



## 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 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**

## August – September 2014

### WALK TO ARATAKI VISITORS CENTRE VIA EXHIBITION DRIVE, TITIRANGI

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10am**

Park in the car park below Lopdell House in Titirangi at 10am. We will walk from there. On return, we will have lunch at 'The Block' cafe in Blockhouse Bay. The track is an all weather track so is not muddy in the winter. For all abilities.

**Bring:** Rain gear and good walking shoes

**Cost:** The cost of lunch

**Contact:** Suzanne – 828 8506 or 021 175 6994



### MANGAMANGAROA WALK & SAUSAGE SIZZLE, COCKLE BAY

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am**

Meet at Jayne's house at 10.30am and we will walk from Cockle Bay along the beach, then follow the Mangamangaroa bushwalk to Point View Drive and return the same way. There are plenty of steps, but not too many in one hit. There are some lovely views over the estuary and across towards Waiheke. The walk takes about 2 hours, and we can stop half way for morning tea, before returning to Jayne's house for a sausage sizzle.

Meet at 2/35 Pah Rd, Cockle Bay (down driveway – sorry no parking down drive)

**Bring:** Comfortable shoes, raincoat, water, snacks etc

**Cost:** Please bring \$1 for a sausage

**Contact:** Jayne - 021 0295 3214 or [jaynebeacham@gmail.com](mailto:jaynebeacham@gmail.com)



### TARAWERA FALLS

**Staying at 1285 SH30 Rotoiti**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Maximum 10 people – 2 cars of 5 people

On Saturday we will drive to Kawerau (30 minutes) to get the permit to enter the forest, then a further 30 minutes to the start of the track.

After seeing the Falls we will go on the Tarawera Outlet Track (5km – 2 hrs) and have lunch somewhere en route – see [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) for information on the area. After lunch we will head home so we can finish the afternoon off in the Hot Pools. A reasonable level of fitness required.

**Accommodation:** Empty 4 bedroom bach. Firewood available. I will bring kettle, tea bags, instant coffee, milk and microwave. There is NO fridge. Will have BBQ on Saturday night. I will bring cutlery, crockery and BIG chilli bin to hold everyone's meat for Saturday night.

Arrive Friday night. Get own evening meal en route.

**Bring:** Own breakfast and packed lunch for Saturday. Meat and something for Saturday night Pot luck dinner. Sleeping bags, camp beds etc.

Alcohol, hot water bottles as it can be very cold in Rotoiti

**Cost:** \$20 each

**Book:** ASAP – filling fast

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



### UKULELE CEILI

**Claddagh Irish Bar, 372 Broadway, Newmarket**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Just because it's the first day of the working week, doesn't mean you have to sit at home and watch the telly. Come along and listen to the music of The Lost Chords performing along with anyone who turns up with a ukulele and if you love to sing, song books are available with the words to their songs so you can sing-along too. A great night of music and singing which starts at 7pm and finishes around 9pm

**Info:** Parking in the Farmers Car park opposite is free after 6pm. You need to enter with a ticket but when you leave the barrier will be open. Tables can't be reserved but some of us will get there at 5.30pm to hold some tables.

**Bring:** Your enthusiasm for a sing-along

**Cost:** Free – pub menu and drinks at your cost

**Confirm:** By Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August so tables can be saved

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

### SOCIAL EVENING

**Urban Turban, 39 Jellicoe Street, North Wharf, Auckland**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm**

A nice social evening, good food, and a good time to catch up

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

**Cost:** Meal and drinks

**Pay by:** On the night

**Contact:** Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or [alangrigg11@gmail.com](mailto:alangrigg11@gmail.com)



### MONTANA HERITAGE TRAIL, WAITAKERE DAM & WAITAKERE TRAMLINE WALK

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 10am**

Meet 10am in the car park.

