

# 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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**PLEASE DEPOSIT CHEQUES DIRECTLY INTO THE CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNT & ADVISE LIBBY ([libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)) WHAT THE DEPOSIT WAS FOR ALSO PLEASE CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE STILL LEFT BEFORE DEPOSITING YOUR CHEQUE**

**Our account details: ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00 for those who prefer to send payment by electronic payment via the internet PLEASE make sure you state your name, the cost and what event you are paying for**

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

"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."

**NOTE: 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.**

## AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2013

**PLEASE NOTE:** Payment by cheques & account details for Internet payment are above

### NIGHT OUT AT THE MOVIES, NEWMARKET

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Meet at 5.30pm**

We will decide on the movie on the night, and go for a meal after the movie.

**Bring:** Yourself and okay to bring a friend

**Cost:** Pay for own ticket on the night

**Contact:** [raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz](mailto:raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz) or 021 455 863



### CARDS - 500 NIGHT, 160 Main Highway, Ellerslie

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - 7pm**

I remember best about my last year at Thames High. The thing, was the fun we had playing 500. Every time the break bell rang, the card school swung into action. I only wish 500 had been part of the official curriculum! This will be a fun night, however it is preferable you have some understanding of the game, even if you are rusty. If you are a complete beginner please let me know.

**Bring:** Nibbles or finger food to share and BYO drink

**Cost:** Nil

**Contact:** Jackie to confirm a place - 525 1164 or 021 167 4253

[jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com)



### SOCIAL EVENING

**Africa Restaurant, 1 William Pickering Dr, Albany 0632**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August - 7pm**

Have a drink and a meal, bring your friends. Come and see what the club is about. It's a nice bar, plenty of room.

**Bring:** Sense of humour

**Cost:** Pay your way

**Contact:** [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz) or 0274 936 850

### COME DINE WITH ME

**Held at various members' homes**

**Choice of dates: 10<sup>th</sup> August, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September**

An evening of social fun and conversation, enjoying a meal with other club members in a personal environment. (The evening can be themed or not).

A show of interest in either being the host or participating as a guest required by 10<sup>th</sup> July. Numbers are limited to 6 at any one venue, but there may be more than one venue per night.

**Bring:** BYO drinks

**Cost:** \$20.00 goes to the host/chefs on the night

**Pay by:** Payable in cash (do not pay into the club account)

**Confirm by:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

**Contact:** Raywyn Brinsden 021 455 863 or [raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz](mailto:raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz)



### TAHUNA TOREA NATURE RESERVE WALK, Glendowie

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Park and meet at Riverside Ave, Point England at 10am**

We will walk along the edge of Point England Reserve, through the Wai O Taiki Nature Reserve to the Tahuna Torea Nature Reserve, stop for coffee/food at a café at Roberta Ave Reserve, then return along a similar route back to our cars.

Tahuna Torea introduces you to 25 hectares of unique wildlife sited on a long sand bank extending out into the Tamaki Estuary. There are bushy areas for birds to hide in, fresh and saltwater wetlands, plants like gorse are left to give shelter to young native trees, and fallen trees and branches are left to break down to add fertility to habitats – all accessed by weaving through the network of tracks.

If weather is doubtful, I will make the decision by 8.30am if the walk will go ahead.

Please phone or text after that to check if going ahead.

**Bring:** Water bottle, maybe rain jacket, money for café

**Wear:** Tramping boots or sturdy shoes as track/boardwalks may be slippery

**Cost:** Walk is free, coffee/food at your cost

**Contact:** Dianne 0274 941 400 or [diannechisholm@hotmail.com](mailto:diannechisholm@hotmail.com) to let me know if you are coming



### PARAKAI SWIM NIGHT

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 6pm onwards**

Come swim, slide and snack.

**Cost:** Pay at pool

**Contact:** June 817 3093, 021 258 3013

or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



### HOBBITON TOUR 501 BUCKLAND RD, MATAMATA

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Carpooling:** Let me know who is taking their car & if you have room for more

**Meet:** 8.45am, bp station at the end of the sthrn motorway. Depart 9am for arrival at 'the shire's rest' 11am. We are booked for the 11.30pm tour. The tour buses pick us up and takes approximately 2hrs. Check it out here:

[www.hobbitontours.com](http://www.hobbitontours.com) Lunch in Matamata – main drag of Broadway has the little 'eat cafe'

**Bring:** Wet weather gear, camera, warm clothing.

**Cost:** \$75.00 per person

**Pay by:** Deposit \$25.00 by 31 July to confirm your spot.

Final payment of \$50.00 no later than 9th August.

