walk along Stanmore Bay followed by a potluck BBQ.

Christmas attire is very welcome, but optional.

**Further info:** Meet at my place at 3.00pm. Address to be advised when you confirm attendance.

**Bring:** Own meat and drinks plus a plate to share (please advise what you are bringing).

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** Monday 30 December 2024.



## OREWA DAY AT THE BEACH & BBQ

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Saturday 15 February 2025 at 2pm

You are welcome to come along to David's place for a walk or bike ride. For those wanting a swim before the walk, please arrive earlier about 12.30pm.

We will return to David's place for a sociable BBQ at 4pm.

**Bring:** Your own meat, drink and a plate to share.

**Cost:** Free. Just bring the sunny weather!

**Confirm by:** Friday 14 February 2025



## SUMMER RACE DAY AT ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE

Ellerslie Racecourse

Saturday 1 February 2025

With an incomparable mix of entertainment, hospitality, food, fashion and the thrill of thoroughbred horse racing, Ellerslie offers the chance to get together and enjoy a day out like no other. General admission areas provide a relaxed, laid-back way for eventgoers to enjoy their day and offer excellent viewing opportunities of the racetrack and associated areas.

**Further info:** You're welcome to bring along your own picnic food, unopened non-alcoholic beverages, as well as chairs & picnic rugs for use in their outdoor general admission areas or try out The Newmarket Room, located on the ground floor of the Ellerslie Stand. It is open to the public and offers a range of tasty food & beverages to purchase.

Where and when to meet will be provided closer to the day.

The gates open at 11.30 am with the first race starting at 12.20pm.

**Confirm by:** Monday 20 January 2025

**Cost:** Free general admission.



## WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

PLUS COULDREY HOUSE SUMMER

SERENADE CONCERT

Friday & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Schischka Campground, Wenderholm



**Further info:** The campground is located alongside the Puhoi River which is a short walk to the beach and Couldrey House. There is kayaking, swimming, bush walks and enjoying the beach and sunbathing.

Saturday night: A shared meal. The Club BBQ will be provided.

Also there is the Couldrey House Summer Serenade Concert with Jane Horder and Band. Tickets on sale early November.

If anybody is interested in this concert, let me know ASAP so I can get early bird tickets. As yet not sure how much the tickets are.

**Bring:** Camping gear/tent/ motorhome/ chair/walk shoes/kayak (optional).

**Cost:** \$17.50 per person per night.

**Pay by:** ASAP to TUAC bank account: 12-3014-0118011-00 as there are a limited number of spaces.

## DINNER AND CARD EVENING

The Landing Hotel, 2 Onehunga Harbour Rd,  
Onehunga

Saturday 8 February 2025

Dinner at The Landing restaurant followed by a card evening upstairs. Card games are 5 Crowns and 500 Hundred. Teams to be organised on the night. If you haven't played these games before, help will be given to anyone wanting to learn. 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. One drink subsidised by the club.

**Pay by:** On the night

**Confirm by:** Monday 27 January 2025



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## JOKE

Why did I get divorced? Well, last week was my birthday. My wife didn't wish me a happy birthday. My parents forgot and so did my kids. I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me a happy birthday. As I entered my office, my secretary said, "Happy birthday, boss!" I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch, she invited me to her apartment. We went there and she said, "Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?" "Okay," I said. She came out 5 minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends, & my colleagues all yelling, "SURPRISE!!!" while I was waiting on the sofa... naked.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**