



**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 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 2017- -September 2017

### ALPS TO OCEAN

**Pot Luck Dinner, 69a Hattaway Ave, Bucklands Beach  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 5pm**

Jeanette, Gerard, Joyce, John, Sandra and myself did this awesome trip in April this year. Wow what an awesome experience!!! we all had.... A relaxing night where Sandra and I will share our memories with you and you can quiz us on our planning so it is easier for you when planning this adventure. Get a taste of what to expect, then you will be hooked wanting to go. Don't be put off the distance it will be a fun night.

**Bring:** A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO

**Confirm by:** 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Sandi to let her know what shared plate you are bringing.

**Contact:** Sandi Kerr - 027 418 8421, text or [dstress@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dstress@xtra.co.nz)



### OKURA TO STILLWATER WALK

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am**

Meet at the car park at the end of Haigh Access Road (off East Coast Road), at 9.30am.

This picturesque track follows the Okura River estuary through a mixed coastal forest of nikau groves, pohutukawa and regenerating kauri to historic Dacre Cottage and then on to Stillwater. We will return the same way with a section following the coastline at low tide.

The walk is 15kms return and will take approx 4 hours including lunch stop. Coffee at a local Garden Centre after.

**Bring:** Water, lunch, raincoat, usual tramping gear

**Cost:** Nil, coffee at your cost

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



### DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S ZOO QUEST SCREENING AT ORIGINS GALLERY, AUCKLAND MUSEUM

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.30am**

TV adventures can now be seen as never before in high definition (Watch these incredible moments of wildlife film history. duration 90 minutes)

Meet at the Origins Gallery - No bookings required - suggest we get there 11.15am to secure our seats.

Lunch at the Wintergarden after film (optional)

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

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



### WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION

**Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 11am**

A must see for nature lovers and photographers. Discover the beauty and intrigue of our natural environments and their inhabitants through 100 large-scale photographs of breath taking wildlife from around the globe.

Followed by lunch at either the museum or Wintergarden café.

Meet at the **back entrance** of the museum inside by the cafe at 11am.

**Bring:** Proof of Auckland residence or museum membership card

**Cost:** Free if you have a museum membership card or proof of residence, otherwise \$25. Lunch your cost

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

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

### POT LUCK MEAL & GAMES EVENING

**160 Main Highway, Ellerslie**

**Saturday 29th July at 6pm**

Share a pot luck meal and then let's play!

Numbers are limited so please contact me first to ensure space available and make payment ASAP to secure your place.

**Bring:** Food for the shared meal

**Cost:** \$10 includes nibbles, wine and juice

Please BYO if you prefer to drink something else

**Pay/Confirm by:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Contact:** Jackie Humphrey - [jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com) or 021 167 4253

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



### LADIES' DAY

**By Company Theatre, The Rose Centre, 4 School Road, Belmont**

**Saturday 12th August at 8pm (Opening night)**

An exuberant comedy about four likely lasses from the Hull fish docks on a day trip to the races, Work, love and life are just one long, hard slog for the fish-filleting foursome Pearl, Jan, Shelley and Linda. But their fortunes are set to change when Linda finds

tickets to Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot the year it relocated to York.

Out go the hairnets, overalls and wellies as the four ditch work, do themselves up to the nines and head off to the races for a drink, a flirt and a flutter. If their luck holds, they could hit the jackpot - and more besides...

Optional dinner at 6pm at Madam Woo, 486 Lake Road, Takapuna

**Cost:** \$25 a ticket, \$20 for Seniors/Concessions

**Pay/Confirm by:** 12th July 2017

**Contact:** Rob Davies - 021 533 895 or [robertedavies2013@gmail.com](mailto:robertedavies2013@gmail.com)



## CAR RALLY

**Auckland City and suburbs**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 1pm**

A fun car rally designed to get you lost and found again!  
Followed by dinner in the evening.

Meet at the band rotunda in the Auckland Domain near the Wintergarden Café at 1pm. Make up your own team or I can arrange car pooling (ideal is no more than 3 people per car). Teams leave 5 minutes apart.

