



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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November – December 2025

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 21 November or preferably sooner so that I can secure a table.

Contact: Janice Calvert



POTLUCK BEACH BBQ

Kohimarama Beach
Sunday 14 December 2025 from
5pm onwards

Come along for what has become an annual event, the Kofi Beach potluck BBQ. Meet at the yacht club end of Kofi Beach on Tamaki Drive (look for the TUAC banner). Plenty of parking available. Have a swim or just relax with a glass of wine in your beach chair. Event will go ahead, unless raining too heavily. Dress to suit the weather on the day.

Bring: Your own meat, alcohol, cutlery, glass, plate & chair. Plate to share. Please advise what type of plate you are bringing so I can co-ordinate food, so we don't double up. Please bring serving utensils for your shared dish.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Friday 12 December

Contact: Libby Lyver



ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park

Saturday 6 December 2025

Back up date due to weather Sunday
7 December

To be held on the corner of Grand Drive and Bollard Ave. Arrive from 11am onwards for pre-lunch drinks and 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, and other Xmas goodies, fresh fruit and strawberries. Wine and juice provided. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

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

Secret Santa (optional): Please bring a wrapped present to the value of \$10.00. Hand gift in when you sign attendance sheet and you will be given a ticket number.

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: Tuesday 25 November 2025

Cost: Free for financial members. \$25.00 for non-members/guests

Contact: Libby Lyver



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 6 December

Contact: Jean Wardle



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

Confirm by:

Contact: Mary-Therese Caldwell



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



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



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



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



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



JOKE

A man bought a parrot that could speak five languages. He paid a thousand dollars for it. The pet-shop owner said that he would deliver the bird that afternoon. When the proud owner got home, he asked his wife if the parrot had been delivered. She answered, Yes, it has.

Where is it?

It's in the oven.

In the oven? But he could speak five languages!

Well, then, why didn't he speak up?

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