



**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](mailto: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 2015 NUMBER 2**

**WANTED: NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM JUNE 2015**

For those of you who love organising events or want to help out, this is a great committee to work with. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. To put your name forward or for more information: Contact David Verrall 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

**BALLOONS OVER WAIKATO**

Hamilton – Waikato University

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 2015

Depending on what time you reach Hamilton, you could squash in a walk through the 38 hectares of Hamilton Gardens which consists of 18 beautifully landscaped themed gardens from Chinese and Japanese contemporary gardens to Italian Renaissance and Maori gardens. From 4pm – 9pm, as part of the University's 50th birthday, they are celebrating the last 5 decades of music from the 60's through to today's hits. Includes Total Addiction, Enigma, SQZ and The Monroe's.

At 7.45pm the Night Glow starts: 8.20pm Fireworks, 8.30–9pm afterglow and more music.

Sunday morning we can get up early and go to Innes Common to watch the balloons flying over or go to their great Farmers market at Te Rapa race course 8am–12pm or both.

Car pooling can be arranged.

Further info: [www.balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz](http://www.balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz)

**Bring:** Overnight stuff and something warm for Saturday night. Maybe bring a rug or something to sit on for Saturday night.

**Pay by:** 6th March 2015

**Contact:** Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or email [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)



**MANGAWHAI WALKING WEEKEND**

Friday to Sunday 27th – 29th March

Go to [www.mangawhaiwalkingweekend.co.nz](http://www.mangawhaiwalkingweekend.co.nz) for information on the walks.

3 new walks are being offered. There will be information about the programme including Friday's Troubadour trail, the Art Trail, and the wine and food festival. Bookings usually become available in early January  
Free camping available at Mangawhai

**Cost:** By choice of activities

**Contact:** June Bell - 817 3093, 021 258 0313 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com) Please head TUAC



**EASTER AT WHITE ISLAND & WHAKATANE EAST COAST**

Friday 3rd to Sunday 6th April

Easter in Whakatane with optional tours to White Island, Whale Island, mountain biking or walking the Motu Trail, local walks in Whakatane and more.

**Cost:** 3 night's accommodation around \$60 per night twin share.  
Optional day tour to White Island \$199 or  
Whale Island 1/2 day tour \$99.  
Group rates should reduce this cost

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

**OREWA BEACH HALF MARATHON, 10.5 KM, 5KM WALK/RUN**

Sunday 12th April at 7.30am

Start is 8am - be there approx 7.30am

Enter online Orewa Walk 2015 [www.orewabeachhalfmarathon.com](http://www.orewabeachhalfmarathon.com)

**Bring:** Sports gear etc  
After we can meet up for lunch

**Cost:** Half Marathon \$40, 10.5km \$30, 5km \$25

**Pay:** Online or by cheque

**Contact:** Gerry - 520 5795 or [gerry181@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gerry181@xtra.co.nz)



**THEY ALSO SERVE – SONGS & STORIES OF WOMEN FROM WW1**

Auckland Museum Auditorium

Saturday 18th April at 2pm

The First World War changed the lives of NZ women beyond recognition as they struggled with upheavals at home and within their communities. In *They Also Serve*, performers Ilona Rodgers and Cathie Harrop, supported by musicians Paul Harrop and Jennie Khan, will bring to life some of the stories of NZ women at home and abroad during WW1.

**Further info:** Show runs from 2pm until 4pm

**Cost:** \$25 bookings recommended  
(a booking fee of \$3 applies to each offsite transaction)

**Pay by:** When you book. Phone 306 7048

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

## WEYMOUTH WALKWAY

Roys Road, Weymouth

Saturday 18th April at 11am

Meet at Roys Road car park at the beach end at 11am. Walk is about 7.5 kms and takes about 1.5 hours one way. The first 10 minutes of the walk is along the sandy beach then concrete pathways the rest of the way through reserves and grassed areas. Nothing steep or strenuous. Beautiful coastal scenery and wild life. I saw hundreds of Oyster catchers on the foreshore, a few ducks and Pukekos.

We can have lunch at Hanford Park and walk back or arrange transport at each end and drive back. Only toilet stop is at Roys Road end.