**Bring:** Digital camera, scrap paper, pens and clipboard if you have one.  
All other clues and answer sheets supplied.

**Cost:** \$5 entry fee. Dinner at your cost

**Pay by:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August

**Confirm by:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August as teams will be made up on this date

**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com) or  
Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)



## JOHN DENVER 20TH NOSTALGIA CONCERT

**Epsom Community Centre, Ranfurly Room, Gillies Ave, Epsom**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm**

For those who remember the wonderful music of John Denver a nostalgia concert watching some rare CD's of his 20th celebration of his music, recorded and filmed in Aspen.

The CDs will be played via a projector and will be introduced by Susan Leaver an ardent fan of John Denver who has attended most of his annual concerts in Aspen.

Expect a semi-professional set up, but sharing his enduring music with others.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation.

**Parking:** There is plenty of parking behind the Epsom Community Centre.

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



## AONGATETE NATURE TRAIL

**Wright Road, Aongatete**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 11am**

A 3 hour loop walk in a beautiful scenic part of the Kaimai-Mamakau

Forest followed by a swim at the hot pools at Sapphire Springs Thermal Pools, 274 Hot Springs Rd, Katikati.

Meet at 11am at the Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre on Wright Road (approximately 8 kms, turn right just before the end of the road). Park in parking area in front of the driveway to the Education Centre, next to the fence stile. Lunch half way round about 12.30pm

If interested in staying Saturday night, there are limited beds available at three different venues. First in, first served. Campervans welcome (parking close by)

**Bring:** Packed lunch, water, hiking boots, pole, togs & towel

**Cost:** Hot pools - Adults \$5.50/Seniors \$4.50

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Sunday 20th August

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



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WANTED - NZ FASHION WEEKEND

**Viaduct Event Centre, Halsey Street**

**Early September**

There is the WORLD show on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 8.30 pm or the RESENE DESIGNER RUNWAY SHOW with a matinee at 2pm on Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Have a look through the links and if you are interested, please contact Janice by no later than Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Calling all fashionistas and style savants! Tickets to the epic line-up [NZ Fashion Weekend](#) shows are now on sale, so gather your posse and secure your seats for the fashion event of the year!

From 1-3 September, the ANZ Viaduct Event Centre is poised to play host to New Zealand's leading influencers in style and upcoming trends. Upstairs, the lauded Designer Pop-Up Sale will be brimming with an incredible array of the best labels in the country, with the ground floor home once again to all the glamour and pampering we've come to expect from the Beauty Hub - and as ticket holders, you get coveted access to both.

Kicking off on Friday night with the much-anticipated [Resene Designer Runway Show](#), see showstoppers from every designer on the NZFW schedule. This is a fashion feast for the senses and a great way to preview the best looks before anyone else - with amazing goodie bags guaranteed!

Then, be part of the pomp and ceremony of the official NZF Weekend opening, as WORLD put on a show destined to wow, and worthy of their 28th year leading the non-conformist charge in the industry. This is one style spectacle you do not want to miss, so get in quick as tickets are sure to sell out.

Take a look at the full line up below and make it a fabulous weekend to remember!

BOOK NOW»

**Cost:** \$40 Resene Runway Show and \$65 for the WORLD show

**Pay by:** Payment details can be arranged closer to the time

**Confirm by:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July

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



## BIRTHRIGHTS?

**Titirangi Theatre Company, Lopdell House, 420 Titirangi Road, Titirangi,**  
**Saturday 2nd September at 8pm (Final night)**

At twenty-nine, Helen has a vital operation that stops her from having what she desperately wants: a child. Her younger sister Claudia gives her a wonderful gift when she agrees to be a surrogate mother. But what happens when, years later, Claudia discovers that she and her husband Martin cannot conceive and that Kelly, the child she gave to her sister, is the only baby she will ever bear?

