



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 2026

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 under way. Dates for each event are not yet published. You can choose as much of the Vivid experience as you like. I can also suggest other walks, visits, etc.

Events are charged for and some are free. Follow link below for information on the 2026 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 2027.

Confirm your interest by 5th October.

Contact Laura Cunningham – mobile: +61 439 901 613 or email alsotricky@gmail.com



COUNTRY MUSEUM & MARKETS

Clevedon Farmers Market and McNicol Homestead & Museum
Sunday 02 August 2026

Explore the local produce, home crafts, etc at the Farmers Market. Clevedon Showgrounds, Monument Road. Big range of local and heritage produce and crafts, plus hot food, coffee and local musicians.

Market opening hours: 8am to 1pm.

Then on to... McNicol Homestead & Museum, 12 McNicol Road, Clevedon, (6 min drive from market).

Museum hours: Saturday & Sunday 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The McNicol Homestead & Museum was constructed in 1878. It is a heritage building currently used as a house museum and is home to the Clevedon and Districts Historical Society who have leased the place since 1980 as a museum and as a place for local activities such as painting and craft.

Further details: Meet at the Clevedon Farmers Market at 10.15am

Cost: Free entry for Clevedon Farmers Market. Entry fee \$5.00 for McNicol Homestead & Museum to be paid on arrival.

Confirm by: Via email by Thursday 30 July 2026

Contact: Peter Fleming - email peter@travlink.co.nz

(Mobile for use on day of activity only please: 021 477714)



SUNDAY ROAST

Springs Tavern, 177 Captain Springs Road, Onehunga

Sunday 26 July 2026 at 6pm

Further Details: Rotating weekly pork, lamb and beef, served with a loaded Yorkshire pudding, duck fat potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy.

Cost: \$35.00

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: 17th July 2026

Contact: Annie Melrose - 021 157 6005 or email annmelrose@gmail.com



DOLPHIN THEATRE PLAY "MISS HOLMES"

12 Spring Street, Onehunga
Thursday 6 August at 8.00pm

Directed by Jacquelyn Harding

Inspired by the works of Sir Arthur Doyle, this is a play that rewards bold, intelligent performance across its entire ensemble.

For more info go into:

www.dolphintheatre.org.nz

Further details: Rehearsal night payment is \$10.00. Bookings required. Please pay into the TUAC account: 12-3014-0118011-00 only when I confirm your seat is booked. Bookings for the rehearsal are online a couple of weeks prior to 6th August.

Dinner optional at Everybody Eats, 306 Onehunga Mall at 6.15pm.

Cost: Dinner donation of \$20.00 - includes a 3 course meal.

Pay by: Pay on the night.

Confirm by: Friday 24th July 2026

Contact: Annie Melrose on 021 157 6005 or email annmelrose@gmail.com



TEN PIN BOWLING – AT ZONE BOWLING AND TIME ZONE

28-30 Catherine St. Henderson
Saturday 8 August 2026

Come and have some fun 10 Pin Bowling. We will bowl 2 games and then go for dinner at a local restaurant. We are going to try out a new restaurant, The Adriatico – 354 Gt North Rd in the central part of Henderson. It is Italian so a different taste. There will be lots of street parking as all the shops close at 6pm. There is parking for the bowling on the premises or on the street around it.

Meet at the bowling club at 4.45pm.

Confirm by: Sunday 2nd August 2026

Cost: \$7 per person per game which includes your shoes for Gold Card holders or \$14.50 per game for non gold card holders. If you are wearing non slip clean sneakers, you don't need to use their shoes.

Contact: Helene Harper. Email: heleneh47@xtra.co.nz or mobile 021 921068



ESKDALE RESERVE, GLENFIELD / GUIDED RANGER WALK

Tuesday 25 August 2026

Start time: 10am

This is a guided walk through Eskdale Reserve. Learn about the wide range of native plant and animal species that live in the reserve as well as important environmental issues that continue to have an impact on the forest ecosystem of the reserve. A good level of fitness and mobility required.

