



TU NEWSLETTER

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Wrapping Up a Wonderful Year!

As we tie the bow on another amazing year, we want to send a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who's been part of the Thumbs Up journey. December was bursting with connection, celebration, and reminders of the incredible community we share.

This edition is extra special (and a little longer) because we had so many magical highlights to share. Flip through and enjoy the photos of just a few of the fantastic things we got up to this month!

Wishing all our service users, families, supporters, and team members a joyful Christmas and holiday season. May the New Year sparkle with happiness, growth, and exciting opportunities. Thank you for your support and here's to a bright and brilliant 2026!

We'll see everyone back from Monday, 12th January for another year of fun and adventure!



Andy set himself up an office and was working hard!



Earlier this month, we said a heartfelt farewell to Gareth, a valued long-standing contractor whose dedication and contributions have greatly enriched our organisation. To mark the occasion, the team gathered for an afternoon tea, sharing stories and celebrating Gareth's time with us. Gareth has been an integral part of our team, and his dedication and skills will be deeply missed. We wish him every success and happiness in the next chapter of his journey.

Fundraising 2025—2026: Thumbs Up wouldn't be able to offer the amazing service that we do without fundraising and grants. We would love your support in helping us achieve our fundraising goals for this year. If you were not aware, Thumbs Up does have a [give a little page](https://givealittle.co.nz/org/thumbsup) where you can donate to us (every little bit helps)- givealittle.co.nz/org/thumbsup or **scan the QR code** to the left.



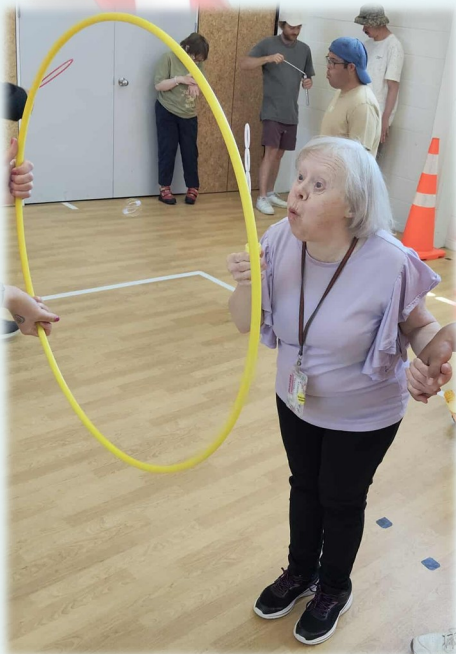
Please share this page with family/friends/work colleagues who may like to donate to a worthy cause. thank you to people who have recently donated! We are also going to be selling items on Trade Me, so if you know anybody who may have items to donate, please ask them to get in contact.

Pedals, Smiles, and Scenic Miles!



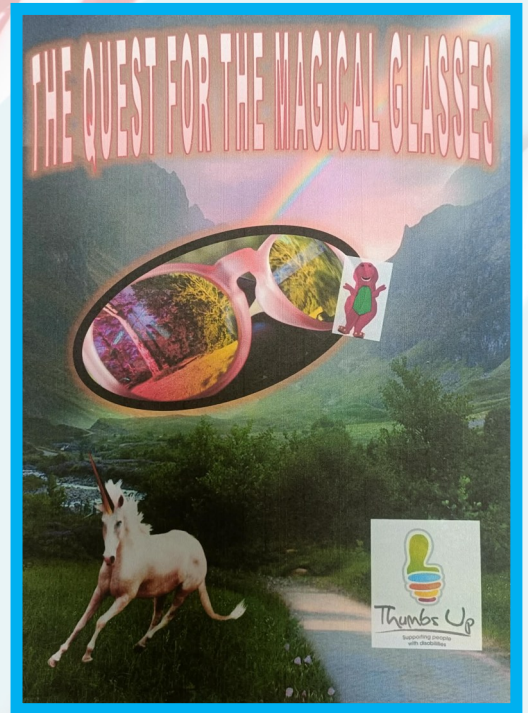
Cycling Without Age brings the joy of the outdoors to those who can't ride for themselves, thanks to amazing volunteer pilots and their trishaw e-bikes. Lower Hutt's very own chapter, *Riding with Olivia*, took us cruising along the beautiful Petone Foreshore, and wow, what an adventure! We had an absolute blast and can't wait to roll into more fun next year.

Thumbs Up Teams Up with Ignite Sports for a Day of Action and Laughter!





**The Quest For The Magical
Glasses**
A Thumbs Up Production
December 2025



Jingle All the Way with Thumbs Up and Santa!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025-2026

Term Dates 2026

Term 1—12th Jan—1st May **Term 2:** 11th May—28th August **Term 3:** 7th September—17th December



Term 1 2026

12th January—1st May

Closed: Jan 19th: Wellington Anniversary; Feb 6th: Waitangi Day;

April 3rd - 6th: Easter; April 27th: Anzac Day Observed

TU ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- The wonderful donors who have been donating through our Give-a-little page.
- Hutt City Council Creative Communities Scheme for a grant to purchase new art supplies in 2026
- The Lion Foundation for their contribution towards operating expenses.
- All of our wonderful volunteers— your support enables us to continue to deliver our diverse and wonderful programmes.



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