



**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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## June 2023 – July 2023

### LILLIPUTT MINI GOLF/AROUND THE WORLD

Shop 75, Sylvia Park, 286 Mt Wellington Highway (refer to Sylvia Park map)  
**Sunday 28 May 2023 at 11am**

See the world in 18 holes. Visit global icons like Arc de Triomphe, Leaning Tower of Pisa, and Mt Rushmore. Afterwards we can have lunch at Filly, 286 Mt Wellington Highway. Entrance on exterior of Sylvia Park, on ground floor by new terrace entrance. (Refer Sylvia Park map)

**Cost:** \$16 adults. Seniors \$13

**Confirm by:** Wednesday 24 May.

**Pay by:** On the day.

**Contact:** Janice Calvert – 0274 605 704 or [icalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:icalvert@kinect.co.nz)



### TEN PIN BOWLING – AT ZONE BOWLING AND TIME ZONE

28-30 Catherine Street, Henderson

**Saturday 24 June at 5pm**

Come and have some fun 10 Pin Bowling. We had loads of fun at the last one. This is a new bowling alley so all the equipment is new. We will bowl 2 games and then go for dinner at **Thai Peninsula** which is at 301 Lincoln Rd, Henderson. The restaurant is BYO wine. Their menu is available online.

There is plenty of parking for the bowling and restaurant.

**Confirm By:** Friday June 16

**Cost:** \$17 per person for 2 games which includes your shoes.

**Contact:** Helene Harper - 021 921068 Email: [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)



### MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER - RIALTO

167 Broadway, Newmarket

**Sunday 11 June 2023**

**"The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry"**

A seemingly unremarkable man in his 60's named Harold one day learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He embarks on a walk, and keeps on going until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife. Truly a celebration...an adult love story. Not to be missed. Meet in the upstairs foyer at 5.30pm. Optional Dinner afterwards.

**Pay By:** On the night

**Confirm by:** Saturday 10 June

**Contact:** David Verrall on 027 203 5508 or

[gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)



### DEVONPORT LOOP WALK

**Saturday 1 July at 10.30 am**

Meet by the wharf at Alison Clock tower.

Come and enjoy the best of Devonport - a step back in time. Unique heritage, colonial architecture, narrow streets.

Spectacular view of Auckland city and the Gulf from North Head and Mt Victoria. The walk is about 2 hours long, and there are art galleries, and a wide range of restaurants/cafes to have lunch at after the walk.

**Bring:** Walking shoes. Dress according to the weather conditions.

**Cost:** Nil. Money for coffee or lunch afterwards.

**Confirm by:** Friday 30 June

**Contact:** David Verrall - 027 203 5508 - text or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)



### BANFF FILM FESTIVAL

SkyCity Theatre, Auckland CBD

**Thursday 22 June 2023 at 7.30 pm**

An international series of film clips covering a host of topics with amazing scenery, from polar bears in Canada to gorillas in Uganda, from tightrope walking in Sweden to skiing and biking in the Balkans (and more). These make up the Ruapehu series of film clips. Flow 4 mins, Joy 22 mins, Balkan Express 40 mins, Nuisance bear 14 mins, Sheri 18 mins, Lapporten Skyline 18 mins, Do A Wheelie 5 mins.

Watch the trailers for these movies on

<https://www.banff.nz/programme-listings/#ruapehu>

**Further info:** Please do not pay any money into the TUAC account until your ticket purchase has been confirmed. Optional dinner before the show at Elliott Stables. Timing to be confirmed before the date.

**Cost:** \$31.06 incl. booking fee (no seniors tickets). Dinner at your cost

**Pay by:** into the TUAC account 01-3014-0118011-00 as soon as I confirm purchase of your ticket for you.

**Confirm by:** As soon as possible as I want to get seating together for everyone.

**Contact:** Alison Philcox 021 257 6741 or [alison.philcox3@gmail.com](mailto:alison.philcox3@gmail.com)



### TEXAS HOLDEM POKER NIGHT

David's place, Orewa

**Saturday 8 July 2023. Start at 4:30 pm**

Even if you have never played poker before, this is a fun version of the game and very easy to learn. Rules, scoring and tokens supplied. To make it more exciting we will have a \$5 kitty and on the very last hand, winner takes all.