Further details: Meet at the reserve entrance – opposite 259 Glenfield Reserve, Glenfield. The duration of this walk is 10am to 12.30pm.

Bring: Water, coat and money \$ for a coffee afterwards.

Cost: Free.

Confirm by: ASAP as this is a guided walk and numbers are limited.

Contact: TXT Jean on 027 808 1005 or email: jean.scf03@gmail.com



CURLING

10 Burrett Avenue, Penrose
Sunday 13 September 2026
From 11am – 1pm

Come along and have some fun trying curling at the Auckland Curling Centre. I have booked for their STEP 1: Have a Go for the First Time session. This is for 2 hours and will take place in warm areas (Viewing Lounge and Athlete's Zone) and cold areas (Curling Hall). The first 35 minutes involves collecting equipment, how to walk on ice and deliver a stone, and sweeping a stone. Also learn how scoring works and additional rules. The final 80 minutes will be spent playing and we can either choose our own team or be allocated into a team.

Further details: Air temperature inside Curling Hall is 8 deg.C so wear loose fitting, warm clothing and also wear clean, flat-soled covered shoes. They will provide you with all the equipment including a helmet and rubber overshoe. It is recommended you also bring a drink bottle.

Please arrive 15 minutes before start time.

Optional lunch afterwards – venue to be advised.

Cost: \$20.00 per adult for Gold Card holders. ID must be presented on arrival.

Confirm by: Saturday 5th September 2026

Pay by: Please contact me first for instructions on how to pay on their booking website.

Contact: Janice Calvert on 0274 605704 or email: jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



RIVERHEAD CRUISE AND LUNCH

Saturday 19 September 2026

From 10 AM – 4 PM

The Riverhead Experience brings together scenic river travel and great food in one unforgettable day out. Step aboard a ferry from the Westhaven Marina in Auckland City and enjoy a leisurely cruise up the river, taking in the views as you make your way to The Riverhead - New Zealand's oldest riverside tavern. Once you arrive, settle in for a delicious meal at The Landing Restaurant with two relaxed hours to eat, drink, and soak up the historic atmosphere before cruising back to the city. The full experience runs for approximately 5.5 hours, including a 1.5-hour journey each way.

Further details: There is a pay and display carpark where you can park (in white spaces only). There is a bus stop 5-10 minutes walk away from Z Pier on Fanshawe Street.

Ferry: Seniors (Ages 65+) - \$40

Adults (Ages 16 – 64) - \$49

Meet at Z Pier, Westhaven Marina, St. Marys Bay at 9.45am for 10.15am departure.

Pay: Direct to "Tour Company Ltd" – A/c No. 020358 0017683 00. Use Ref TUAC Riverhead and your name.

Confirm by: Monday 10 August 2026

Contact: Peter Fleming via email: peter@travlink.co.nz
(Mobile for use on day of activity only please: 021 477714)



DINGLE DELL, ST HELIERS | GUIDED RANGER WALK

Tuesday 22 September 2026

Start time: 10am

This is a guided walk through the picturesque Dingle Dell Reserve. Learn about the biodiversity of this reserve as well as important environmental issues that continue to have an impact on the forest and stream ecosystem of the reserve. A good level of fitness and mobility is required.

Further details: Meet at the reserve at 29 Dingle Road, St. Heliers. The duration of this walk is from 10am to 12.30pm.

Bring: Water, a coat and money \$ for coffee afterwards.

Confirm by: ASAP as this is a guided walk and numbers are limited.

Contact: Jean by TXT on 027 808 1005 or email: Jean.scf03@gmail.com



BOAT TRIP TO KAWAU ISLAND

Saturday 3 October 2026

Please watch this space for a Kawau hike and lunch trip. Further details to be provided in the next newsletter.

