

ACTIVITIES•TRIPS•EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING:

● **3rd Thursday of the month.**

Monthly Meeting with entertainment or speaker. \$5 which includes morning tea and a lucky door prize. Optional raffle tickets can be purchased. Meeting starts at 10.30am and finishes about 12.00pm. Doors open 10am.

St Joseph's Church Hall,
Taharota Road, Takapuna.

Vehicle access and parking:
10 Dominion Street.

MONTHLY OUTING:

● **1st Wednesday of the month.**

Coach outing to various places followed by lunch. Separate payment.

LINE DANCING:

● **Tuesday afternoon at 2pm**

Birkenhead Bowling Club.
Contact Elaine Utting. Only \$5 per session.

FILM DATE:

● **Wednesday, 27 February at 10.30am. St Josephs Catholic Church Hall (end room).**

Start with coffee/tea and bickies. *Letters to Juliet*. A feel good romance featuring Amanda Seyfried, Vanessa Redgrave. SOPHIE TRAVELS TO VERONA AND FINDS A LONG UNANSWERED LOVE LETTER ASKING FOR LOVE ADVICE.

EXERCISES AND RUMMIKUB:

● **Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday)**

Exercises at 10.30am .

Rummikub at 11.30am.

\$5 including cuppa and biscuits.

Contact Janet 027 532 0963.

Please note: Exercises/Rummikub on 26 February is cancelled.

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Be a Friend - Bring a Friend



In writing this column for our newsletter I wasn't quite sure what to say with all that went on in New Zealand in January 2026. I hope that it turns out a better

year for all.

Great to see so many people at our January meeting. We enjoyed two quizzes prepared by Pam. Then everyone just enjoyed chatting amongst themselves over a cuppa and biscuits. Very relaxing and enjoyable - just like our bus trips. So please, keep on coming and enjoy 60's Up Takapuna-Devonport. Remember our motto: "Be a friend - Bring a friend".

IMPORTANT NOTICE*

As from 1 April ALL bus trips will be leaving from St Joseph's Catholic Church, Taharota Road, Takapuna, at 9.30am. This is the only departure point.. There will be no pickups on the way.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH 2026 ADDENBROOKE GARDENS, BOMBAY A ONE-STOP TRIP

Bus leaves Stanley Avenue at 9am sharp and will pickup at the usual stops going south over the bridge. BYO morning tea at the gardens. Enjoy a complete morning of walking and looking over the gardens and then a light lunch. \$40.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL 2026 RED BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB A ONE-STOP TRIP

Bus departs from St Joseph's Catholic Church, Taharota Road only, at 9.30am sharp. Please be on time. NOTE ONLY BUS DEPARTURE POINT AND THAT THERE ARE NO PICK UPS ON THE WAY!* Coffee and tea on arrival, then a talk on the activities and life saving adventures of the Club. If the weather is kind we can walk on the beach. This will be followed by a light lunch. \$40.

COMING SOON

Takapuna Branch Meeting 19 March:

Our guest speaker will continue the story of Lake House, Takapuna, including the milestones recently celebrated.

But it's not only about the history of one of the North Shore's most iconic community art centres and heritage venues; it's also about supporting the only not-for-profit organisation that owns and maintains this remarkable house.

60's Up Regional Meeting:

28 March 2026 10.30am, Hobsonville.

2026 Conference and AGM:

13-14 June 2026: Novotel Rotorua/Ibis Hotel, Lakeside, Tutanekai Street, Rotorua.

OUR FEBRUARY MADCAP ADVENTURE

Wednesday dawned overcast but we had decent weather for our February outing. Our first call was for coffee and a comfort stop at McDonalds in Kumeu, then it was on to Franklin Farms to admire the fields of sunflowers, interact with bunnies and animals in the barnyard and the monarch butterfly house. All very peaceful, pleasant and serene. We lunched at the RSA Hobsonville where a lovely finger lunch had been prepared specially for us. Unfortunately, when leaving Kumeu an angry kerb tried to bite the bus which caused a jolt and a puncture. The plan was to change the wheel while we enjoyed lunch. But things don't always follow the script. The mechanic was there sans his power tools which had been "borrowed on the never-never" from his ute and so he had to resort to manually changing the wheel. And was it hard work? I got exhausted just watching. Firstly, the wheel lugs had to be loosened which is no mean feat when they are tightened five times tighter than



that of a car. But with Archimedes principles being applied to levers attached to sockets, and much sweating and experimenting, the wheel was removed. Then the "spare" had to be removed from under the bus stairs and needed to be unfastened from the inside to let it fall onto the ground under the

bus. But it got jammed. With the aid of ropes and the power of the mechanic's truck it was freed. Replacing the wheel was child's play compared to removing it. Anyway, it was "all good" and we left (albeit a bit late) without any more ado (except that the bus door took a bit of persuading to close). What a wonderful day! Full of social interaction, excitement, amusement, adventure and a lesson on how to change a bus wheel with hand tools. It might not have been quite what was planned, but it was a really great day nevertheless. PS: Watching the mechanic working so hard tired me out and I slept very well than night! He deserves a medal. B.



OUR THANKS TO NILDA WHO TAKES NEARLY ALL OUR PHOTOS