Please pay directly into the TUAC account stating which event you are paying.

**CONTACT:** Irene Palmer [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) 021 236 9422 or 415 9605

## WAIKUMETE CEMETERY VOLUNTEER DAY

Waikumete Road, Glen Eden Sun 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10am

This is a chance to give something back to our community and help restore some of the oldest historical gravesites we have in Auckland. We will be helping The Friends of Waikumete Cemetery weeding around the sites and cleaning the older tombstones. They supply cleaning product for the tombstones. Commentary given by them on the history of the largest cemetery in Australasia.

Park at the back gate of the cemetery at Waikumete Rd and meet at the Chapel at 10am. Duration 3 hours.

**Bring:** Sturdy shoes/gumboots, soft hearth brush, garden tools (no weedeaters sorry), hedge clippers, secateurs, garden gloves. Bring drinking water, lunch and snacks. I will bring thermos and tea/coffee.

**Further info:** Weather call made by 9am on the day

**Confirm by:** 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013

**Cost:** FREE

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



## TEN PIN BOWLING

Level 6, 2 York St, Newmarket

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013

Meet at the Centre at 5.30pm for a 2 hour game (depending on numbers)

Will walk to Cock and Bull for a meal afterwards

**Bring:** Socks as we hire their shoes. Wear suitable clothing

**Cost:** \$12 for game includes shoe hire. Dinner at your cost

**Pay by:** On the night

**Confirm by:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 2013

**Contact:** [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com) 021 258 4186 or 520 5844

## POT LUCK DINNER WATCH ABS V ARGENTINA

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September-5.30pm to late

29 Onslow Avenue, Epsom

Start at David Verrall's house for drinks, nibbles and main course, go next store to Carols to watch the game and have dessert.

Bring along a pot luck contribution to the meal and your own drinks.

Confirm with David if interested, and if you are bringing a main or dessert

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** Interest by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Contact:** David 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

## SCALLOP FESTIVAL, Whitianga - Fri 13th, Sat 14th, Sun 15th Sept

It's the 9th year of the Festival

Arrive Whitianga around 3.30 - 4pm. Get ready to take the ferry across around 6pm for a night out at Eggsentric Cafe.

If you can't leave till late on Friday or wish to come down early Saturday, that's ok. Just let me know when booking & what time you expect to make it. The backpackers require a minimum of 2 nights to book but said casual one nighters can take pot luck if there's any room left in the dorms. If only staying the Saturday night please book yourself into accommodation.

**Sunday-** Loads of things to do around the Coromandel. There are some lovely walks around so both hikes & cycling are options

**Car pooling** will be organised for all those who require it. Please let Irene know who is taking their car and who has room for more.

**Bring:** All weather situations. There is a kitchen in the unit. If you don't want to eat out, bring food for Sat & Sun brekkie. Excellent supermarket close by.

**Cost: BUY YOUR OWN TICKETS FOR THE SCALLOP FESTIVAL.** \$40.00 online now or \$50.00 if you leave it for later.

**Ferry** Friday night: \$5.00 return

**Accommodation:** I have a unit booked that sleeps 8.

<http://www.onthebeachbackpackers.co.nz> At this stage I can also book a 13p or a 8p dorm for us if the numbers warrant it so let me know asap please.

**Pay by:** Please pay directly into the TUAC bank account stating WHAT EVENT THE PAYMENT IS FOR.

**Contact:** Irene Palmer - [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) 021 236 9422 or 415 9607

## KISS THE FISH

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 8pm

Contact David Verrall 630 2588 or 027 203 5508 [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

**FULL NO MORE BOOKINGS**

## KINGDOM OF ZION/GUIDED BIG CAT SANCTUARY TOUR

Gray Rd, Kamo, north of Whangarei,

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013

**Details:** Come and see lions, cheetahs, tigers and more. We need to leave early enough for the guided tour starting 12.30pm. Cold drinks ice creams available, but no hot drinks. Picnic area. Take packed lunch for before the tour. Those who want to can meet at Warkworth Pub for meal afterwards. Car pool if possible.

**Further info:** see their website [www.kingdomofzion.co.nz](http://www.kingdomofzion.co.nz)

**Bring:** Snacks, packed lunch to have before the tour, suitable gear (gumboots) money for meal afterwards.

**Cost:** Adults \$60, Seniors \$50. We have 4 Adult Grab One vouchers for \$30 -first come first served. Dinner at your cost.

