



**Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.**  
**www.tuac.co.nz**

*"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](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 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.**

## August 2016 – September 2016

### CLAY BIRD SHOOTING

Waitemata Gun Club, 465 Old North Road, Kumeu  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11am

Meet at the Gun Club where we will have the opportunity to see how good a marksman/woman we are. We will be shown how to aim and shoot at a moving target and will have 12 shots each to hit the flying clay birds. There will be a prize giving for the best shot. The club has a bar where you can purchase snacks and coffee/tea/wine/beer. Alcohol is only available after we have completed the shoot. After prize giving we will head out to the Carriages Café in Huapai for lunch. Carriages Café is licensed for wine and beer and have a variety of cabinet food and a full menu. Maps will be provided and we can carpool if requested.

**Bring:** A jacket if the weather is a bit overcast  
**Cost:** \$40 for the shooting and money for any drinks you may wish to buy. Money for lunch at Huapai.

**Pay/Confirm by:** 10<sup>th</sup> July to TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

**Contact:** Helene Harper – 021 921 068 or [helene47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:helene47@xtra.co.nz)

### MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER

Rialto Cinema, Newmarket  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016

The movie will be decided on time of confirmation, and will probably be mid to late afternoon. We will meet in the upstairs foyer. As there are plenty of places to eat in Newmarket, we will decide on a dinner venue after the movie.

**Pay:** On the day

**Confirm:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

**Contact:** Janice Calvert – 527 4407, 0274 605 704 or [jcalvert@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@slingshot.co.nz)



### POT LUCK DINNER

Green Bay - Address advised on booking  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

Fancy a night with a hot winter meal, music and dancing with your fellow TUAC's. Dress theme is red, black and white. Hosts will provide yummy soup. Please phone with your choice of mains or dessert

**Bring:** Yourself and BYO drinks

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm by:** 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Contact:** June Bell – 09 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



### OKOROIRE MID WINTER FUN RIDE

Okoroire Hot Springs Hotel  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Starts and finishes at the Okoroire Hotel. There is a 40km and a 70km ride. I am doing the 40km ride which is mainly flat with one reasonable gentle climb into Tirau, then an undulating road back to Okoroire. The 70km ride starts the same as the 40km ride then a nice stretch of flat alongside the river, before a short climb to Arapuni. The ride then undulates along country roads through to Putaruru, then Tirau via back roads and back to Okoroire. Wrap up warm. The ride will be held regardless of weather conditions, unless it is considered too dangerous. Let me know if you want to car pool.

**8am – 9.45am** Registration. Even though you have pre-entered on line, you must still register at the venue.

**9.45am** - Briefing. All must attend.

**10.03am** - 70km Fun Ride starts

**10.05am** - 40km Fun Ride starts.

**12.30pm** - the pre purchased Hot Roast Rolls become available.

**1.30pm** - Prize giving, ELITE class and SPOT PRIZES

Enter online at [www.funcycling.net](http://www.funcycling.net) then let me know when you have done that.

**Cost:** \$60 if paid before 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Pre purchased hot roast rolls \$8.50. Order on line at the time of entry

**Contact:** Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)



### WALK AROUND HOBSONVILLE POINT, INCLUDING FARMERS MARKET & OPEN HOME VISIT

Buckley Avenue, Hobsonville  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10am

Meet outside the Catalina Café in Buckley Avenue. An easy flat guided 2 hour walk around Hobsonville with a difference. This will include a visit to the Hobsonville Farmers Market for some food sampling or snacks. The walk will also include a visit to one of the many open homes being built in this newest of Auckland's outer suburbs. Also seeing some of the old Defense buildings and bunkers.

A good chance to see the tremendous development that has taken place over the last few years in this former Air Force Defense land. For those who have not visited Hobsonville you will be amazed of the development of the houses and an indication of a futurist suburb. There is plenty of parking around the Catalina Cafe, which is located on the right hand side past the tall Palm trees on Buckley Avenue.

**Bring:** Good walking shoes, water, sunhat and a large deposit if you intend to buy a property in Hobsonville!!!

**Cost:** Your own expense if purchasing some of the fresh and tasty snacks or food at the Farmers Market (highly recommended) or morning tea/lunch after at the Catalina Cafe.