Take Te Henga Rd off the northern end of the Scenic Drive, then turn left onto Falls Rd after 1.5km. Continue through the golf course to the car park

This is a medium tramp with some steep areas. For a change we will go up the Fenceline track on the boardwalk, which is extensive, across the Dam and down to and along the Tramline Walk. We will then retrace our steps to the Fenceline Track to Simla, along Long Rd Track to the Upper Kauri track and home to the car park. The Montana Heritage Trail is an all year track, mostly metal and boardwalks. Approx 4 hours walking - 12kms.

If you wish to carpool, please give me a call.

**Bring:** Sturdy shoes/boots, coat, lunch, drinks, whistle

**Cost:** Nil

**Contact:** June - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## VODAFONE WARRIORS v SYDNEY CITY ROOSTER –NRL

**Mt Smart Stadium - Sunday 24th August at 2pm**

Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon at the Warriors home ground. Be there live- enjoy electric atmosphere, the crowd, the big hits the Tries. Meet at 1pm at the Main Gate Ticket Box at Beasley Ave entrance, off Church Street. You can park in Neilson Street

So you can see the second half of the Vodafone Junior Warriors, buy a meal/drink and be ready for the main game at 2pm

**Bring:** Warm clothing, wet weather gear

**Cost:** \$40 - Pay ASAP so I can make a group booking

**Confirm:** ASAP

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



## SHOP TILL U DROP & LUNCH, GLEN INNES

**Saturday 30th August at 10am**

Recycling at its best. There are 3 Op shops in Glen Innes where you can bag a bargain and help do your bit in not only recycling/reusing, but supporting SPCA and Hospice charities at the same time. All are within a few minutes' walk of each other. Followed by a delicious lunch at Nosh Café, Apirana Avenue Meet at 10am at the Dove Hospice Shop, Apirana Avenue, Glen Innes (opposite PakNSave). Plenty of parking on site.

**Cost:** Lunch at your cost.

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



## FAWLTY TOWERS, LOPDELL THEATRE,

**Cnr Titirangi Road & South Titirangi Road, Titirangi**

**Saturday 6th September at 7.30pm**

Join in a hilarious evening of entertainment with Basil and his crew. This is the first production in the newly renovated theatre at Lopdell House. Meet at the Theatre at 7.30pm as the seats are not allocated. If you wish to have dinner before we will meet at 'Hindi' in the village for a reasonably priced meal at 6pm. Please let me know if you wish to have a meal.

**Cost:** \$20

**Pay by:** 12th August. Bookings open 3 weeks before the opening night. I would like to know how many are coming as I don't want to be left with spare tickets

**Contact:** June - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## POT LUCK DINNER & WATCH AB'S VERSUS SOUTH AFRICA

**Saturday 13th September 5.30pm - late**

**29 Onslow Avenue, Epsom**

Start at David Verrall's house for drinks nibbles and main course. Go next door to watch the game and have dessert.

**Bring:** A pot luck contribution to the meal and your own drinks. Please advise if you are bringing nibbles, a main or dessert.

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** Interest by 1st September

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



## THE JOHN DENVER STORY

**Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna**

**13th September 2014**

On a group booking of 10 the price of the seats becomes \$59 instead of \$69.

If members would like to be part of a block booking they are welcome to contact Susan Leaver at [susanleaver19@yahoo.com](mailto:susanleaver19@yahoo.com) or phone 09 948 3461.

She is holding the booking open until 8th August.

## IT'LL BE OVER BY CHRISTMAS: WORLD WAR 1914-1918

**Sunday 14th September at 10.30am**

**Auckland Central Library**

This is for all those history buffs. From posters and photographs to campaign maps and personal items, these treasures from the Sir George Grey Special Collections look at New Zealand's contribution to the 1914-1918 war, both at the front and at home. Among the items on display are a programme of the first Anzac Day service in 1916, rare campaign maps of the Gallipoli Peninsula and letters written by soldiers from the front. Photographs of Auckland soldiers taken by Herman Schmidt and a timeline of the war illustrated by photographs from the Auckland Weekly News are included in the exhibition.

