



**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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## November 2023 – December 2023

### ONEHUNGA TO HENDERSON CYCLE RIDE

**Monday 23 October 2023**

Ride from Onehunga to Henderson via New Lynn on cycle paths and quiet roads. Cycle back from Kreem Café via the Northwestern cycleway via Waterview. There are two different starting points for this ride which you can choose from.



One will be from The Landing Restaurant carpark at Onehunga (parking available) at 10.30am and the other is meeting the cyclists starting in Onehunga, at the bottom of the cycleway bridge behind PakNSave, Mt Albert at 11.15am. These times will be firmed up closer to the day. At this stage we hope to be at Kreem Café for lunch at around 12.00 noon.

**Further details:** The whole round trip from Onehunga to Henderson and back via Waterview is around 50 kms and if starting at Mt Albert will be around 35 to 40 kms. The exact meeting place on the cycleway can be emailed to you if you are unsure where it is. It is close to the Te Arawhiti o Te Wai o Rakataura (Soljak Place) Bridge.

**Bring:** Own bike and biking gear

**Cost:** Free. Lunch at your cost

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Saturday 14 October 2023 and let me know your chosen starting point.

**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:** Opening time still to be determined and will be advised once they publish this. Lunch either at the event or will choose a nice café in Devonport.

**Cost:** Early bird tickets before 6 October – Adult \$20.00  
Seniors \$15.00. After this time – Adult \$25.00/Seniors \$20.00.  
(You will need ID if buying a Senior's ticket at the gate).

**Pay by:** Online <https://nzsculptureonshore.co.nz/pages/buy-tickets-1> or on the day.

**Confirm by:** 1 October 2023

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

### CAR RALLY

**Auckland City and suburbs**

**New Date: Sunday 12 November 2023**

A fun car rally designed to get you lost and found again! Followed by dinner in the evening. Venue to be determined. Prizes for winner(s) and different categories.



**Further info:** Meet at the band rotunda in the Auckland Domain near the Wintergarden Café at 1:00 p.m. Make up your own team or I can arrange carpooling (ideal if no more than 3 people per car). Teams leave 5 minutes apart.

**Bring:** Digital camera or use mobile phone, scrap paper, pens and clipboard if you have one. All other clues and answer sheets supplied.

**Cost:** \$5.00 entry fee. Dinner at your cost

**Pay by:** Saturday 4 November in TUAC account: 12-3014-0118011-00

**Confirm by:** Saturday 4 November as team numbers are needed.

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

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

**28-30 Catherine St. Henderson**  
**Saturday November 18 at 4.45pm**



Come and have some fun 10 Pin Bowling. We had loads of fun last time and the bowling alley is new as well as all the equipment.

We will bowl 2 games and then go for dinner at **Thai Peninsula** which is at 301 Lincoln Rd. The restaurant is licensed or BYO wine.

Their menu is available online .

There is parking for the bowling on the premises or on the street around it. At the restaurant it can be busy but there is usually parking in the yard in front or you can park by the Texas Chicken just to the left.

**Confirm By:** Friday November 10

**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 sneakers you don't need to use their shoes.

**Contact:** Helene Harper - 021-921068

**Email:** [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)

## MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER

Rialto Cinema,  
167 Broadway, Newmarket  
Sunday 19 November 2023

Movie to be advised closer to the day and will be decided upon at time of confirming.

**Further info:** Meet in the upstairs foyer at 5.30pm.

Optional dinner afterwards.

