



**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 2020 – May 2020

### Important Message from President Mike

To all valued TUAC members.

Everyone is aware of the recommended closures of public events and gathering of groups of people due to the threat of COVID-19 Virus

The very nature of some of our events involves mass gatherings with each other, participating or joining in public outings or events.

If you are feeling unwell and are doubtful that you should attend one of our TUAC events, then please contact the event organiser to let them know of your status.

Some of our advertised events that involve mixing or close contact with others within the public, such as inside restaurants, outside festivals, music or sporting events could be cancelled or postponed because the public ban on gatherings of many people in one area.

I would suggest specific low risk events such as walks, biking, small groups meeting for dining, coffee etc should continue as normal. But attendance of larger events that involve mixing with the public be held with precautions.

Club events should continue, but at the discretion of the event organiser. Let's not take this to the extreme, but be sensible when deciding whether to attend an event or not.

I reiterate, if you have put your name down for an event and are unsure whether to attend please contact the event organiser.

The Thumbs Up Adventure Club events should continue, but because of unprecedented times, expect restricted activities until the COVID-19 Virus decreases.

Mike Maran  
TUAC Club President

### WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

Schischka Campground, Wenderholm  
Friday & Saturday nights 20th & 21st March 2020

Located alongside the Puhoi River is Schischka Campground, which is a short walk to the beach. Kayaking, swimming and many walks in the area. The camp site is flat and has all new facilities  
Saturday night shared meal – Club BBQ will be there

**Bring:** Camping gear/tent/gas cooker, walking shoes, kayak (opt)

**Cost:** \$15.50 per person per night

**Pay by:** ASAP to TUAC as there are limited number of places

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

**Alternatively come to Wenderholm for the day** Saturday 21st March for a walk down Moirs Hill to Puhio and stay for the BBQ in the evening.  
Be at the gate to the Schischka campground at 9.25am for the walk.

**Bring:** Walking gear, water, money for lunch, something for BBQ and something to share

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



### KAYAK, PUHOI TO WENDERHOLM

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.45am

Meet at Puhoi River Canoes, 84 Puhoi Road, Puhoi, 7.45am

We paddle downstream with the tide along the very picturesque Puhoi River. The journey is 8km long and will take about 2 hours. A moderate level of fitness required.

If staying at Wenderholm campsite, we will carpool to Puhoi from 7.30am, complete our paddle, de-camp then onto Waiwera for lunch or whatever your plans are.

I have booked a limited selection of single and double kayaks. Please book ASAP to ensure one is available. [www.puhoirivercanoes.co.nz](http://www.puhoirivercanoes.co.nz)

**Bring:** Water, snacks

**Cost:** Single \$55, double \$100. Pay into the club account.

**Confirm by:** ASAP

**Contact:** Gary - 021 1170 716 or [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com)



### AUCKLAND JAZZ N' BLUES – THE IMPRESSIONS

Pt Chevalier RSA – 1136 Great North Rd. Point Chevalier  
Tuesday 24th March 2020 at 7.30pm

The show starts at 7.30pm and runs until 10pm

The band have been performing together of about 10 years and have built up a fine reputation for delivering top-class performances. This band blends Jazz, Latin and funky blues with rhythmic folk and world music styles.

Dinner is available and prices are very reasonable.

**Cost:** Tickets \$15, Pt Chev RSA members \$5

Pay cash at the door as credit card facilities not available  
Dinner and drinks your cost on the night

**Confirm by:** 20th March

**Contact:** Helene Harper – 021 921 068 or [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)

## BOTTICELLI ITALIAN RESTAURANT

8 Anzac Street, Takapuna  
29th March 2020 at 4.30pm

Music by Song Writer Jarni Blair from 4.30pm until 6.30pm  
Meet at 4.30pm in the Bar or for dinner in the Restaurant - to be decided on preference for those wanting to come. I have eaten there and the Italian food is awesome. We can either reserve seats in the restaurant for dinner or we meet and listen to Jarni in the bar attached. Food can be eaten in the bar.

**Confirm by:** ASAP

**Cost:** Pay on the night – no cover charge

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

## CYCLE RIDE PT CHEVALIER TO HOBSONVILLE POINT

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

Meet and park at the Pt Chevalier carpark behind KFC, NW Motorway side, entry from Parrs Rd North, opposite Mobil.

From here we will cycle the North Western cycleway onto the new section through to Westgate, then over the Yellow bridge and on to Hobsonville Road. Lunch at one of the numerous cafes or the street food from the Hobsonville Point Saturday markets.

One achievable hill and mainly level with some road riding in the wide berm strip on parts of Hobsonville Road, then return to Pt Chevalier.

Allow 5 hours. Return about 3pm.

There are a growing number of us that now have E Bikes but will still appoint a leader and a tail end Charlie.