Followed by lunch in the city. Café/food hall to be determined on the day.

**Info:** Meet at 10:30am Sir George Grey Special Collections Exhibition Room, Level 2, Central City Library, 44-46 Lorne Street, Auckland Central. Parking available at Aotea Square.

**Cost:** Free. Lunch at your cost

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



## ANDREW LONDON TRIO

**Uxbridge Arts Centre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick**

**Friday 19th September at 7.30pm**

Musical comedy and satire that stylistically hovers around the jazz, swing, country and blues genres. Bass, sax, clarinet and flute.

**Info:** The show starts at 7.30pm. Dinner beforehand at La Padella Italian Restaurant, Shop 30 Highland Park Shopping Centre, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park. Meet 6.00pm

**Cost:** Visa or Mastercard when booking direct by phone 09 535 6467 Book ASAP as tickets will sell fast.

**Confirm:** Dinner confirmation by 5th September

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



## WATER, WHEELS AND WAIHEKE

**Saturday 20th September**

**Waiheke Island**

Bring your bicycle (the wheels), catch the ferry (the water) from downtown and head over to Waiheke to have a day out exploring the island by bike. There is a lovely scenic coastal road to cycle round and we can end up at Onetangi Beach for lunch.

Must be confident cycling on the road.

Meet at 10.45am at the Downtown Ferry terminal for the 11am ferry. All day parking is available for \$7 at the Downtown car park. This ferry goes via Devonport so North Shore people can connect from there. Return ferries run via Devonport from the island at 2pm, 4pm and 6pm. Auckland ferries run direct on the hour between these times.

**Bring:** Your own bike, helmet, water, hi vis clothing is preferable.

**Cost:** \$36.00 return on Fullers Ferry, free for the over 65's Lunch at your cost.

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



## CURLING - GIVE IT A GO

**Paradice Ice Rink, 150 Lansford Crescent, Avondale**

**Sunday 21st September 5pm - 7pm**

Limited spaces available

Dinner afterwards at Doolan Brothers, 570 Hillsborough Road, Lynfield

**Bring:** Wear warm clothing

**Cost:** \$25 for Curling – fee covers equipment and instruction Pay for own dinner

**Pay by:** 1st September

**Confirm:** Names ASAP. Dinner confirmation by 7th September

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

## TE ATATU PENINSULA CYCLE RIDE

**Saturday 27th September 2014**

**Park and meet at 10 am at Harbourview Peoples Park, Te Atatu Road**

Plenty of parking

A very flat scenic ride following the walkway to the very end of Te Atatu Peninsula riding beside the water most of the way, with wonderful harbour views back towards the city, returning to the Servo Cafe on Gloria Ave (opposite ride finish) for lunch. 90% bike path using quiet suburban streets to connect back onto the walkway. I will make a decision if the ride will go ahead by 8.30am, after I check weather. If weather looking doubtful, please phone or text me after that time to check if ride going ahead.

**Bring:** Own bike, water bottle, helmet and suitable clothing for cycling

**Cost:** Ride is free – lunch at your cost

**Confirm:** Friday 26th September by email or phone mobile on the day

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



## BILLFISH RESTAURANT & BAR

**Pier 3/31 Westhaven Drive, St Marys Bay**

**Sunday 28th September at 1pm**

Booked 2 tables - 16 people on the water at 1pm

The best seafood in Auckland - Full music all afternoon

Purchase your drinks from the Restaurant or BYO. Auckland's best kept secret

**Bring:** Casual wear

**Cost:** Pay your own food and alcohol - no cover charge for Music

**Contact:** Gerry – 09 520 5795



## KOWHAI FESTIVAL – WARKWORTH

**Saturday 11th October - Carpool, meet at 10am**

Meeting place advised closer to date

The Huge Day Out will start at 9am and festivities and stalls are set amongst gorgeous scenery, with delicious food and wine, talented artists and musicians.