**Pay:** On the night

**Confirm by:** Saturday 18 November

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



## REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

By D.D. Brook. Directed by Julia Leathwick  
Dolphin Theatre, Spring Street, Onehunga  
25 November at 8.00pm

For info about the play go to:

[www.dolphintheatre.org.nz](http://www.dolphintheatre.org.nz)

**Further info:** Optional dinner prior to play at The Good Home, 55 Princes Street, Onehunga at 6.15pm

**Cost:** \$27.00 Senior, \$28.00 Adult

**Pay by:** As soon as I confirm booking I will text you to put money into the TUAC account: 12-3014-0118011-00

**Confirm by:** I will secure you a seat as soon as you text me.

**Contact:** Annie Melrose – [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com) or 021 1576005



## ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park  
Saturday 2 December 2023

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:** This year we are doing something slightly different. 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 24 November 2023

**Contact:** Annie Melrose – 021 157 6005 [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com) or Libby Lyver – 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## POTLUCK BEACH BBQ

Kohimarama Beach  
Sunday 17 December 2023 from 5pm onwards

Want to take a break from the hectic rush before Xmas?

Come along for what has become an annual event, the annual potluck beach BBQ. Meet at the yacht club end of Kohi 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 indicate what type of plate you are bringing so I can co-ordinate food, and we don't double up. Please bring serving utensils for your shared dish.

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** Wednesday 13 December

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



## PUHOI PUB WOODCHOPPING CARNIVAL

Puhoi Pub (afternoon session from 12.30pm to 4pm)

Saturday 13 January 2024

Axe man will come from around the country to compete, so come along, grab a beer or wine and a bite to eat and watch the show.

**Bring:** A hat, sunglasses/sunscreen and you are also welcome to have fish and chips and a drink at David's place, 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa to round off the day at 5pm.

**Cost:** Free. Just money for fish and chips.

**Confirm by:** Friday 12 January 2024

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



## WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

Schischka Campground, 37 Schischka Rd, Waiwera  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Keep this weekend free for an enjoyable time.

More details in next month's newsletter but it would be appreciated if you could let me know a.s.a.p. if you are interested in coming for the booking of sites.

**Contact:** David Verrall – 027 2035508 or email:  
[gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

## THE MICHAEL JACKSON HISTORY SHOW

Skycity Theatre, Level 3, Cnr Wellesley St & Hobson St, CBD

Saturday 2 March at 8pm

Showtime presents this spectacular music tribute and full-scale stage production honouring the one and only King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Celebrate Jackson's creative genius and unsurpassed talent with riveting live performances evoking his early

days as a member of the Jackson 5 and his groundbreaking theatrics in the 80's. Songs include Thriller, Billie Jean, Smooth Criminal, Bad, Beat It, Don't Stop Til You Got Enough, Human Nature etc. Get the full concert experience with accomplished impersonator, Garth Field, electrifying in his role as Jackson plus a live band, and choreographed dancers.

**Further Info:** Optional dinner at Elliott Stables, in Elliott Street meeting at 6pm.

**Cost:** Seniors 65+ - Stalls A Reserve \$79.30 (includes \$2.50 bkg fee) (plus card fee of 2.20% to be added).  
Seniors 65+ - Stalls B Reserve \$70.30 (includes \$2.50 bkg fee) (plus card fee of 2.20% to be added)

**Confirm by:** Ideally by Monday 18 December or mid January at the latest.

**Pay:** I have already purchased a few seats. Please contact me first before paying and I will purchase your ticket and advise the amount to pay. Once confirmed, please pay the money into the TUAC account No. 12-3014-0118011-00.

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



# GLADIATOR

My wife just phoned me and the conversation went like this...

Her: 'You know that 'Gladiator' movie that I got you for Christmas..last year???'  
Me: 'Yeah.'

Her: 'Wind it forward one hour, sixteen minutes and twenty eight seconds.'

Me: 'Right, I've done that.'

Her: 'Okay, you see the gladiator at the front, fighting the lion..???'  
Me: 'I can see that, yeah.'

Her: 'Just behind him, there are two gladiators having a sword fight with each other.'

Me: 'Okay, I see them.'

Her: 'Well, behind them two, on the left hand side of the screen, there's a gladiator holding a Spear.'

Me: 'Yes...! I can see him.'

Her: 'Right! Those are the sandals I want for Christmas.'



## 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**