**Further details:** Early pot luck dinner. Check with me for what to bring. BYO own drinks. Address will be supplied when confirming you are coming.

**Cost:** \$5.00 - pay cash on the night

**Confirm by:** 1 July 2023

**Contact:** David Verrall 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)



## POT LUCK DINNER & WATCH AB's vs SOUTH AFRICA

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa  
Saturday 15 July 2023 at 5.30pm

Start with drinks and nibbles and main course before watching the game at 7.05pm. Dessert at half time.

**Bring:** A pot luck contribution to the meal and your own drinks. Please advise David what you are bringing as a main or dessert.

**Cost** Nil

**Confirm By:** Thursday 13 July 2023

**Contact:** David Verrall on 027 203 5508 or email: [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)



## ABBA THEMED DRAG LUNCH

Karen's Diner, 395 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden  
Sunday 23 July from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Bringing you the ultimate immersion brunch led by resident drag queens to give you all the ABBA vibes and show you the best moves. Think lashes, lipstick, and dancing queens. Brush up your lyrics to Voulez Vous, Dancing Queen, Does your Mother Know and S.O.S.

Floaty whites, dungarees are highly encouraged or Dancing Queen, Disco Divas. Best costume will win a prize.

**Further info:** If anyone saw them at the Drag Queen Bingo Night at the Alex - this will even be better.

**Cost:** \$60.00 includes a welcome drink and Karen's Diner burger with side chips.

**Pay by:** Into TUAC account 12 3014 0118011-00 **but only when I have confirmed our booking.** It will depend on how many members would like to attend.

**Confirm by:** 15 June 2023

**Contact:** Annie Melrose on 021 157 6005  
[annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)



## ALEXANDRA PARK NIGHT TROTTING

Cnr Greenlane West & Manukau Roads, Epsom  
Friday 28 July from 5.30 pm – 11.00 pm

Join TUAC members at Alexandra Park for an exciting night of live local racing, trackside entertainment, dinner and drinks. Meeting at the Lyell Creek Lounge offering premium trackside viewing with an array of food and beverage choices.

**Cost:** Food and drinks at your own expense.

**Confirm By:** Friday 21 July

**Contact:** Joy Jordan on 021 679 301 or [jovejordan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jovejordan@xtra.co.nz)



## NIGHT GLOW WORM KAYAKING Karapiro

Saturday 29 July 2023

Starting from the Epworth camp we kayak our way down a truly beautiful section of the Waikato River to the Pokaiwhenua stream with our Boatshed Kayak guide(s). With stunning twilight lake views, we head under the Pokaiwhenua Bridge and into the glow worm canyon. Draped with native ferns, the canyon offers a true slice of New Zealand beauty, and as the light fades away, the unique incandescence of the glow worms starts to shine from the surrounding walls. After a quick hot drink complemented with some tasty cheeses enjoyed over the warmth of a campfire, it's back in the boats, as we drift slowly downstream using only the light from the glow worms.

**Further info:** Meet at Epworth Camp, 116 Finlay Road, Maungatautari at 4.30 pm for a briefing and gear. Finish time around 8.00 pm. Optional dinner afterwards in Cambridge. Possible carpooling for those who would like to. Trip is weather dependent and will be advised on the day if not going ahead.

**Bring:** Warm hat, jacket, thermals, warm gloves, and raincoat just to cover all bases. Cycling gloves are good for paddling with. I may have a couple of old pairs for someone to borrow which are OK to use if needed. NO jeans allowed.

**Cost:** \$95.00 per person (usually \$140). Minimum of 6 people for trip to go ahead. Dinner at your cost.

**Pay by:** Tuesday 18 July 2023

**Confirm by:** Tuesday 18 July 2023

**Contact:** Libby Lyver 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## WETA WORKSHOP UNLEASHED

Convention Centre, Level 5/88 Federal St. CBD  
Sunday 13 August at 2.10pm

A global award-winning movie making tour. Explore interactive and immersive make-believe film sets. The wildly immersive experience takes you on a journey through the wacky world of movie making. A mind blowing 90-minute hosted tour centred on three fully developed and original film concepts. A nail-biting horror, fantasy epic and mind bending sci-fi.

