



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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Our account details: ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00 - For internet banking - state your name, cost and event you are paying for. Please deposit cheques directly into the Club's bank account and email Libby (libby.lyver@gmail.com) the same information.

CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY PAYMENT

Non members may attend some club events. Members have priority and a surcharge will be applied. Contact the event organiser directly

**If you have confirmed you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser, please pay by the due date. The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away
 If you cannot attend on the day, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend**

April – May 2014

MOUNT AUCKLAND ATUANUI WALK

Saturday 5th April 10am

Meet at corner Glorit-Kaipara Coast Hwy 16 and Kaipara Hills Rd about 21km north of Kaukapakapa.

The tramp is 1hr 45min to the summit. The walkway follows an airstrip and a logging track along a ridge to the Atuanui forest, which has fine stands of regenerating rimu and kauri. A lookout at the summit (305 metres) provides panoramic views.

Bring: Suitable walking clothes and footwear
 Lunch - food and drink - carry in day pack.

Cost: Nil

Contact: David Verrall- 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz if interested and for car pooling



OREWA HALF MARATHON, 10KM & 5KM FUN RUN/WALK

Orewa Beach

Sunday 13th April 2014

Do the walk/run and finish with a BBQ at Sheila Jenkins place

Web-site to book for run/walk -

<http://www.orewabeachhalfmarathon.com/>

Or just support the team and come to the BBQ

Bring: Own food for the BBQ and BYO. Salad will be provided.
 Chair for outside use and togs/towel for a swim

Contact: Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256, or sjenks@clear.net.nz



WHENUAPAI HALF MARATHON, 10KM & 6KM FUN RUN

Whenuapai School, Airport Rd, Whenuapai

Sunday 6th April 2014

The course is through rural Whenuapai with gently rolling country roads, circumnavigates the Whenuapai RNZAF base and finishes in front of the Whenuapai School Hall.

We will meet at the school before the start of the race at 7.15am. Half marathon starts at 7.30am and 10km walk at 7.45am. After the race we will go to Hallertau for drinks and lunch. They usually have some entertainment on as well. There will be a sausage sizzle after the race at the school and drinks run by the school. It's very reasonable.

Bring: Energy, enthusiasm, water, something to change into for after, some money for refreshments & lunch

Cost: Half marathon \$45, 10km walk/run \$35, 6km \$15. The website will have all the details regarding when the race starts, where to park and where you pick up your race packs

Pay by: Register on the website www.whenuapaihalf.co.nz or you can contact Shaun Collins 09 817 7621 or email shaun@lactic-turkey.co.nz

Contact: Helene - Heleneh47@xtra.co.nz, 838 6742 or 021 921 068

Be sure to let me know if you are coming so I can look out for you.



EASTER ON THE EAST CAPE - NAPIER

Friday 18th to Monday 21st April 2014

4 day tour of Napier and surrounding region. Mainly focused around biking the cycle trails, including visiting wineries, but the weekend is free for people to choose their own activities.

Optional Gannet Colony tour, either ride or motor to Clifton Beach where tour departs.

Optional extra days can be added at the end of Easter if you want to make the weekend longer. Carpooling and motor itinerary available on request.

Accommodation has been booked (win or triple share/own unit)

Bring: Own bike and helmet

Cost: Approx \$120-\$165 per night per person for motel depending on how many in each unit. Share costs carpooling.
 Gannet colony tour \$42.00 adults/\$37.00 seniors.

Pay by: To be advised

Confirm by: 1st March 2014

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com

HORSE RIDING, Fordyce Road, Helensville

Saturday 26th April 2014 at 9.30am

Meet at 9:30am to get saddled up for a 10am start.

All levels of ability will be accommodated on a suitable horse, so when replying to me, please say if you just want to walk the beautiful countryside or be a bit more adventurous and go for a gallop as well.

We will have 2 guides, one for the walkers and one for the faster group.

Further info www.tasmanhorserides.co.nz

Car pooling can be arranged

Lunch afterwards at the Art Stop Cafe or Railway Cafe in Helensville or bring your own picnic

Bring: Water, sunscreen, dress according to the weather on the day.

Cost: \$72 for 2 hours for 7 or more people, otherwise \$80 per person

Pay: \$72 ASAP to secure a place

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



MINI GOLF ADVENTURE

Tom Pearce Drive Auckland Airport

Saturday 12th April at 10am

Team Draw and Scoreboard

BBQ – bring own food to cook. Refreshments, finger food available on course

Bring: Yourself and friend if you want

Cost: \$10 per person - special offer for TUAC. Pay on arrival

Contact: Gerry – 520 5795



DINNER & MOVIE - Auckland in the City

Waterfront Café & Bar – www.thewaterfrontcafe.co.nz

Movie Theatre – www.eventcinemas.co.nz

Sunday 27th April - Dinner 4pm / Movie 6pm

Meet at Waterfront Café, Auckland Viaduct or Event Movie Theatre, Queen St.

