



Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.
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"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 the event you are paying for. If paying your subs please enter invoice number. 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 may be applied to non-members. Contact the event organiser directly to make a booking for any event.

If you have confirmed you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser or accommodation booked, please 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, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend.

April 2018 – May 2018

JAZZ IN THE VINES AT COOPERS' CREEK VINEYARD

State Highway 16, Huapai
Sunday 25th March at 12.30pm

The band is the Blue Jaffa's, they are an experienced quartet playing cool rhythms blending Soul & Jazz with a sprinkling of the US South. The Band will play from 1 – 4pm. You can bring your own picnic but no alcohol. There are also fruit and cheese platters available to purchase. Wine is available to purchase from the vineyard. There are tables and chairs for seating but you can bring your own chairs to ensure good seating.

Bring: Your own picnic, juice or water but no alcohol.
Cost: Entry is free. You pay only for any wine or drinks/food platters you purchase.

Advise by: 20th March
Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



THE BIG EASY & HISTORIC SHEEP STATION WALK, NAPIER

Easter Weekend Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April 2018

The motel units are already booked! Leave the rat race of Auckland behind and bring your bike for the 45km Big Easy ride from Havelock North to Napier.

This is run on Easter Saturday and includes a great concert in the Church Road Winery grounds after the ride. Lots of buskers to enjoy enroute while biking along Napier's fabulous flat bike paths. Easter Sunday there is a 2 hour walk planned on an historic sheep station followed by a tour of the formal lounges and hall, of either Springvale (Est 1903) or Mount Vernon Station (Est 1882) with afternoon tea to follow. Carpooling available. Accommodation at Bayview Motel – shared costs (approx. \$60-\$65 per person per night depending on how many sharing the unit. Big Easy (includes T shirt and concert entry) \$35.00 + bus ticket to start at Black Barn vineyard \$10.

Purchase your tickets online at www.thebigeasy.co.nz
Sheep station historic walk \$30 per person (includes afternoon tea)
Bring: Own bike and helmet, walking shoes and pole
Confirm by: 1st March 2018

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



THE TASTE OF MATARANGI 2018 (COROMANDEL) WEEKEND

Accommodation Kuaotunu Campground
33 Bluff Rd, Kuaotunu. (off SH 25 en route to Whitianga)
Friday 6th April to Sunday 8th April 2018

The Event is on Saturday 7th April from 10am to 4.30pm.

See: <http://atasteofmatarangi.co.nz/>

The campground offers sites for campervans, campers or hire of cabins (2 to 4 people). Each campsite - maximum of 4 people. Campers and Caravans \$20 per person per night. Cabins from \$65 per person in a double unit, less if 4 in a unit. Corina (or Louise) the campground managers request that individuals book their sites separately. See <http://www.kcq2008.com/>

Intention is to arrive Friday evening, having eaten en route.

Saturday - Attend the Food Festival.

Bring and share BBQ on Saturday night

Sunday - Brunch at Luke's Kitchen – 5 minutes up the road.

Optional: Sunday - 1-2 hour walk in the forest off Waiata Rd 5 minutes up the road

Bring: Camping gear, bedding etc. Food for breakfasts, meat and plate for BBQ.

Other activities: (Bring your own equipment) Kayaking, cycling, walking, swimming, skin diving, fishing.

Cost: \$15 for Food Event - to be paid into TUAC account by Wed. 7th March and I will book the tickets.

Phone Campground for accommodation - 07 866 5628

I will send out details on how to get there nearer the time.

Contact: Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

CHATHAM ISLANDS

Thursday 12th – 19th April 2018 – Time –8 days

The Chatham's group of islands have a unique and rich biological heritage. They are home to 20 percent of New Zealand's threatened bird species and 14 percent of our threatened plants. Many and beautiful birds and plants await your discovery. In addition, you will learn of the unique Mori culture, early European whaling and mission ruins, tree carvings and enjoy the friendly island hospitality.

This is organised by TUAC's own Peter Fleming's Travel Company.

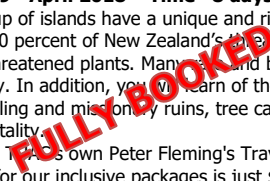
Cost: The price for our inclusive packages is just \$3,485 per person twin share, a saving of over \$600.

Any further queries about the trip you can quote his reference CIX18 TUAC

Contact: Carol McBride - 021 0275 8744 or

carolmcbride@gmail.com.

David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz Or Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz



FOOT GOLF

Maxwells Golf Retreat, 205B Ingram Road, Ramarama
Sunday April 22nd for 11am start

This game is played by following the course as with golf, but instead of using clubs we will use soccer balls. There are special cut 20" holes and a special score card.

The game is combination of soccer and golf but played with soccer balls on a golf course with shortened holes. This new fun game is one of strategy and skill. Players kick a soccer ball from the tees to the greens in a few shots as possible. The 9 hole course should take about 1-1½ hours to complete.

Teams can be made up from 4 to 6 players per team.

The most direct way to Maxwells golf course is to take the Bombay turnoff at the end of the Southern Motorway. Turn left on to the Old Great South Road by the Caltex petrol station. The turnoff on Ingram Road is well signposted. Drive to the very end of Ingram Road and you will see another sign Maxwells Golf. Drive to the players' carpark and meet at Reception. For those wanting to carpool I suggest we meet and park at the Countdown Green Lane at 10am. Please let Mike know if you want to carpool or self-drive. There is bar and restaurant on site which has a comprehensive lunch menu. It would be good to have interested numbers attending, asap so I can inform the chef on catering requirements.

Bring: Your walking shoes, hat.