**Bring:** Lunch, water, sun protection etc.

**Cost:** Nil

**Contact:** Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)



## SNAG GOLF

Onepoto Basin Reserve, Northcote

Sunday 19th April at 11am

Take the turnoff as if going to Onewa Road, keep in the right lane, then go straight across into Sylvan Avenue, take a left turn (Tarahanga Street), then right, you will see the Basin Reserve

This is quite a new game – don't be put off by the word GOLF – it is totally different, and can be played by children and all adults, no matter what age.

Look in the internet under Snag Golf, you will get an idea of the type of game

Be in to win – I might even have prizes to give out.

**Cost:** \$10 pp for 2-3 hours

I require a minimum number of 15 or more for this event. If I don't get the 15 by 15th April, I will then have to cancel the event

**Contact:** Faye van Tilburg - 480 0632, 0274 329 302 leave message/text

## BRUNCH AT WALLACE ART CENTRE

72 A Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough

Sunday 19th April at 11.00am - Tree Talk Walk 10.30am

The Pah Homestead is a unique setting for a Café and Art Centre. It has a combination of elegant historical architecture; a premier location in Monte Cecilia Park; access to New Zealand contemporary art from the James Wallace Arts Trust Collection and a cafe for refreshments. Meet for brunch.

<http://www.tsbbankwallaceartscentre.org.nz>

Optional tree identification walk around Monte Cecilia Park with Mike Maran at 10.30am. Meet in car park.

**Further info:** Enjoy art and food

**Bring:** Yourself and a friend

**Cost:** Brunch on the day

**Contact:** [raywynbrinsden@gmail.com](mailto:raywynbrinsden@gmail.com) or 021 455 863



## ILLUMINATE - WHEN WE GO TO WAR

Auckland Museum – Northern Facade

Friday 24th April 6pm to 10pm

Features a specially created film taken from TVNZ's new First World War drama series, *When We Go to War* which will be screened on the wall of the museum. There will also be a screening of rarely seen photographs of New Zealanders at Gallipoli.

From 6pm till 10pm. To meet, you will need to phone me on the night to check out location. I will try and reserve some spaces for you.

**Bring:** Your deck chair and a warm rug, snacks and drinks.

There is sometimes fast food & coffee vans at these events.

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** Wednesday 22nd April

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

## MYSTERY WEEKEND

Saturday 25th April to Monday 27th April (ANZAC Weekend)

Bring along your sense of adventure! Come for an active weekend!

The mystery is that you won't know where you'll be going or what you will be doing until two weeks beforehand when we will send out an information pack. A choice of fun activities planned!

**Bring:** To be advised in information pack

**Cost:** Approximate cost for 2 nights accommodation \$72 per person per night – 3 in a room

\$80 per person per night -2 in a room. Breakfast included.

Exact costs will be worked out when numbers known

Budget accommodation also available

**Optional extras:** \$40. Dinners a la carte for Saturday and Sunday nights.

Food requirements advised in information pack. Carpooling can be arranged

**Confirm & pay by:** ASAP, but no later than Friday 27th March

**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com) or Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com)

## WALKING 'CAR' RALLY BY FOOT IN THE CBD

Saturday 2nd May at 2pm

Meet at the top of the escalators at 2pm Britomart Rail Station.

This is a first time and unique event for TUAC Club. Guaranteed to be fun and mentally stimulating while leaning about new and old places in the CBD. Exercise your brain as well as your feet, by following the clues and by answering the questions as you ramble around the city and waterfront. You will be divided into teams of 4 which will depart every 5 minutes. Each team leader will have a clipboard with approx 20 clues and 30 questions.

Prize giving and early dinner at a restaurant or pub nearby.

Check the rail timetable and take the train into the city or park at the reduced weekend rates at the Downtown car park.

If you follow the instructions and symbols correctly the walk should take you about 2½ hours - 3 hours.

**Cost:** \$5 pp to cover costs of the prizes - any balance will go for club fundraising. The cost of dinner after.

**Bring:** Walking shoes, water, snacks, pen, paper, your intelligence and perception.

It would be helpful if you could advise 1 week prior or earlier so the organisers can print off sufficient copies and book the tables for prize giving.