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



## STARDOME – PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE MUSICAL FEATURE

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm**

Music and laser light show, featuring 2 albums, The Wall and The Dark Side of the Moon

Stardomes newest full-dome sensory experience with high resolution projections, laser beam and lighting effects. Hold onto your seat as you experience surround sound, laser, and motion in the Planetarium, all to the sound of your favourite rock band Pink Floyd.

Book online at Stardome/Pink Floyd

**Cost:** \$35 includes 2 glasses of wine and nibbles  
Meet in foyer at 7.30pm.

**Confirm by:** 7<sup>th</sup> August

**Contact Bob Bell - 0274 697 278 or [keewee\\_2001\\_nz@nz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:keewee_2001_nz@nz@yahoo.co.nz)**



## OREWA BEACH AND ESTUARY WALK & BBQ

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm**

Meet at Orewa Surf Club parking area off Hibiscus Coast Highway. Beach and Orewa River estuary walkway is a flat, approx 2 hour easy walk which can be extended if required. Followed by a BBQ tea at 11 Edgewater Place, Orewa

**Bring:** Walking shoes, jacket, and snack/drink

**Food:** BYO meat and drinks and a plate to share –salad/nibbles/dessert

**Cost:** No cost

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



## BRISBANE CYCLE TOUR

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

A week long bike tour covering the Brisbane city bike paths and incorporating the Whale Trail Tour. The tour will be personalised for TUAC members by Bushranger Bikes. Great cycling, fantastic accommodation and food, and a package that offers the ultimate relaxing cycling adventure holiday, sun, sand, blue water and skies and whales – perfect!

Dates have been firmed up and given to our personal tour guide who is coming up with a plan so work around these dates. Aiming to arrive in Brisbane Sat 20<sup>th</sup> and depart Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Only a few places left so get in quick.

Check out their website for more info on the Whale Trail component of this tour.

<http://www.bushrangerbikes.com.au/Southeastqldwhaletrail.htm>

**Costs:** Work on around \$2000 all-inclusive plus return airfares

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



## OROKAWA TRACK WALK & SWIM

**Waihi Beach**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am**

A one hour 10 minute (2.8 kms) easy walk to secluded Homunga Bay.

An option of continuing on to waterfalls on the William Falls track (1.4 kms). 8.4 kms in total. Lunch at either the beach or the falls. Swim afterwards at Athenree Hot Pools and return to Auckland at your leisure.

Meet at 10.30am in carpark at north end of The Esplanade, Waihi Beach. Please advise if you are willing to carpool from Auckland. Carpoolers share costs.

**Bring:** Walking boots or sneakers, hat, sunscreen, towel and togs. Packed lunch & water.

**Cost:** \$7.00 for hot pools.

**Pay by:** Cash on the day

**Confirm by:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

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



## ALL BLACKS -v - AUSTRALIA & BBQ

**11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm**

Come along for BBQ and drinks first, then watch the All Blacks game.

**Bring:** Food for BBQ, a plate to share and BYO

Please advise if you are bringing nibbles, salad or dessert.

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm by:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

**Contact: David Verrall - 09 426 9588, 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)**



## MOVIE OPERA AUSTRALIAN TURANDOT

**Rialto Theatre, Broadway, Newmarket**

**Saturday 3rd September Starts at 4pm meet at 3.45pm**

Piccini's classic love story

The climax of an exotic adventure captured perfectly in music on Sydney Harbour see trailer [www.rialto.co.nz/movie/opera-australia-turandot](http://www.rialto.co.nz/movie/opera-australia-turandot)

Book online. I have booked my ticket row D1.

Optional dinner after movie at Danny Doolans Khyber Pass or a wine without a meal.

**Cost:** \$20 senior or \$25 adult  
(Please confirm that you have booked theatre tickets)

**Confirm:** 20<sup>th</sup> August if you wish to have dinner

**Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)**

**Don't delay it is only on for ONE DAY**



## WALKING WITH THE FANTAILS, WENDERHOLM

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Saturday night staying at the Wenderholm beach house

Access to the house 2pm Saturday vacate 10am Sunday

If weather is bad you can go to Puhio Pub, Waiwera Hot Pools or sit and relax in the house. Plenty of walks or visit Cauldray House 1-4pm also a bit of cycling

**Bring:** Own bedding (sleeping bags) pillows supplied, food, wet weather gear

**Cost:** House for 6 people \$168 (\$28 each). Campervans for 1 night \$8 pp. Tent sites also available

**Pay by:** Contact Rob first before paying

**Confirm by:** ASAP as availability of house is dependant of a quick response

**Contact: Rob Arnett – 022 644 7886 or [gyprobo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gyprobo@yahoo.co.uk)**

## PRIVATE GARDEN WALK / TOUR OF ARYLIES GARDEN

**Potts Road, Whitford.**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10am**

Take the Whitford- Maraetai Road, turn off at Clifton Road, which then connects to Potts Road. Arylies carpark is on the right hand side with a gate and sign Welcome to Arylies garden. Drive through the gate and meet in the carpark.

