



**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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**April 2019 – May 2019**

**RAILCARTING – DARGAVILLE TO WAIOTIRA & RETURN**

**Station Road, Dargaville**  
**Saturday 30th March 2019**

This new extended trip to the Waiotira Junction, is a trip that has not been available to the public for over 50 years. Waiotira is where the Dargaville branch line joined the Main Trunk Line from Auckland to Whangarei. You will travel over 21 bridges and through 2 tunnels, with the longest being 638 meters. Travel through native bush, farmland, forestry blocks and other interesting places which you can't see anywhere but by rail. This journey is the second longest privately run rail journey in New Zealand.

**Further info:** The trip is 98kms return, departs at 9am and takes approximately 7 to 8 hours (returning around 5pm). Please report at 8.45am to complete paperwork and pay. Each cart can carry up to 4 adults. Tea and coffee are supplied as part of your ticket. There are 2 toilet stops on the way. Carpooling available Friday, returning Sunday (I can take 3).

Optional extras:

Accommodation if you want to make it a weekend away:

I have reserved 6 twin ensuite rooms at the Northern Wairoa Hotel at \$95 per night for 2 people. Please confirm with me if you want to stay at the Northern Wairoa Hotel.

Alternative accommodation available at Dargaville Campervan Park and Cabins, 16-18 Gladstone St, Dargaville. Converted railway cabins with ensuite, queen bed or twin single (linen included) \$95 for 2 people. Please book your own accommodation ASAP if you wish to stay here.

<http://dargavilleaccommodation.co.nz/accommodationrates/>

Kumara Box Museum and Kumara Garden tour Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am start. Tour takes 1 1/2 hrs they will most likely be digging kumara on the day.

**Cost:** \$30 per person includes a home baked morning tea. Pay on the day

**Bring:** Driver's licence if you want to drive the railcart, sturdy footwear, warm clothing as the weather can be changeable, lunch, water, and camera

**Cost:** Rail carts \$180 per person (min of 4) or \$150 if we get a group of 10 or more. Maximum number of 16.

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** 28th February 2019 for the rail carts.

**Contact:** Aaron Love - 021 978 872 or [aaronlove@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aaronlove@xtra.co.nz)

**MOSAIC WORKSHOP**

**Pahi Road, RD1, Paparua, Kaipara Harbour**  
**Friday 12th April - Sunday 14th April 2019**

Cottage accommodation at Blechynden Estate. Each cottage can sleep up to 3 people. Leonora will organise to show us how to do Mosaic in her garage on the Saturday morning.

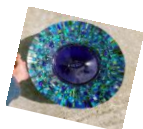
Further info: see website [www.pahicottages.co.nz](http://www.pahicottages.co.nz)

**Bring:** A project to work on (e.g. a pot for a plant, birdbath, bird feeder??) Broken crockery or tiles. (She does have glass beads and mosaic tiles, but people may prefer to bring their own.) She will provide grouting, tools and instructions.  
Bike – optional. There is a nice ride to Pahi.  
Food - cottages have cooking facilities. BBQ available

**Cost:** \$100 per person for 2 nights this includes workshop costs.  
For six people.

Anyone not interested in doing mosaic but wanting to go to the Matakoko museum instead, is welcome to book their own accommodation at the campground in Matakite.

**Contact:** Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or [Hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:Hillary.scott.54@gmail.com)



**BIKE RIDE – HOBSONVILLE TO ALBANY AND BACK VIA GREENHITHE**

**Saturday 13th April at 9am**

Meet outside Countdown Hobsonville at 9am

It will be at least 3hrs and about 35km so need to be up for the challenge.

Variety of road, cycle lanes and bush track riding so hybrid or mountain bike suitable. Some hill work including Greenhithe Bridge. Lunch stop on return at café.

**Bring:** Usual Hi Vis cycle gear and water

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm by:** Wed 10th April

**Contact:** Jeanette - 021 0222 3891 or [jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com](mailto:jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com)



**NATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL, TAURANGA**

**Easter Weekend Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Monday 22nd April**

Downtown Tauranga is the place to be this Easter Saturday and Sunday. The Strand comes alive with a carnival vibe that you don't want to miss. Enjoy jazz, swing, blues and funk from NZ's best on multiple stages along The Strand, set amidst dozens of fine bars and restaurants.

Relax or dance the weekend away with the sparkling waters of Tauranga Moana as a backdrop.

The fun begins with the Vintage Parade in true New Orleans style down Willow Street on Saturday morning. Dress up and join in - from spiffing sportswear and straw boaters, floaty florals through to putting on the Ritz and Carnival glam, anything goes!