**Contact:** Mike Maran – 846 5350, 027 478 4779 or

[mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)

Helene Harper – 838 6742, 021 921 068 or [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)



## MOVIE WITH OPTIONAL DINNER & DRINKS

Rialto Cinema, Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 3rd May at 5pm

Meet at the Rialto Food Court at 5pm. Movies start around 6pm and as there are a choice of theatres, you can choose on the night which movie you would like to see. Movies advertised a week beforehand.

An option is going to the local pub for a meal instead of the food court.

AA members have a 40% discount for Rialto Cinema. Tickets must be pre-purchased. Book online [www.aa.co.nz/eventcinemas](http://www.aa.co.nz/eventcinemas).

**Bring:** Yourself and a friend if you like

**Cost:** Movie (around \$18 or \$11 with AA discount), dinner and drinks

**Pay by:** On the night

**Confirm:** Thursday 30th April for movies and/or dinner

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



## CYCLE RIDE PT CHEVALIER TO CITY & WESTHAVEN

Meet and Park behind KFC Carpark, Pt Chevalier at 10am

Saturday 9th May

An easy cycle ride to the city using the North Western cycleway. A chance to experience the new wide cycleway under Grafton Bridge. An exhilarating ride downhill all the way to Beach Road. From here we will cycle into the city via Beach Road, onto Quay Street via the Wynyard Quarter and then cycle the new cycleway over the water and Marina at Westhaven. The new cycleway is a new experience, it's an exhilarating ride like floating above the water without getting wet. We will have brunch at one of the cafes beside the Marina at Westhaven and return the same way, but uphill.

**Bring:** Your bicycle, water and snacks

**Cost:** The cost of brunch

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846-5350, 027 478 4779 or

[mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## MUSIC AND LASER LIGHT SHOW

Stardome, Manukau Road, Epsom

12th May starts at 8pm be there 10 mins prior

Double Feature of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd *Wish You Were Here* Courtyard Telescope viewing included, weather permitting

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

Optional Dinner at Thai Archer, 10 Campbell Road, Royal Oak at 6.30pm

**Cost:** \$35.00 includes shows, 2 glasses of wine, sausage sizzle

**Pay:** On the night for shows and dinner

**Confirm:** Optional dinner by 5th May, 2015

**Contact:** Ann - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)



## LEARNERS PAR 3 GOLF COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE

Saturday 16th May at 10am

This is Auckland's only Par 3, 9 hole golf course situated in the middle of Ellerslie racecourse. Drive in from the racecourse entrance on the corner of Ascot & Greenlane Road. Follow the signs and drive over the racetrack and park in The Golf Warehouse carpark.

It's time to take your frustration out on a golf ball. Have a bit of fun while socially interacting with other TUAC members. We will divide into teams of 3 or 4 and have the option of either playing the 9 hole golf course or whacking the golf ball at the driving range.

Learn a new skill. Guaranteed to be fun or frustrating. Lunch afterwards at the Quatro Café on the racecourse site.

Mike is an ex golf green keeper, and will give some tips or lessons to get started, (although he is a useless golf player himself)

**Cost:** 9 hole course Green fees \$14, hire of clubs \$5, balls \$2

Driving Range 50 balls \$5, 100 balls \$14.

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846-5350, 027 478 4779 or

[mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## OREWA BEACH AND ESTUARY WALK & BBQ

**Saturday 23rd May at 1:30pm**

Meet at Orewa Surf Club beach front parking area, off Hibiscus Coast Highway parking area. Beach and Orewa River estuary walkway. Flat and easy to walk – can be extended for the keen and super fit. Followed by a bbq tea at 11 Edgewater Place, Orewa

**Bring:** Walking shoes, warm clothing and snack/drink for approx 2 hour walk.

**Food:** If you are staying for the BBQ - BYO meat and drinks and a plate to share –salad/nibbles/dessert

**Cost:** No cost

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



## AGM

**Tuesday 26th May at 7.15pm**

**Commerce Club of Auckland (CT CLUB)**

**27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera (off Green Lane East Road)**

Be there at 6pm for a meal first or 7.15pm for the AGM

Interactive mystery guest speaker at 8.15 pm

**Bring:** Yourself and a friend

**Cost:** Free – there is a door prize  
Dinner at your cost

**Confirm by:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May if coming for dinner.  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> if attending AGM only

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

## EDUCATIONAL & INFORMATIVE GUIDED VOLCANO WALK ON MANGERE MOUNTAIN with Geologist Murray Baker

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**

Meet and park at 10am cnr Kiwi Esplanade and Coronation Road Mangere Bridge opposite GAS station.