Bring: Yourself and okay to bring a friend

Cost: Dinner and Movie on the night

Contact: Raywyn - 021 455 863 or raywynbrinsden@gmail.com



ROTORUA MARATHON - 50TH MARATHON

Saturday 3rd May 2014

Fancy walking or running a marathon which combines both history and geography in a beautiful piece of NZ.

Multiple distances of your choice - marathon, half marathon, 10km or 5km

Check out website and register on www.rotoruaamarathon.co.nz

Limited accommodation is available at Alpine Motel

Cost: \$125 per night for 2 people with an additional charge of \$20 for each extra adult. Some units will sleep 3. This will be for 2 nights, ie. Friday 2nd May and Saturday 3rd May

Last date for accommodation 1st April

Bring: Plenty of energy

Contact: June - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Howick Little Theatre, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Pakuranga (near Howick Historical Village)

Saturday 10th May at 8pm

This is one of Oscar Wilde's most famous plays. So amusing.

Check out www.hlt.org.nz

Bring: Expectation to be entertained

Cost: \$28

Pay by: Hillary by 18th April. I will book tickets for the number of paid up members when booking office opens on 22nd April.

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or 520 5844



WOODHILL FOREST WALK, Restall Road, Woodhill

Saturday 17th May at 9am

Turn left off SH16 into Restall Rd and park there. I will meet you and show you where to park.

Enjoy a 2 hour walk through forest trails amongst the deer and the sound of the wingbeats of wood pigeons overhead, walking through exotic and native forest with stunning views of the west coast

For those who like to also mountain bike, there is the option after lunch, to ride the trails at Woodhill Mountain Bike Park, Restall Rd. Cost \$7

Lunch afterwards at The Honey Pot Café, 791 SH16, Waimauku

Bring: Drink, snacks, walking pole, sturdy shoes

Cost: Free - Lunch your cost

Contact: Peter Winn 09 634 2866 - leave message if no reply



AUCKLAND 4 WHEEL CLUB Track Experience & BBQ

Woodhill 4WD Adventure Park, Woodhill Forest, Rimmer Road

Entrance, Highway 16, Helensville

Sunday 18th May 10am – 2pm

Experience a 4WD Run. Be driven by one of the Auckland 4WD club's experienced drivers in their private 4WD vehicles around the park at Woodhill.

Check out this link for what you can expect:

<http://www.auckland4wd.org.nz/visitors/article.asp?article=-1788962758&catpage=1&pagename=/visitors/gallery.asp>

BBQ steak & salad lunch provided after the driving with TUAC members hosting the 4WD club members.

Bring: Wet weather, warm gear & hardy shoes. YOU WILL GET MUDDY. Tuac members to bring their own liquid refreshments, water, beer, wine, juice.

Cost: \$100 per person includes, 4WD in morning followed by a BBQ lunch

Pay by: \$30 to confirm your place. Please pay asap but no later than 30th April. Final payment by May 12th.

Contact: irenepalmer@gmail.com or 021 236 9422

MID MAY MADNESS TUAC SLEEP OVER PARTY

225 Gills Road, Albany

Friday 23rd May 2014

A TUAC Get-Together - Dinner, music, open fire if cold, buffet

dinner provided. Bring your own alcohol and music

Focus will be on everyone having fun.

Music and dancing in the bottom lounge and talking in the top lounge.

Beds, couches and mattresses available as well as parking for campervan to plug in.

Bring: Your party clothes, dance shoes, your own alcohol, sleeping bags, pillows and your favourite CD's

Cost: \$25 per head to cover the costs of the food.

Pay \$25 to confirm your place by 10th May

Contact: Irene - 021 236 9422 or irenepalmer@gmail.com



WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain

Saturday 24th May at 11am

Now in its 49th year this internationally recognised annual competition draws over 43,000 entries from 96 countries from professional and amateur photographers. The exhibition is on loan from the Natural History Museum in London and features 100 awe inspiring back-lit images from fascinating animal behaviour to breathtaking wild landscapes. Followed by lunch at either the museum café or the Wintergarden café.

Meet on the front steps of the Museum at 11am.

Bring: Proof of residence or membership card

Cost: Free if you have Museum membership card or proof of Auckland residence, otherwise \$25. Lunch your cost

Pay: On the day

Confirm by: Friday 16th May

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



WINTERLESS NORTH WEEKEND

Paihia and Opononi

Friday 30th May to Monday 2nd June 2014

Planned adventures: Haruru Falls walk, cycle one section of the Coast to Coast Cycle Trail, sand canyons walk or mountain bike ride along the beach, with a possible Russell/Pompallier House visit thrown in.

An expression of interest required to book accommodation.