Optional dinner at 6pm at Deco Eatery, Lopdell House

**Cost:** \$20 adult, \$15 students/unwaged

**Pay/Confirm by:** 31st July 2017

**Contact:** Rob Davies - 021 533 895 or [robertedavies2013@gmail.com](mailto:robertedavies2013@gmail.com)



## ALL BLACKS VERSUS ARGENTINA

**Pot Luck Dinner before the game at David's, 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 5pm**

Come dressed in your supporters' colours early for a shared pot luck meal followed by the televised game.

**Bring:** A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO  
Please contact David by 6<sup>th</sup> September if you are coming and tell him what shared plate you are bringing.

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



## TIRITIRI MATANGI STAY-OVER, TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

A one night stay in this unique open wildlife sanctuary - one of the most successful conservation projects in the world.

This will be a wonderful time to explore the island at leisure when the crowds have gone or just chill and take time out.

Staying in a DOC house. Accommodation is in communal bunk rooms.

Fullers 360 Discovery provides a ferry service - price depends on whether you are travelling from the city or Gulf Harbour.

**Bring:** All food, torch or other lighting source, sleeping bag and pillow or alternative bedding, personal clothing, towel and toiletries  
Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday night. Bring your own lunches and breakfast.

**Cost:** \$30 per person hut fee plus Fullers Ferry. Ferry price will depend on whether you are travelling from the city or Gulf Harbour.

**Pay by:** Hut fees payable to TUAC's account by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

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

## TEXAS HOLDEM POKER NIGHT

**The Claddagh Irish Pub, Broadway, Newmarket**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September start at 6:30pm**

Even if you have never played poker before, this is a fun version of the game and very easy to learn. Rules and scoring supplied.

To make it more exciting we will have a \$5 kitty and on the very last hand, winner takes all.

Pub food available and full bar (No BYO)

**Cost:** \$5.00 - pay cash on the night

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



## PINK STAR WALK

**The Auckland Domain**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Evening - tbc**

Join me in (my annual event) under the stars for a night to remember filled with laughter, sharing experiences starting and finishing in Auckland Domain. The Pink Star Walk will be like no other so dig out your pinkest and brightest outfit as we get fit, increase awareness of breast cancer and raise money to support NZ women. Options are half marathon, 10km or 5km. I'm doing 5km or if demand is the 10km then I will do that. Doesn't matter the distance. Just doing it does. So how about get off the couch, start moving your legs and join me.

Please book online direct <https://pinkstarwalk.co.nz/auckland>

**Bring:** Sense of humour, water, walking shoes, pink clothes are an option.

**Cost:** \$35 - 5km, \$40 - 10km

**Pay by:** 1st September

**Contact:** Sandi - 0274 188 421 or [dstress@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dstress@xtra.co.nz)



## WALK OR CYCLE KINLOCH TRAILS

**Kinloch**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Expressions of interest are called for a weekend away based in Kinloch. Either walk or mountain bike the trails around Kinloch. Leave Auckland to be in Kinloch by Friday night, returning Monday. Will need an indication of how many would like to come, as I am looking at Book A Bach options. Will also look at options for campervan parking.

**Further info:** To follow once numbers are known.

**Cost:** To be advised

**Pay by:** To be advised

**Confirm by:** 31st July 2017

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

## SKECHERS PERFORMANCE WOMENS 6K + 12K

The Cloud, Auckland Wharf

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8am

Join me in this fun event. Both the 6k and 12k suit all levels of fitness – walk or run. Courses are flat which makes it easy to talk and exercise at the same time. Start moving your legs and join in the fun.

**Bring:** Laughter, can do spirit, water

**Cost:** \$53 – 6km, \$68 – 12km

**Pay by:** 10th November

**Confirm by:** <http://www.skechers6k.co.nz>

**Contact:** Sandi - 0274 188 421 or [dstress@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dstress@xtra.co.nz)



## EXPLORE NELSON BY BIKE, FOOT & KAYAK

Nelson, South Island

27<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Expressions of interest for a trip to the Nelson region starting 27<sup>th</sup> December with the return date flexible. Fly into Nelson or take the ferry from Wellington. Based in Nelson and exploring the region by mountain bike, on foot and by kayak. Rides include the Dun Trail and the Great Taste Trail in various sections. Walkers catered for as well with walks on the same trails as the riders, Rabbit Island and a walk through the Kahurangi National Park.