**Further info:** Optional coffee/wine afterwards.

**Cost:** Seniors \$49.00 – Adults \$59.00

**Pay By:** Into the TUAC account 01-3014-0118011-00. Please advise me once you have paid the money into the account.

**Confirm By:** Monday 7 August

**Contact:** Janice Calvert – 0274 605704 or [icalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:icalvert@kinect.co.nz)



## THE BOSS – BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna  
Friday 25 August 2023 at 7.30pm

A show not to be missed. The Boss - Bruce Springsteen Experience is an international level show honoring the timeless music of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. With a full nine-piece line-up, The Boss presents Bruce's music at a captivating level of visual and audio excitement. This show has wowed audiences at every performance, with standing ovations being the norm.

Optional dinner at a restaurant nearby before the show at your cost.

**Cost:** Senior \$55 / Adult \$75 plus a share of the booking fee.

**Confirm by:** ASAP. Have already booked some seats. Will now take late bookings. Please advise if you are coming for dinner.

**Pay by:** Please confirm with David prior to putting money into TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00

**Contact:** David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)



## RANGITOTO ISLAND BACH TOUR

Sunday 3 September 2023

This guided walk led by John Walsh (a bach owner) takes 2½ hours and covers approximately 2kms. It features the volcanic background of Rangitoto, a look at the different types of lava on the island, the botany (in particular, the iconic Pohutukawa), Māori history, DOC's successful pest eradication program and introduction of several bird species, the early work of inmates from Auckland Prison, the military history, and some of the "industries" that have been trialed on the island. The walk includes a visit to several of the historic baches. You will be able to step inside two of them and learn something about their fascinating history, as well as hearing stories about the unique lifestyle on the island.

**Further info:** Catch the 9.15am ferry from Downtown. The 9.15am ferry goes via Devonport at 9.25am. Returning either on the 2.20pm ferry, or if you want to do the summit walk or caves visit as well, return on the 4pm ferry. On the day, if the ferry cannot land at the wharf and goes to Islington Bay instead, we cannot do the tour. I will let everyone know early on the day after confirming with Fullers.

**Bring:** Water/drinks, lunch and snacks, good sturdy walking shoes/boots that can cope with the rugged lava surfaces, sunhat, sunscreen, swimsuit, towel (optional). Morning tea provided on arrival. BYO flask of tea or coffee.

**Cost:** \$43 (no seniors fare) return for the ferry and \$7 for the bach tour. Please pay cash on the day to me for the bach tour portion. **Buy your ferry ticket either online (recommended) or on the day. Ferry can fill up quickly as it is the only morning sailing.**

<https://www.fullers.co.nz/destinations-and-experiences/destinations/rangitoto-island/>

**Confirm by:** Monday 28 August 2023.

**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## NZ SCULPTURE ON SHORE

Fort Takapuna, Vauxhall Rd, Devonport

Sunday 5 November 2023

After a 3-year hiatus due to Covid, New Zealand's largest sculpture exhibition returns this year. Ticket sales support Women's Refuge.

**Further info:** Meeting time to be determined and costs will be advised once they have been published. Lunch either at the event or will choose a nice café in Devonport.

**Cost:** Previous year's price has been around \$20 but would expect it to be more this year.

**Pay:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Date will be set when pricing is notified.

**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## JOKES

Over a double Latte, the Greek mentions

*"We built the Parthenon you may recall, along with the Temple of Apollo".*

And the Irishman said,

*"Aye, and it was the Irish that discovered the Summer and Winter solstices".*

*"But it was the Greeks who gave birth to mathematics".*

*"Granted, but it was the Irish who built the first timepieces."*

Knowing that he is about to deliver the Coup de Grace, the son of Athens points out with a note of finality:

*"Keep in mind that it was the ancient Greeks who invented the notion of sex as a pleasurable activity!"*

To which, the Irishman said,

*"Aye! True enough, but it was the Irish who got women involved."*

## 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!

## COVID – 19 POLICY

Now that the Covid vaccination mandates have been relaxed by the Government and a vaccination is no longer required, Thumbs Up Adventure Club no longer requires that members be vaccinated to attend events, meetings, or any other activities. Thank you so much for your co-operation and patience during that difficult period. Thankfully normality can now prevail.

## 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**