Further info: To follow

Cost: To be advised

Pay by: To be advised

Contact: Alison Philcox or Libby Lyver – 021 257 6741

a.philcox@clear.net.nz or 021 137 1488 libby.lyver@gmail.com

PIRONGIA FOREST PARK LODGE WEEKEND AWAY

Pirongia Forest close to Raglan in Waikato

Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June

Arrive Friday night for a weekend of hiking, orienteering, plus indoor sports and games. Wining and dining around an open fire in evenings.

Friday night Tapas & Sangria party, Saturday night Pot Luck Dinner Party.

Bring: All your own alcohol and food for the above, plus breakfasts and lunches. Wet weather and tramping gear. Togs if brave enough.

Sleeping bags and pillows, insect repellent, toilet paper, rubbish bags.

Cost: \$60 per person. Minimum 12p – Maximum 16p. Price includes 2 nights accommodation, cleaning charges and extra firewood if cold.

Pay by: Book your place with a \$30 deposit by 20th March

Final payment by 20th May

Contact: irenepalmer@gmail.com or 021 236 9422

TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

Woodhill Sands Equestrian Centre

(12 mins from end of North Western Motorway)

Saturday 21st June 2014

It is time to get down and dirty for the third year in a row and join us in this challenging fun event. The course includes water trails, crawling under barb wire obstacles, swamp crossings, bush trail, equestrian obstacles open paddock running hill climbs and sand crawls. I am doing 6km older brutes and beauties (over 40yr olds) which starts at 11:10am but feel free to do 12km 2 laps which starts at 11am. Timing chip provided. Prize giving 1:45pm. Hot showers, cafe and plenty of car parking. Each competitor will receive a Hydra8 zero sports drink, 'I Survived' coffee mug and sponsor products in a goodie bag. Amazing spot prizes. Car pooling can be arranged. Let me know when you have registered.

Further info: www.toughguyandgal.co.nz

Bring: Wear thermal polyprop top preferably. Prizes for best dressed if you want to dress up. Shoes to run in. Towel for shower afterwards. Dry warm clothing for after the event. Snacks. Cash if you want to buy drinks and food. EFTPOS not normally available.

Cost: \$65 before 30th April. \$70 before 9th June. \$80 after 9th June

Pay by: Book online

<http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz/ToughGuyandGalChallenge>

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



VODAFONE WARRIORS v BRISBANE BRONCO'S - NRL

Mt Smart Stadium

Saturday 21st June at 7.30pm

Come along and enjoy an evening at the Warriors home ground.

Be there live - enjoy electric atmosphere, the crowd, the big hits, the Tries.

A Fun Night

Meet at 6pm at the Main Gate Ticket Box at Beasley Ave Entrance, off Church Street. You can park in Neilson Street.

So you can see the 2nd half of the Vodafone Junior Warriors, buy a meal/drink and be ready for the main game at 7.30pm.

Bring: Warm clothing, wet weather gear

Cost: \$40 – Pay ASAP so I can make a group booking

Confirm by: ASAP

Contact: David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or

gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



RIDE THE PARADISE TRAIL, LAKE WAKATIPU, QUEENSTOWN

Anniversary W/ end Saturday 24th to Tuesday 27th January 2015

Pedal through Paradise - the Most Beautiful Guided Cycle Tour in the World

An expression of interest is sought for a group of 12 people to ride the Paradise Trail - a 4 day, 3 night fully guided and supported boutique cycle tour around Lake Wakatipu, through parts of Mt Aspiring and Fordland National Parks. 3 days cycling, 1 day tramping on the Routeburn Track with accommodation at historic Kinloch Lodge and Paradise Homestead.



Further info see website www.revolutiontours.co.nz or contact 0800 274 3348

Bring: Clothes suitable for cycling/tramping

Cost: \$1685 includes 3 nights' accommodation, use of bikes and helmets, all food (including snacks), TSS Earnslaw steamer ride, water taxi transport, support vehicle, luggage transport, and transport back to Queenstown.

10% deposit at time of booking, balance due 28 days before start of tour date

Expressions of interest by 31st May 2014.

Contact: Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or sjenks@clear.net.nz

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS

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| > Port Waikato weekend | Raywyn |
| > BMW Racing | Irene/Libby |
| > Auckland city events | Gerry |
| > Wanganui River kayaking | Irene |
| > Monthly Dance Nights Ponsonby Sailing Club | Helene |

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR GOLDFIELDS CAVALCADE OTAGO

Sometime in February 2015

Tramp, ride a horse or ride in a covered wagon over the Otago Goldfields.

Check out the link <http://cavalcade.co.nz/about>

Cost: Depends on the trail we decide on.

Between \$300 - \$600 per person.

Let me know what you would be interested in doing by checking out the 2014 trail options and giving me the name of the trail boss you would have chosen.

Contact: irenepalmer@gmail.com



*The Committee and other event organisers
wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you all
have a good break
We hope to see you at a future event*

MEMBERS – 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

"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."