Have you ever wondered how a volcano is formed and when the next eruption will happen in Auckland? We are living in a city of many previous volcanic eruptions and are very fortunate to have the services of geologist Murray Baker who will guide and explain how a volcano is born and also examine some of the geological rocks and formations on the mountain and the area. Mangere Mountain is the best and most accessible example of a tuff ring and volcanic explosion.

We will walk up Mangere Mountain then return via Kiwi Esplanade to see the lava flows. Estimate 2½ hours return.

Lunch after at one of the cafes in Mangere Bridge

**Bring:** Good walking shoes, jacket, water and snacks.

**Cost:** The cost of lunch afterwards.

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846-5350, 0274 784 779 or [mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## TITIRANGI THEATRE COMPANY – HEROES

**Lopdell House Theatre, 418 Titirangi Road, cnr Titirangi Road and South Titirangi Road**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

This delightful 2006 play has been chosen in homage to the 2015 Gallipoli commemorations. Cooped up in a country estate three cantankerous comrades plan their escape. This is brilliant writing and wit, and is a superb piece of theatre that's both achingly funny and sad.

A Dinner venue before the show to be advised

**Cost:** \$20

**Pay by:** 5<sup>th</sup> May to secure your seat and please let me know if you would like dinner

**Contact:** June Bell – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or email [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com) and please head TUAC



## DINNER & PROMISE AND PROMISCUITY

**Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Dinner 6pm – Show 8pm**

Follow the fortunes of Miss Elspeth Slowtree as she battles literacy, snobbery, her mother's nerves and the unfortunate digestions of Cousin Horatio. Armed only with her superior wit and blushing countenance, Penny Ashton plays 9 Austenian characters in this award winning critically lauded smash hit show that has wowed from Bath in the UK to the Canadian Prairies.

Meet at 6pm for dinner beforehand at Italian restaurant, La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park. Show starts 8pm.

Tickets always sell out fast for this boutique theatre so get in quick.

You will need to book your ticket direct with Uxbridge Theatre by phone, 09 535 6467, additional charges apply for getting tickets mailed out to you or you can arrange to have them collected.

Please let me know when you have bought your ticket.

**Bring:** A friend if you wish

**Cost:** Play \$24 Visa/Mastercard when booking by phone

Dinner at your cost, pay on the night BYO & Licensed

**Confirm by:** 19<sup>th</sup> June if coming for dinner

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



## QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUNDS

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**

**We have 7 people already booked in the lodges, so if you are interested, you must get in now.**

**Details:** A standard 5 day Independent Walk Package, 4 day tramping - 3 days tramping (3<sup>rd</sup> day a long 8 hour tramp) to The Portage, stay for 2 days over New Year then the final day to Anakiwa.

**Further info:** Packs transported. We will also be staying in lodges at night (no camping .... I can hear the sigh of relief already!). The track is 70kms long

Package includes water taxi to and from your Picton accommodation to the track, luggage transfers, packed lunch each day and information pack including track guide.

**Cost:** \$810 pp - single room an additional \$410 pp

A \$200 pp deposit is required with booking with the remainder due one month prior to departure.

Credit card details can be safely submitted on a secure online system at [www.wildernessguidesnz.com](http://www.wildernessguidesnz.com)

**Contact:** Alan – [alangrigg11@gmail.com](mailto:alangrigg11@gmail.com)



## JOKE

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and Harry said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

His friend Bill said, "What's the name of the restaurant?"

Harry knits his brow in obvious concentration, and finally said to his companion, "Ahh, what is the name of that red flower you give to someone you love?"

His friends replies, "A carnation?"

"No. No. The other one" the man says.

His friend offers another suggestion, "The poppy?"

"Nahhhh," growls the man. "You know the one that is red and has thorns."

His friend said, "Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, yes that's it. Thank you!" the first man says.

He then turns toward the kitchen and yells, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

## 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."