For those that have not visited the private garden of Bev McConnell in the spring time you are in for a treat. The NZ Gardens Trust has rated Arylies garden of one of International significance and has been featured many times in international TV garden shows and numerous magazines. There's is a huge variety of botanic plants and landscapes, water features to suit all garden and plant lovers with botanic interests.

The garden walk will be personally guided by Mike, who has visited Arylies garden numerous times. He has guided and explained the features and plants to tour groups and tourists many times. The walk is an easy 1½ hours. There are a few steps but nothing too steep. We can have morning tea at one of the cafes in Whitford on the way back.

**Bring:** Good walking shoes, water, hat and comfortable outdoor clothing

**Cost:** Garden entry fees are \$15 per person, payable direct to the garden owner. Please bring cash as there is no ephos or credit card facilities on site.

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

Early indication of numbers would be helpful as to notify the garden owner of the numbers on the property in advance.



## OREWA CYCLE RIDE

**Incorporating the Te Ara Tahuna Pathway**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10am**

A 20 km mainly flat ride with only one hill! Starting from the surf club we wind our way round the Orewa Estuary on a shared path, then explore Millwater and back onto the pathway to explore the back streets of Orewa. The one hill climb leads to amazing views over Orewa and on a good day you can see as far as Coromandel and Great Barrier Island. We continue on through Kensington Park through quiet streets and along the beachfront, back to the surf club.

Meet at the Orewa Surf Club carpark, Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa at 10am.

Lunch afterwards at one of the many cafes. You can check out the route on <http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/fullscreen/1147483111/>

**Bring:** Bike (can be either road or mountain bike), helmet, water, wet weather gear just in case.

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

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Thursday 22nd September

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



## WORLD OF WEARABLE ARTS, WELLINGTON

**Friday 30th September to 2nd October 2016**

Show is Saturday 1st October at 8pm

**Cost:** Ticket for show \$170 - for premium plus seating.

Airfare and accommodation extra.

Pay for ticket by 31st January 2016 to secure your place.

Please remember if you book this event, and find yourself unable to go, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement, and honour your accommodation booking.

**Contact: June Bell - 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com) or Libby Lyver- 021-137-1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)**



**CLOSED**

## ARCHERY

28–32 Disraeli St, Mt Eden (at Nicholson Park South)  
Saturday 8th October 10.30am to 12 midday



This will be 1.5 hours of archery run by a qualified and experienced archery instructor progressing from the basics of archery and safety protocols through to a team competition. Each participant is fitted with his/her own appropriate equipment and will be fully involved in the entire event. The challenge level is graduated as participants' proficiency level increases. Emphasis is on fun, challenge, variety, inclusiveness and competition. The event is continued in all but dangerous weather conditions (rain or shine). When finished we can have lunch at one of the many cafes in Mt Eden.

**Cost:** \$52.33 per person. (For a group of up to 12 people \$628.00 including GST). For a group of between 13 – 15 people the rate will alter very slightly to \$52.00 per person).

**Confirm/Pay by:** Sat 20th August into the TUAC ASB Bank A/c 12-3014-0118011-00

**Contact:** Janice Calvert - 527 4407, 0274 605 704 or [jcalvert@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@slingshot.co.nz)

## PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT – THE MUSICAL

Civic Theatre, Queen Street  
Sunday 16th October 1pm



Eight years and several thousand kilometres later – and looking more fabulous than ever – the pink bus makes a triumphant return to Auckland. Based on the Oscar-winning hit movie, this is the story of three drag artists who hop aboard a battered old bus named Priscilla, searching for love and friendship. The best "feel good" show since Mamma-Mia! If you love glamour and glitz, this is the show for you. Great music and insane costumes. As seats are selling out fast you would have to confirm and pay for your tickets when I buy them. At this stage I have looked at seats in the stalls which means you are more up close to the music and the action.