**Further info:** Would need to have an idea of numbers very quickly to arrange accommodation in Nelson.

Shared rental car for those flying in. Can take own bike.

**Cost:** To be advised when numbers are decided. Extra costs would be mountain bike hire and kayaking.

**Confirm by:** 9<sup>th</sup> June

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

## ABEL TASMAN

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Walk the Abel Tasman on a 3 day package which includes all transfers to and from the track, 2 nights' accommodations, all luggage transfers – you carry just a daypack with your supplied back lunch etc, all food except dinner and breakfast at Awaroa Lodge, a personalised itinerary, maps and other information. See [www.abeltasmanguides.co.nz](http://www.abeltasmanguides.co.nz)

**Cost:** \$785 pp share twin – single supplement applies

\$200 deposit pp is required when booking with the balance due one month before the trip

Limited spaces available so you will need to book ASAP

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



## AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO TARANAKI NEW PLYMOUTH

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Expressions of interest are called for this trip. Planned activities are easy bike ride along coastal walk/cycle way, Mt Taranaki bush walk, evening walk through Pukekura Park illuminations, Len Lye kinetic sculptures in Govett Brewster Art Gallery, explore a Taranaki garden and beaches.

Proposed accommodation at Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park, Standard units with ensuite – approx. cost \$115 per night for 3-4 people. Camp sites \$44 per night, mobile home/campervan sites also available.

Further details <http://fitzroybeach.co.nz>

**Expressions of interest by:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

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

## ABEL TASMAN

29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Felicity and I are tramping Abel Tasman this summer. It is not an organised TUAC trip but if anyone wants to come along independently at the same time as us, then this is when we're going.

First step will be to check hut availability and book on the DOC website as these can sell out fast. Bookings are now open:

Anchorage Hut 29th January

Bark Bay Hut 30th January

Awaroa Hut 31st January

Whariwharangi Hut 1st February

Then organise flights. About 4 hours tramping each day.

We will use a water taxi for the estuary crossing from Awaroa Hut due to difficult tide times.

**Contact Rob - 0274 733 589 or [robcorne@hotmail.com](mailto:robcorne@hotmail.com)**



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WANTED: CHATHAM ISLANDS

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Time – 8 days

N.B: There is only one flight a week

The Chatham's group of islands have a unique and rich biological heritage. They are home to 20 percent of New Zealand's threatened bird species and 14 percent of our threatened plants. Many rare and beautiful birds and plants await your discovery. In addition, you will learn of the unique Moriori culture, early European whaling and missionary ruins, tree carvings and enjoy the friendly island hospitality.

Our Chatham Islands inclusive tour package includes the following:

- Return airfares with Air Chathams from NZ departure point as shown above
- Airport transfers on arrival Chatham Island and departure
- Accommodation for 7 nights
- Breakfasts, lunches and dinners as per final itinerary
- Sightseeing, touring and the services of local tour host
- All entrance fees as per final itinerary

This is organised by TUAC's own Peter Fleming's Travel company and has been on my bucket list for ages. I'm keen to go but I would love to do it with other TUAC members - 10 is the ideal number.

**Cost:** The price for our inclusive packages is just \$3,485 per person twin share, a saving of over \$600.

If you have further queries about the trip you can quote his reference CIX18 TUAC

**Contact:** Carol McBride - 021 0275 8744 or

[carolmcbride@gmail.com](mailto:carolmcbride@gmail.com),

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

Or Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz)

If you are interested contact one of the above before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Te Haruhi Bay Campground

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Will let you know more details in a couple of months. Those who would like to come camping could you let me know as I can book a number of sites.

**Contact:** David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or

[gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

Please do not leave a message on phone



## 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 (Contributed by Ron James)

Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, "I must tell you all something, we have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent."

"Thank God," said an elderly nun at the back. "I'm so tired of chardonnay"

## 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."