**Cost:** Money for lunch or purchase from the market.

**Bring:** Usual bike gear. I will have one of the clubs First Aid kits with me.

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



## BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm

Because this film has such amazing scenery, stories and footage, it is not just for people who enjoy cycling. This year's treasure chest of films includes a story that reminds you of the importance of finding your 'why', and that with a bike you can find a worthy adventure in your own backyard; a movie that shows inspiration can come in all shapes and sizes – sometimes that shape and size is a seven-year-old girl who likes to ride BMX; an audacious mountain climbing challenge; a tale of trees, traps and trails, two friends on a mission picking up rubbish; a beautiful story about the power of two wheels and a community built through bicycling; and a part documentary/ part fantasy with mountain bike illustrations. These short films are a great reminder of why we love to ride our bike; with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all- stories that inspire us to get out and ride.

Run time: Just over 2 hours including a good old fashioned 10 minute Interval. As club members have been attending this event for the past 6 years, the organisers have reserved seating for us.

If anyone is hungry after the movie, we can head for the food court nearby

**Cost:** \$23 per person

**Confirm by:** 5th March

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



## WAIKARAKA PARK EASTER SPECTACULAR

\$10,000 DEMOLITION DERBY

Waikaraka Park, 175 Nelson Street, Onehunga

Easter Saturday, 11th April at 6pm

A great night's entertainment for petrol heads and stock-car enthusiasts. There will be burnout cars, Jet Dragster and stock-cars

The Demolition Derby is an annual event not to be missed. The aim of the event is to smash and crash into any other car on the track. The track is filled to capacity with dozens of old cars and it's the last man standing or last car still driveable that gets the \$10,000. There are multiple smash ups happening at the same time. You will have plenty of action and entertainment.

You need to bring a soft cushion if sitting in the grandstand or a seat if sitting in the terraces. Also bring a warm jacket and hat.

Food is available from takeaway outlets at the back of the grandstand.

Gates open at 5pm. According to the website, the first race starts at 6pm

**Meet:** I suggest we meet outside the main entrance at 5.15pm to get best grandstand seats. Parking in surrounding streets.

**Bring:** Cushion, jacket, water and money for entry fee

**Cost:** At the time of printing the website says Standard ticket \$25 Gold Card \$10. Payable at the entrance gate

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



## TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND

Ferry Building, Downtown Auckland

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 8.30am

Home to a 150 year old lighthouse, lush coastal forest and pristine beaches, Tiritiri Matangi is a protected haven for endangered species – making the island a nature lover's paradise.

A day trip including a guided walk of approx. 2 hours to learn about the history of the island, re-vegetation, native bird calls and hopefully little blue penguins, finishing at the visitor Centre for a complimentary cuppa.

We then have free time to explore the lighthouse and other parts of the island before catching the ferry to return to Auckland at 3.30pm.

Ferry takes 75mins each way to Auckland or 20mins to Gulf Harbour.

A DOC Biosecurity check is necessary so please ensure your clothing and footwear is clean and free of soil and seeds. Food/snacks etc. must be packed in plastic containers and your pack must be zipped. Rubbish must be taken home.

I have checked with Fullers and there are quite a few spaces available on this date, but seats are limited.

Please book online <https://www.fullers.co.nz/timetables-and-fares/?from=AUCK&to=TIRI> and advise me when booked.

**Bring:** Good walking shoes, raincoat, warm clothing, sun hat, water, snacks, lunch and money for the gift shop.

**Cost:** \$92pp includes Guided walk - \$82pp without Guided walk

**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or [sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com)



## DESOTOS

Uxbridge Arts & Culture Centre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to 10.30pm

Fuelled by a powerful blend of rock-infused country blues, the DeSotos combine rich harmonies with reverberant guitar sounds, chunky bass runs and warm flourishes of Hammond organ. The DeSotos are well healed travellers on the American highway and are a sonic delight to see live, with consistently favourable feedback from a wide range of audiences.

Optional dinner at The Good Home, 78 Picton Street, Howick at 5.30pm.

Please book your own tickets by ringing the office on 09 535 6467

**Cost:** General \$28.00, Table Seats \$34.00

**Confirm by:** Saturday 2nd May 2020

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

## TUAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau Street, Remuera

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30pm

Please note change of AGM date, as the venue was not available on the last Tuesday in May.

Self-serve buffet dinner at 6pm for \$28. I will ask the committee if the club can subsidise the meal cost and reconfirm in the next newsletter.

Guest speaker will also be advised in the next newsletter.

AGM meeting starts at 7pm. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

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

## JOKE Contributed by Ann Melrose

An attractive young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the Priest sitting beside her,

"Father, may I ask you a favour?"

"Of course child, what may I do for you?"

Well, I bought for my mother an expensive hair dryer for her birthday. It is unopened but well over the Customs limits and I am afraid they will confiscate it.

Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Hide it under your robes perhaps?"

The Priest replied "Would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you, I will not lie."

"With your face, Father, no one will question you"

When they got to customs, she let the priest go first. The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?"

The Priest replied "from the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare."

The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?"

"I have a marvellous instrument designed to be used on a woman,

but which is, to date, unused." said the Priest

Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father

Next Please..."

## EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank a/c 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**