Cost: \$20pp includes your own soccer ball

Pay direct to the golf course on the day. Bar/Lunch extra

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350 or 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



MOVIE NIGHT - FILM TO BE ADVISED CLOSER TO THE DATE

Saturday 28th April - Expressions of interest

Venue and movie to be advised closer to the date. Perhaps dinner before/after

Contact: Helene Harper - heleneh47@xtra.co.nz or 021 921 068



EXPLORE THE KAIPARA HARBOUR REGION

Staying at the Matakoho Holiday Park

Friday to Sunday 4th to 6th May 2018

Drive the 2 hour trip Friday, set up tents. (The holiday park does have cabins/motel rooms for those who would prefer not to camp) Organise own evening meal or use campground facilities. An opportunity to explore the area either by car or on bike.

Things to see in the area:

Heading towards Dargaville -Tokatoka Peak, a moderate hike to the top and what a view!

20 minutes to Pahi for another seaside village and wharf and one of the largest Moreton Bay Fig trees you will ever see.

5 minutes to Paparoa (6.4km away) where you'll find a pub, shops, restaurants and a nice creek-side walking track.

5 minutes to the Kauri bushman reserve to view the local Kauri tree

Intention is to spend at least half a day at the Matakoho Kauri Museum.

Tinopai 22 km away, so bikers could do the return trip (Max elevation 157m)

Return trip to Ruawai (15.9km each way – max elevation 103m)

Return Sunday via SH16 and stop at Parakai Springs.

Check out this website for other things to do

<http://www.matakoholidaypark.co.nz/matakoho>

Bring: Tent, camping gear, meat + plate for pot luck BBQ on Sat night.

Breakfasts/lunches. Bikes and/or walking gear

Cost: \$38 per night for 2 people site at campground

See website for cabin prices- approx. \$40/person/night – 4 could share 2 bdm cabin

I will book the campsites. Those who want to stay in cabin, please contact me

Expressions of interest required ASAP. 4th May not so far away.

Contact: Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

SUPERB SAFARI IN THE TORBAY BUSH

Saturday 12th May 2018

This half day walk explores the many pockets of native bush that have been preserved between the expanding North Shore suburbs. These have been developed with gravel walking tracks by local volunteers over the last 50 years.

Starting at the Long Bay beach car park we will wind through suburban streets and preserved bush. The highest point of the trail is 100 metres with fantastic views over the North Shore bays and the unusual view looking down at Rangitoto. The distance is a hilly 10 km (3 hours) return to the Long Bay car park, with the option of extending along Long Bay beach and beyond to PiriPiri point headland and back, approx. 4km each way.

Meet at 9.30am at Long Bay Regional Park (park second carpark on right by toilet block, sign on carpark is site 1, 2, 3)

Contact: Rob and Felicity – 027 473 3589



BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT 2018

Academy Theatre, Lorne Street, City

Tuesday 24th May at 6pm

Sharing the best cycling short films from around the world.

You can YouTube – the big bike film night promo trailer 2018

Confirm by: 10th April so I can book tickets

Cost: \$22.00 Please Pay TUAC account.

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005 or annmelrose@gmail.com

PLAY BY THE LAKE

Howick Little Theatre, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Lloyd Elmore Park, Pakuranga

Saturday 26th May at 8pm

Maurice and his sister Stella plan to murder their half-brother Colin by poisoning him and dropping him through the ice on a nearby lake. As Colin always uses the lake to cross from his own house, it will look like an accident. When Maurice's wife, Janet, stumbles across some conclusive evidence, and he learns of her suspicions, Maurice decides that she must be done away with, too.

Cost: \$29.00 for adults, \$26.00 for seniors 65 years plus

Confirm by: Saturday 19th May.

Book and pay for your own tickets at Theatre office on 534-

1401 open 9.30am to 1.30 pm weekdays or email

info@hit.org.nz

For those that are interested, we will meet for dinner at 6pm at La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park Shopping Centre.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 09 527 4407 or jcalvert@kinect.co.nz

TUAC AGM

Remuera Club, 27-33 Ohinerau St Remuera.

(Formerly the Commercial Travellers Club).

Tuesday 29th May 2018

We encourage all Thumbs Up Adventure Club members to attend our Annual General Meeting. AGM business will commence at 7pm. Guest speaker to be advised.

Optional buffet meal available. Cost to be confirmed in the next newsletter.

For catering purposes, if you would like dinner before the meeting, please

confirm by Tuesday 22nd May. Dinner from 5.30pm

If just attending the AGM, please confirm by Friday 25th May.

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com

WOW – WORLD OF WEARABLE ART, WELLINGTON

Saturday 13th October 2018 at 8pm

Join us for this wonderful exciting event of Wearable Art.

Some accommodation is booked at Hotel Waterloo

Backpackers at 1 Bunny Street which is close to the venue. All

rooms have en suites. The cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and

dinner. You may choose to dine in or take your own food.

Cost: Ticket price at 2017 was \$190 plus \$8.50

booking fee. Please be aware the cost may be more in 2018.

Please pay \$198.50 into the TUAC account by

15th January 2018 to secure your place.

Contact: June Bell - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or

fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



WEB-SITE 'GALLERY'?

For all you Event participants who take wonderful photos -why not share

them with everyone else on our web-site. Email your photos to Helene

at heleneh47@xtra.co.nz or 021 921 068

JOKE Contributed by Ron James

Policeman on horse says to little girl on little pink bike, "Did Santa Claus get you that?"

"Yes" answers the little girl

"Well please tell him to put a reflector light on it next year!" and fines her 5 bucks.

The little girl looks up at the policeman and says, "Nice horse you've got

there, did Santa Claus bring you that?"

The policeman laughs and replies, "He sure did!"

"Well," says the little girl, "Next year tell Santa Claus that the dick goes under the horse, not on top of it!"

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.