**Pay by:** ASAP if you get a Grab One ticket. Otherwise pay on the day at Zion if paying full price

**Confirm by:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013

**Contact:** [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com) 520 5844 or 021 258 4186

## "WICKED" CIVIC THEATRE

28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 **REVISED DATE**

Extremely successful stage show focusing on the events in Oz pre-Dorothy.

**Cost:** No group discounts for Fridays or Saturdays,

A Reserve seats - \$109.90;

**Book & pay by:** Now!

**Contact:** Pauline Sommerville - [paulinesommerville@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinesommerville@hotmail.com)



## AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLIMB

Westhaven Reserve, Westhaven Marina, Curran St, Herne Bay

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Meet on site at 2pm (Climb starts 2.30pm). Free parking

There is a free shuttle from the Viaduct to Westhaven

**Reserve bookings needed.** Phone 360 7748

See the Auckland Bridge Climb website. Allow 90 minutes for the climb.

Go for a meal at Swashbucklers afterwards, (23b Westhaven Drive)

**Bring:** Wet/windy weather gear

**Cost:** With Entertainment Book Voucher - Adults \$90 (Usual price \$120)

Keep a look out for any Grab One offers.

**Pay by:** On the Day- present your own voucher.

**Confirm by:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Contact:** [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com) 021 258 4186 or 520 5844

## EVENT TITLE: CALUZZI'S BAR & CABERET

461 Karangahape Rd, Auckland

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Enjoy New Zealand's most awarded Drag Artistes in an interactive cabaret show - with fabulous food, dazzling costumes, DJ and disco

**WARNING:** Caluzzi is no ordinary night out!! It's fun, it's loud & it's raunchy

Price includes Dinner & show. Pay for your drinks. See website for menu.

[www.caluzzi.co.nz](http://www.caluzzi.co.nz). We meet at the bar no later than 7pm. Dinner starts around

7.30pm. The show starts 8pm. Limited seating so first in with their deposit get the tickets.

**Cost:** \$65 per person.

**Pay by:** A deposit of \$20.00 is required to book a seat. Please pay your deposit immediately into the TUAC bank account stating WHAT EVENT THE PAYMENT IS FOR. I have to let Caluzzi know by 1<sup>st</sup> August what the numbers are..

**Final payment of \$45.00 is required no later than Fri 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Contact:** Irene Palmer 021 236 9422 or 415 9607

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

## LABOUR WEEKEND GETAWAY, Pureora Forest, King Country.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

A walkers and mountain biker's paradise.

**Saturday** - 5 short local walks through the Pureora Forest



viewing the buried forest and historic sites.

**Sunday** - Walk Mt Titiraupeka Track - Pureora Forest Park or mountain

bike part of the Timber Trail from Waimiha to Ongarue.

**Monday** - Short walks planned then return to Auckland.

**Accommodation: Blackfern Lodge, Waimiha Valley.**

**Bring:** Food for 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, snacks and own food for dinner,

kitchen available to use. Tea, coffee, milk and sugar provided.

Bring warm clothing, wet weather gear and hiking boots/shoes.

Optional mountain biking available, bring own bikes or hire them on site.

**Cost:** \$58.00 twin share or backpackers \$38.00 per night.

**Confirm:** By 30<sup>th</sup> September

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

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

## EVENT TITLE: MICHAEL JACKSON THE IMMORTAL - Cirque du Soleil

Vector Arena, Mahuhu Cres. Down town AKL.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 - 8pm

Michael's creative world, *Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour*.

**Further info:** Meet at 'Brew On Quay', 102 Quay St, 6.30pm, for drinks & dinner before the show. Just let Irene know so she can book.

Once tickets have been paid for I will contact everyone.

**Cost: \$156.00 per person - Show only.**

**Pay by:** Immediately please. I have personally bought 10 tickets for TUAC members and would like to be reimbursed as soon as possible.

Pay into the TUAC bank account stating the event you are paying for.

First in get the tickets.

**Contact:** Irene Palmer [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com)

**021 236 9422 or 415 9607**

## TUAC CHRISTMAS CRUISE

My Hogwash . Pier z Westhaven

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 8pm-12am

Details Join us on our Christmas outing. Christmas finger food provided.

Bar open, cash only please. No BYO.