Have some fun over the weekend, dress up and be in to win spot prizes. Downtown Carnival city comes alive with jazz! The Downtown Carnival is Tauranga's biggest day of the year. It's going to be huge!

**Friday:** People arriving Friday night are welcome to come to 8G Gane Place, Omokoroa for a pot luck BBQ from 6pm till late. BYO drinks, meat and a plate to share.

**Saturday:** Breakfast downtown 9am. Meet by Starbucks on The Strand. Street carnival at 11am. (starts at Cliff Road, down Willow St to Spring St) followed by jazz bands which play from 12 noon until 6pm. Dinner in town. Note: free parking in town all day (refer festival map).

**Optional jazz/music events (see below).**

**Sunday:** The Little Big Markets Crafts, food and gifts 10am-2pm. Music 12pm-6pm. Dinner in town.

**Monday:** Biking, walking or sightseeing. The choice is yours.

**Further info:** To book any optional special jazz/music events or view the festival location map go to [https://jazz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/7028\\_NJF\\_2019\\_programme\\_web.pdf](https://jazz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/7028_NJF_2019_programme_web.pdf) and book direct

**Accommodation:** Some accommodation available with club members (Get in quick). Omokoroa Holiday Park or Tauranga has choices of motels and Air BnB

**Bring:** Bike and biking gear if you want to cycle on Monday

**Cost:** Gold coin entry fee to the street festival in downtown Tauranga

**Pay:** On the day

**Confirm:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Contact:** Guy Phillips – 027 603 5549 or [icbm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icbm@xtra.co.nz)



## AUCKLAND FORESHORE HERITAGE CITY WALK

**Saturday 27th April at 10am**

Meet and park at Point Erin Swimming Baths carpark Sarsfield Street, Herne Bay. A guided historical and informative walk from interpretation signs 1 to 15. Mike will give a brief commentary at each sign. There are 25 signs in total.

We will walk to sign 15 at Point Britomart, then walk up Queen Street and take the bus back to Herne Bay and walk back down to the carpark. The walk is about 2½-3 hours, level throughout and was featured as one of the historical walks in Auckland Heritage Festival Week. Lunch locally afterwards.

**Bring:** Your Hop card or bus fare for return.

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** Anytime, or 2 to 3 days prior.

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



## MOVIE NIGHT

**Rialto, Newmarket**

**Saturday 4th May 2019**

A get-together at Newmarket over a film and dinner.

Choice of film will be announced Sunday 29th April

**Cost:** Ticket and dinner

**Confirm by:** 30th April

**Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz)**



## BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

**Academy Theatre, Lorne Street, Auckland**

**Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.45pm**

Sharing the best cycling short films from around the world.

youtube: The Big Bike Film Night 2019 Promo Trailer

Optional pre movie meal - let me know and we can arrange near the Academy.

**Cost:** \$23 Tickets available now so get in early as they sell out quickly

**Pay:** TUAC account for movie only

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



## SRI LANKA THURSDAY 9th MAY - THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019

Come and join David Verrall & Carol McBride on this trip to Sri Lanka

15 days escorted tour. Return flights Auckland Singapore Colombo.

Air-condition coach vehicles, English chauffeur, entrance and site fees, government taxes, VIP Silk route arrival facility all included.

Small group 10 to 15 people some spare spaces at present available.

**Cost:** \$5999 share twin

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

## JAZZ CONCERT – HOPETOUN BROWN & THE GENIUS FINN SCHOLES

**Uxbridge Arts & Culture Centre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick**

**Friday 10th May – 8pm to 10pm**

Three of the country's finest musicians stomp and parp across a musical landscape of blues, roots, soul and jazz live on stage.

They ring every last decibel from their trumpets, trombones, tubas, bass clarinets, tenor saxophones, cornets and pianos. Scholes was hand-picked by Neil Finn for his recent tour to Australia and South East Asia and it's a measure of the musician that Neil chose Finn mainly for his outstanding skills on his second instrument, the piano. While Finn Scholes dazzles at the keyboard, it's his chops on the trumpet that leaves audiences with jaws agape.

Optional dinner at 6pm at The Good Home, Cnr Picton St & Uxbridge Rd, Howick.

**Cost:** \$29 for adults, Table seating \$32. Please ring me if you are interested in table seating.

**Confirm/Pay:** Confirm by Monday 29th April. Book and pay own tickets at office on 535 6467 Fri – Mon 9am – 4pm, Tue – Thur 9am – 9pm

**Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.co.nz)**



## TAMAKI DRIVE WALK FROM ST HELIERS

**Sunday 12th May 2019 at 10am**

Meet at the St Heliers Bay Toilets and join me for a leisurely walk along Tamaki Drive to a point where everyone is comfortable. Return back to St Heliers for lunch (optional) at Moreton's Bar and Restaurant who have the Best Beer Battered chips in town.