Contact: Jean Wardle – 027 8081005 or email: jean.scf03@gmail.com

GET RHYTHM JOHNNY CASH & JUNE CARTER TRIBUTE SHOW

Bruce Mason Theatre, Takapuna

Friday 23 October 2026 at 7.30pm

Get Rhythm is more than just a tribute concert — it's a live theatre experience that brings to life the heart, humour, and deep connection of country music's most legendary couple.



Based on award winning movie "Walk The Line" Starring real-life married duo Mark and Joanne Caligiuri. This acclaimed production captures the look, sound, and spirit of Johnny and June with remarkable authenticity.

Between songs, heartfelt storytelling and charming onstage chemistry, you will be taken on a beautiful Musical journey. Get Rhythm invites you into the love, laughter, and legacy of two icons who changed music forever.

With rave reviews across Australia and thousands of delighted fans, Get Rhythm stands as a professional, powerful, respectful and unforgettable celebration of the fabulous, Cash & Carter.

Further info: Optional dinner beforehand at Portofino Takapuna, 132 Hurstmere Road. Takapuna at 5.45pm.

Cost: \$69.20 (including fees)

Confirm by: **ASAP** as tickets are limited. Please contact me first before paying into the TUAC account no: 12-3014-0118011-00.

Contact: Janice Calvert on 027 4605704 or email:

jcalvert@kinect.co.nz

JOKE

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, an Irishman answered his door to find two grim-faced constables. "We're sorry, Mr. O'Flynn, but we have some information about your dear wife, Maureen," said one of the officers. "Tell me! Did you find her?" Michael Patrick O'Flynn asked. The constables looked at each other and one said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?" Fearing the worst, Mr. O'Flynn said, "Give me the bad news first." The constable said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but early this morning we found your poor wife's body in the bay." "Lord sufferin' Jesus and Holy Mother of God!" exclaimed O'Flynn. Swallowing hard, he then asked, "What could possibly be the good news?" The constable continued, "When we pulled the late, departed poor Maureen up, she had 12 of the best-looking Atlantic lobsters that you have ever seen clinging to her. Haven't seen lobsters like that since the 1960's, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch." Stunned, Mr. O'Flynn demanded, "Glory be to God, if that's the good news, then what's the really great news?" The constable replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."

BBQ PAKURANGA

Welcome in summer with a BBQ at President Peter's place.

Sunday 29 November 2026

From 4.30pm.

Open to all TUAC members and partners.

Bring along a plate to share –

nibbles/entrée, salad/vege or dessert,

plus a drink and whatever you want to

put on the BBQ.

You're also invited to bring your togs - the swimming pool is heated and you are welcome to enjoy a swim.

Further details: Address is: 14B Dowling Place, Pakuranga

Please park on street.

Confirm by: Sunday 15 November 2026 and let me know what you are bringing to share.

Contact: Peter Fleming - email peter@travlink.co.nz

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PUHOI ANNUAL WOODCHOPPING CARNIVAL

Puhoi Woodcutting Carnival at the historic Puhoi Pub – established 1879.

The Puhoi Pub Hotel & Stables,

5 Saleyards Road, Puhoi 0951

Saturday 10 January 2027

(Note: This date is yet to be confirmed)

The chopping events generally kick off at 9:00am and continue throughout the day.

Features axemen and women from all over the country competing in championship and handicap events.

The day usually wraps up with a live band playing into the evening.

Meals and drinks available for purchase at Puhoi Pub while watching world class woodsmen and woodswomen.

Further details: Meet at the Puhoi Pub at 10.30am.

Cost: \$15.00 (payable on entry)

Confirm by: Saturday 2nd January 2027

Contact: Peter Fleming via email peter@travlink.co.nz

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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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND EVENT PAYMENT DETAILS

When paying your subs, enter the 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. The Club's bank a/c number is 12-3014-0118011-00. Please email your payment details to Libby (Treasurer) at (libby.lyver@gmail.com).

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, please pay by the due date. The ticket is your responsibility to pay. You can sell it yourself or give it away, if you are unable to make it on the day.

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 on a waitlist 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