**Cost:** Entry by gold coin

**Info:** Google [www.kowhaifestival.co.nz](http://www.kowhaifestival.co.nz) to read more

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

## TARANAKI RHODODENRON FESTIVAL

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Expressions of interest are sought

**Itinerary:** Depart Auckland 8.00am.

Friday: Viewing 3 country gardens.

Saturday: Morning trip to Pukeiti. Afternoon free - choice of walking the famous New Plymouth coastal walkway, shopping or visit Pukekura Park.

Sunday: Visit 3 or 4 City gardens. Depart back to Auckland 1.00pm

Envisage staying at the YMCA Hostel. Rooms \$37 pp double or \$75 pp single

Envisage hiring a 10 seat mini coach share rental and petrol costs.

Garden entry fees vary between \$5 to \$8 per person per garden, tickets prepaid.

Meals: Own cost.

Estimate cost \$300 to \$350 includes accommodation, entry fees and mini coach

Reduced cost if 2 members have own people mover or 6 seat vehicles. (I have one myself).

Minimum of 10 members required. Deposit of \$100 to be paid to Mike Maran by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

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



## ART DECO EXTRAVAGANZA – NAPIER

19th to 22nd February 2015

Expressions of interest are sought for this famous Art Deco event. Napier, New Zealand's Art Deco capital, celebrates its annual festival with the whole of the city becoming a stage set, with over 200 events including outdoor concerts, dinner dance extravaganzas, vintage car parades, fashion shows, steam train rides, great Gatsby picnics and more. Dressing up in 1930's style is not compulsory, but will be great fun if you want to do so. The programme of events will be published in October 2014. Accommodation is already reserved (shared motel units) and there is the option of extending your stay for the week, exploring further afield, or by biking around the wineries and going to the Mission Concert the following weekend. No details on the concert are out until later in the year and until this is announced, we do not know if it will follow on from the Art Deco weekend.

**Cost:** To be advised when programme is published

**Pay by:** End December 2014

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



## HOMES & GARDENS TOUR – MATAKANA/POINT WELLS

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 4pm

Take a tour of some very special homes and gardens in Matakana and Point Wells. Enjoy a fabulous day out in a very special part of Auckland, with shopping opportunities, raffles, and refreshments available.

Funds raised are for Warkworth Wellsford Hospice who provide services for terminally ill patients to help make each day their best day possible.

**Cost:** \$45 discounted to \$40 when you buy 4 tickets in one booking

Tickets will go on sale August/September

**Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or [sjenks@clear.net.nz](mailto:sjenks@clear.net.nz)**



## MANGAWHAI WALKING WEEKEND

40a Lincoln St. Mangawhai

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Join in a springtime weekend of walking and having fun

Saturday - Tanekaha Falls track, onto the Brenderwyn trig and then returning via the Tanekaha Forest Track - 4 hrs

Sunday - Logues Bush or walk of your choice

**Bring:** All camping and tramping gear  
Food - breakfasts, lunches AND DRINKING WATER  
Friday night, BBQ provided  
Saturday night, dinner at 'The Club'

**Cost:** Nil – Free camping

**Contact: June – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)**



## JOKE

**A Lady walks into Harrods. She looks around, spots a beautiful diamond bracelet and walks over to inspect it.**

**As she bends over to look more closely, she unexpectedly farts**

**Very embarrassed, she looks around nervously to see if anyone noticed her little whoops and prays that a sales person was not anywhere near**

**As she turns around, her worst nightmare materialises in the form of a salesman standing right behind her – Good looking as well.**

**Cool as a cucumber, he displays all of the qualities one would expect of a professional in a store like Harrods**

**He politely greets the lady with, "Good day, Madam. How may we help you today?"**

**Blushing and uncomfortable, but still hoping that the salesman somehow missed her little 'incident', she asks, "what is the price of this lovely bracelet?"**

**He answers, "Madam – if you farted just looking at it – you're going to shit yourself when I tell you the price!"**