



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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December 2025 – January 2026

XMAS THEMED NEW YEAR

Stanmore Bay
Saturday 3 January 2026

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

Contact: **Mary-Therese Caldwell**



ASB CLASSIC WOMENS' TENNIS 2026

Stanley St, Grafton
Wednesday 7 January 2026

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**



MUSIC IN PARKS – JAZZ

Lloyd Elsmore Park, Bells Road, Pakuranga
Wednesday 14 January 2026 from 6pm – 8.30pm

Line-up: Jo Kaptein, Musika Collective
Music in Parks brings a big kete / basket of free entertainment to East

Auckland, kicking off the residency with a fantastic evening of jazz. A prodigious jazz pianist, keyboardist, and multi-instrumentalist, **Joe Kaptein** brings unmatched musicality that's equal parts finesse and fire. He's a true musical weapon whose artistry elevates everyone around him.

Also performing is the **Musika Collective**, a vibrant youth music group led by Polynesian musician Opeloge Ah Sam. The collective blends professional performance with an educational environment. Its current members boast a successful history as Stand Up Stand Out entrants and semi-finalists over the years.

Further details: This is a smoke-free, and alcohol free event.

I will keep an eye out for anyone arriving. Bring a chair, and your own food and drink if you wish. Food is available from the Food Truck Collective.

Confirm by: Monday 12 January 2026

Contact: **Janice Calvert**



BIKE RIDE – PT CHEVALIER TO HOBSONVILLE

Saturday 17 January 2026 at 10am

A circular bike ride through a variety of terrain. Cycle the NW cycleway, exit onto Oriel Ave, then Hobsonville Rd, Trig Rd, and Whenuapai.

Return via the back roads on West Harbour and then re-connect to the NW cycleway. A mixture of cycling on cycleways, some brief main roads, and quiet back country roads. One steep hill on Oriel Rd, and a variety of level roads, slopes and downhills.

Further details: Meet at the Pt Chevalier carpark beside KFC at **10am**. We will return about **2pm**. Lunch at Hobsonville Café or alternatively a café at the Hobsonville markets on the waterfront.

Cost: Free except cost of your lunch.

Confirm by: Wednesday 14 January 2026

Contact: **Mike Maran**



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: The luck of the Irish!

Cost: Money for food and drinks – your expense.

Contact: David Verrall



TE ATATU PENINSULA BIKE RIDE

Kingsland to Te Atatu Peninsula

Sunday 15 March 2026

An easy loop ride (mostly flat) along the Northwestern Cycleway then around Te Atatu Peninsula. Approximately 30 kms.

Further info: Meet at **10:00am** at the Nixon car park, cnr of Fourth Ave and Central Rd, Kingsland. Lunch at The Delicious Bistro, 547 Te Atatu Rd.

Bring: Own bike, helmet, water, spare tube

Cost: Free. Lunch at your cost

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Wednesday 11th March 2026

Contact: Libby Lyver



DINNER AND CARD EVENING

The Landing Hotel, 2 Onehunga Harbour Rd, Onehunga

Friday 13 February 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. One drink subsidised by the club.

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: Monday 9 February 2026

Contact: Libby Lyver



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 ride 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, sunscreen, walking shoes/bike + sunshine.

A fun day with good friends.

Confirm by: Friday 13 February 2026.

Contact: David Verrall



HIKE / WALK IN THE WAITAKERE'S ARATAKI NATURE TRAIL

Sunday 8 March 2026

Easy track with stunning views of the Waitakere's. The Arataki Nature Trail provides an accessible opportunity to explore native New Zealand forest. The trail is accessible via a tunnel under Scenic Drive. This walk, which takes less than an hour at a leisurely pace, provides stunning views over the forest canopy, making it a must-visit for nature enthusiasts.

Further details: Meet at **10am** at Arataki Car Park.

Bring: Water and usual gear required for the outdoors

Cost: Free. Coffee at the Olive Kitchen on Scenic Drive at your cost.

Confirm by: Sunday 1st March 2026

Contact: Jean Wardle



BRICK BAY NATURE SCULPTURE WALK

17 Arabella Lane, Snells Beach.

Sunday 22 March 2026

This 2 Km trail offers an immersive journey through Art and Nature, while walking through this natural environment you will visit over 70 works by some of New Zealand's most talented Artists. It is an opportunity to pause, marvel and reflect on both the natural and artistic Beauty.

There is an opportunity to meet for lunch (and some wine tasting) at the Glass House Café in the Brick Bay Vineyard.

Of interest it is "dog friendly" with a "dog friendly" area in the Café.

Further info: If you wish, the Matakana Market is worth a visit before the sculpture Walk.

Bring: Good off track walking shoes. It does require some fitness but not exceptional.

Cost: \$15.00 for walk. Lunch and wine at own cost.

Confirm by: 01 March 2026

Contact: Roger and Joy Jordan



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



- How do trees get online? They just log on!
- Where do bad rainbows go? They go to prism. But it's a light sentence. It gives them time to reflect.
- People are usually shocked when they find out **I'm not a very good electrician!**

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