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



## NEWMARKET TEN PIN BOWLING 6/2 YORK ST, NEWMARKET

**Saturday 25th May 2019 at 5.30pm**

Meet at the bowling alley at 5.30pm

Enjoy a couple of games of 10 pin bowls before heading across the road for dinner at Doolan Brothers Pub, 414 Khyber Pass Rd, Newmarket

**Cost:** \$18 for 2 games of bowls. Dinner and drinks at your cost

**Pay by:** On the night

**Confirm:** Monday 20th May

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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Remuera Club, 27-33 Ohineru Street, Remuera**

**Tuesday 28th May 2019 at 7pm**

All members are encouraged to attend. AGM business will commence at 7pm and there will be a guest speaker after the meeting. New committee members are welcome. Please let us know if you are keen.

Optional buffet meal is available from 5.30pm before the meeting, cost to be confirmed in the next newsletter.

For catering purposes, please confirm by Tuesday 14th May if you are having dinner. This year the club will sponsor dinner by \$10 per head.

If attending the AGM only, please confirm by Friday 17th May.

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

## MANDELA MY LIFE: THE OFFICIAL EXHIBITION

**Eden Park, Reimers Ave, Kingsland**

**Sunday 9th June 2019 – 11am session**

Meet at the corner of Walters & Sandringham Roads at 10.45am

Mandela *My Life*: The Official Exhibition, is a new world class exhibition on Nelson Mandela's extraordinary life, curated from the extensive collections of the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg. A century on from his birth, this exhibition poetically and emotively explores the personal and public life of Nelson Mandela, one of the most influential men in modern history. A rich selection of rare personal artefacts, film footage and documents, combined with newly created audio-visual pieces form the heart of the exhibition and offer an insight into the world that shaped Mandela's life and journey. Many of the objects will be on display outside of South Africa for the first time. This official Mandela exhibition will commemorate, illuminate and most importantly share Nelson Mandela's living legacy with the world. Lunch afterwards at one of the cafes in Kingsland.

**Cost:** Adults \$27.50 / Seniors \$22.50

**Pay by:** Book online [premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MANDELA19](http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MANDELA19)

**Confirm by:** When you have booked your ticket, let me know

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



## WAR HORSE – STAGE SHOW

**Civic Theatre**

**Friday 28th June 2019**

At the outbreak of World War One, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the cavalry and shipped from England to France. He is soon caught up in enemy fire, and fate takes him on an extraordinary journey, serving on both sides before finding himself alone in no man's land. But Albert cannot forget Joey and, still not old enough to enlist, he embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.

Check out the video clip on <https://warhorseonstage.co.nz/>

Show starts at 7.30pm. Optional dinner beforehand at the Stables at 6pm.

**Cost:** \$99.90, \$109.90, \$119.90 to \$130 depending on seating

**Pay by:** As soon as you confirm you want a seat into

TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

**Confirm by:** Immediately you read this write up

Seats are already being sold for all performances, so get in quick.

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



## JOKE

**One Sunday morning George burst into the living room and said, "Dad! Mom! I have some great news for you! I am getting married to the most beautiful girl in town. She lives a block away and her name is Susan"**

**After dinner, George's dad took him aside,**

**"Son, I have to talk with you.**

**Look at your mother, George. She and I have been married 30 years, she's a wonderful wife and mother, but she has never offered much excitement in the bedroom, so I used to fool around with women a lot, Susan is actually your half sister, and I'm afraid you can't marry her".**

**George was brokenhearted**

**After eight months he eventually started dating girls again. A year later he came home and very proudly announced, "Diane said yes! We're getting married in June."**

**Again, his father insisted on another private conversation and broke the sad news "Diane is your half sister too, George" I'm awfully sorry about this."**

**George was livid! He finally decided to go to his mother with the news his father had shared.**

**"Dad has done so much harm, I guess I'm never going to get married," he complained "Every time I fall in love, Dad tells me the girl is my half sister."**

**"Hee hee," his mother chuckled, shaking her head, "Don't pay any attention to what he says, he's not really your father."**

## **EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

TUAC Account details: **ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00**. For internet banking - state the event you are paying for.

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques 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 may be applied to non-members. Contact the event organiser directly to make a booking for any event.

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

**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.

**LIABILITY:** "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."

**Any queries regarding an event please get in touch with the event organiser only.  
Do not use the Hotmail Account**