**Cost:** \$129.95 plus booking fee or if 8 or more \$99.95 each. Cheaper seats can be found if you don't mind sitting apart and further back.

**Pay by:** When confirming

**Confirm by:** Sunday 24th July

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

## ALL BLACKS -v- AUSTRALIA - 3<sup>rd</sup> BLEDISLOE CUP GAME

Eden Park  
Saturday 22nd October 2016



Expressions of interest are sought for a group booking for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bledisloe Cup game at Eden Park.

**Cost:** To be advised when tickets become available

**Confirm:** ASAP so tickets can be booked when bookings open

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

## OMOKOROA ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

8G Gane Place, Omokoroa, Bay of Plenty  
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November 2016

Come and explore the sunny Bay of Plenty

**Friday** - For those who can make it to Omokoroa by midday, walk the Omokoroa Peninsula. Afternoon tea half way round. Dinner 6.30pm. \$5 per head hosted by Guy and Maureen. Late arrivals from Auckland catered for as well. MUST confirm if attending dinner.

**Saturday** – Walk or bike day. Start time for both 9am. Walkers – Kaimai walk organised. Take packed lunch, water.

Cyclists – bike to Tauranga from the closest cycle way. Cafe lunch en route.

Pot luck BBQ dinner 6.30pm. BYO meat, drinks and a plate to share.

**Sunday** – Te Puna Quarry Fest. A great day out in park like gardens (huge variety of themed gardens), arts and craft on show as well as music and entertainment. Gold coin donation. Start time to be advised. Depart for home at your leisure.

**Further info:** Cabins available at Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park. Various prices with lots of choice of configurations. Must book direct either online [www.omokoroa.co.nz](http://www.omokoroa.co.nz) or email [stay@omokoroa.co.nz](mailto:stay@omokoroa.co.nz). You must pay for your cabin when you book otherwise they won't hold your booking. Ask me for further info on cabins available and I can email you these.

Other alternatives are Book a Bach <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-andholiday-homes/search/.../omokoroa-beach> and search for Omokoroa Beach. Carpooling arranged.

**Bring:** Tramping/walking shoes, sunscreen, day pack, bike, helmet & cycling gear, togs & towel (hot thermal pools at holiday park). Fold up chair for pot luck BBQ.

**Costs:** Te Puna Gardens gold coin donation.

Friday Pot luck BBQ dinner \$5 cash

**Pay by:** Accommodation – by credit card when you book.

Other costs pay on the day.

**Confirm by:** Accommodation – must confirm direct with holiday park ASAP to secure your cabin as they book up fast.

Please confirm your attendance for this weekend by 4th November and if you are biking or walking.

**Contact:** Guy Phillips - 0276 035 549 or [icbm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icbm@xtra.co.nz)

## 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."

## 2017 ART DECO FESTIVAL

Napier

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Expressions of interest wanted. The largest of all Art Deco events is the Tremains Art Deco Festival held annually in February. It includes over 250 events, hundreds of 1920s and 30s cars, aerobatic flying displays, railcar rides, great Gatsby picnics, dinner dance extravaganzas and free outdoor concerts to name a few. Many thousands of guests and locals alike dress in Deco style bringing glamour to the city streets. You too can feel the atmosphere, live the era of mystique, if only for a few days.

**Cost:** To be advised closer to programme being published

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



## ALPS TO OCEAN BIKING TOUR - 6 DAYS

Starts in Christchurch and finishes Christchurch or Queenstown

Looking at 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 or 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Expressions of interest are wanted – see all information on this website

[www.puretrailsnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.puretrailsnewzealand.co.nz)

**Cost:** Around \$2000 excluding air fares to Christchurch \$400 per person deposit paid on booking.

**Contact:** Ann Melrose – 636 5417, 021 157 6005 or [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.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 Rob Bell on [trekkerrob48@gmail.com](mailto:trekkerrob48@gmail.com)

## JOKE

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door

"Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've somethin' to tell ya".

"Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim, but where is my husband?"

"That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda. "there was an accident down at the Guinness brewery..."

"Oh, God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me."

"I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry."

Finally, she looked up at Tim. "How did it happen, Tim?"

"It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

"Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me truth, Tim.

Did he die quickly

"Well, Brenda... No. In fact, he got out three times to pee.