Limited to 50 people. You must be a TUAC member

Boarding 20mins prior to departure

**Bring:** A sense of fun, be ready to enjoy yourself. Ladies no slimline heels

**Parking:** \$14 for 24hrs. Coins only.

**Cost:** \$22

**Pay by:** 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Contact:** June Bell 817 3093 or 021 258 3013

[fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)

## DOLPHIN THEATRE-CALENDAR GIRLS COMEDY

12 Spring St, Onehunga

16<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Further details to be advised

We will meet at the Library Café in Onehunga for dinner before the show

**Cost:** \$26 for the show

**Pay by:** 1st December

**Contact:** Helene Harper [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)

## HEAPHY TRACK, KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK

**27th to 30th December 2013.** Bus out of Nelson on the 26th, the first night at Browns Hut. Stay at James Mackay Hut on the 28th. Stay at Heaphy Hut on the 29th. Finish tramp on the 30th and stay in Rongo Backpackers at Karamea that night.



Bus back to Nelson YHA on the 31st and have New Year in Nelson.

You have to make your own arrangement for flights and book your accommodation. (Due to the fact that some people may want to stay at other places). I will book the huts and transport.

**Bring:** To be advised

**Cost:** Nelson YHA \$32-\$35 a night

Rongo Backpackers \$30-35 a night, Track Huts \$32 a night

Transport return to track \$165.

**Pay by:** September.

When receipt sent to you

**Contact:** Alan 0274 936 850 [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)

## WAIKAREMOANA GREAT WALK

**27th to 31st December 2013**

Leave Auckland 27<sup>th</sup> December, travel to Lake Waikaremoana 6 hours by car, stay at either Big Bush Holiday Park or Waikaremoana Motor Camp, Opourau Bay (backpackers, camping, motel options). Start the walk on the 28th reaching Panekire Hut that night (5 hours). 29th Waiopaoa Hut (4 hours). Third day walk 4/5 hours to Marauiti Hut. Last day 31st, 4 to 5 hours walking to the water taxi which will return you to start point/cars. It's your choice to stay or go on New Year's Eve. THIS TRACK IS VERY POPULAR, SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK IMMEDIATELY ON THE DOC SITE OR CONTACT DAVID ASAP.



**Cost:** 3 nights x \$32 per hut. Water taxi fee to be advised. Accommodation depends on your option \$30 upwards per night. Plus car pooling petrol costs.

**Contact:** David [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz) 630 2588 or 0272 035 508

## TAPAPAKANGA REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Auckland Regional Park Firth of Thames

**Date: Friday 28th Feb to 2nd March 2014**

**Details:** Sea view campsite at Tapapakanga looks out to the sea views of the Firth of Thames. Toilets, tables, water outdoor shower. 5 mins walk down through bush to the beach side and historic farm house. Walking and mountain bike tracks. Fishing. Shared meal on Saturday night? Safe, sandy swimming and canoeing beach- tidal. See web site <http://www.arc.govt.nz/>

Top sea view camp site is available for campervans and tents. Water side sites for tents only.

**Bring:** All camping gear/ tents/ gas stove or barbeque. Swimming togs, walking shoes, and bikes, and helmets. Own food and drink. Nearest shop Orere Point camp ground.

**Location:** 60 minutes drive from Auckland CBD. Drive south on SH1. Take the Manurewa off ramp, head for Clevedon. From Clevedon follow the signs to Kawakawa Bay and turn right at the shop. Go 12.5km (past Orere Point) and turn off into Deery Rd to the Tapapakanga Park.

**Cost:** \$13 per night per person. Campsite takes 40 people at the upper sea view site and 40 by the beach side site.

**Pay by:** Sept 1st 2013

**Contact:** David Verrall 630 2588, 0272 035 508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

## WATCH THIS SPACE FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS ►

- > Matamata Walk/Cycle – mid winter – David
- > Pirongia Walk – David
- > Port Waikato weekend Oct/Nov – Raywyn
- > Waiheke Garden Tour – mid Nov - Libby
- > Taniwha walk/bike ride – 9 November – Libby/Dianne
- > Waiheke weekend – Gerry
- > Matakana Bus trip – October – Jacki

## Members - Introduce a New Member:

If you introduce a new member and they join up you will get a credit of \$10 on your next TUAC membership renewal account.

## TUAC T.Shirts for sale

Ladies shaped or straight (as shown in photos below)  
Small, Medium and Large - V or Round neck and a good choice of colors  
Logos are embroidered on the t.shirt  
**only \$32.50 each - Contact: Alan [A.grigg@xtra.co.n](mailto:A.grigg@xtra.co.n)**



## Peak Caps & Visors with TUAC logo for sale

Available in black, white and cream.

**\$10 each – Contact Alan [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)**

