



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) 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.

December 2017 – January 2018

THE SOUND OF HER GUITAR

Auckland Art Gallery, Kitchener Street, Auckland
Saturday 25th November 2017 at 2pm

A 75 minute documentary by Bill Morris. Best NZ editing 2016. Donna Dean is one of New Zealand's most respected songwriters — twice winner of New Zealand Country Music Album of the Year — an artist who has recorded and toured all over the world to critical acclaim.

Further info: <https://www.elsewhere.co.nz/film/7430/the-sound-of-her-guitar-a-doco-by-bill-morris/> and <http://docedqe.nz/docedqe-presents/>

Cost: \$7 adult
Confirm by: ASAP – according to the staff at Art Gallery these Docs are popular so I need to book soon.
Pay by: 14th November – TUAC account
Contact: Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

MT ROSKILL TO TE ATATU PENINSULA BIKE RIDE

Winstone Park, 1129 Dominion Rd, Mt Roskill
Sunday 10th December 2017 at 10am

Meet at Winstone Park at 10am. We will be riding the new Southwestern shared path from Mt Roskill to Waterview, then join the North-Western shared path, to ride to Te Atatu and around the Peninsula. Distance around 40 km return with a stop in the middle of the ride. Some gravel patches with quiet residential roads around the peninsula.

Will stop at a bike friendly café for lunch in Te Atatu where they give a cyclist's discount.

Bring: Bike and all cycling gear including water
Cost: Free - lunch your cost
Pay by: On the day
Confirm by: Wednesday 6th December
Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park, Saturday 2nd December at 11am
Look for the TUAC Banner

Arrive at 11am, lunch at 12pm. Xmas lunch will be a lovely selection of ham on the bone, cold meats and salads, Xmas cake, fresh fruit platter and strawberries. Wine and juice provided. Anyone with special dietary requirements please let me know. A map will be sent for those attending.

Bring: \$5 Secret Santa, chair and wineglass
Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



POT LUCK BEACH BBQ

Kohimarama Beach
Sunday 17th December 2017 from 5pm onwards

Want to take a break from the hectic rush of Xmas shopping? Come along for what has now become an annual event for a pot luck beach BBQ. Meet at the yacht club end of Kohi Beach on Tamaki Drive (look for the TUAC banner). Plenty of parking available. Join in the fun of beach frisbee, swim or just relax with a glass of wine in your beach chair. Will be held (unless raining too heavily).

Bring: Your own meat, alcohol, plate to share, own cutlery, glass, plate & chair. Please indicate what type of plate you are bringing so I can co-ordinate food so we don't double up. Please bring serving utensils for your shared dish.

Cost: Free
Confirm by: Tuesday 12th December
Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



GOURMET BURGER AND BOWLS

Royal Oak Bowling Club, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga
Friday 8th December at 6.15 pm

Cost: \$20.00 includes gourmet burger, chips, a round of lawn bowls plus a coach to get us started. Learners welcome

Bring: Flat shoes
Confirm by: 1st December 2017
Payment: Prior to TUAC account
Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or annmelrose@gmail.com



EXPLORE NELSON BY BIKE, FOOT & KAYAK

Nelson, South Island

27th December 2017 to 7th January 2018

Expressions of interest for a trip to the Nelson region starting 27th 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. 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: 9th June

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com

WALKING 'CAR' RALLY AND HISTORICAL WALK IN DEVONPORT

Saturday 20th January at 10am

Time to exercise your brain while learning about some unusual aspects of Devonport. This is another walking 'car' rally, this time in Devonport. Follow and find the clues on your questions while finding out the unique aspects of Auckland's Maritime suburb.

For those not wanting to participate on the rally you are welcome to come along for the walk which will take you through some unusual and known historical parts of Devonport.

Walk should take about 2-3 hours to complete. We will divide into teams and start off at delayed intervals.

For those wanting to come by Ferry. Please take the 10am ferry from Auckland and let Mike know that you are coming, or park nearby.

The walk and walking 'car' rally will depart outside the Devonport Ferry Terminal. Prizes for the most correct questions. We can have lunch at one of the many Devonport cafes after.

Clipboards and pens provided.

Bring: Your intuition and historical knowledge of Auckland's maritime suburb.

Meet: Outside the Devonport Ferry Terminal at 10am

Cost: Free event. Cost for ferry or bus fares to Devonport.

Confirm: ASAP for photocopying the questions.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



ABEL TASMAN

Thursday 25th January to Saturday 27th 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 pack lunch etc, all food except dinner and breakfast at Awaroa Lodge, a personalised itinerary, maps and other information. See 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.

Contact: Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com



AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO TARANAKI NEW PLYMOUTH

26th to 29th January 2018

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

Proposed accommodation is 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>.

Expressions of interest by 1st August 2017

Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz

ABEL TASMAN

29th January to 1st 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



ROTORUA FOREST ZIPLINE CANOPY ADVENTURE

147 Fairy Springs Rd, Fairy Springs, Rotorua

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th February 2018

Canopy Tours take you on a 3 hour guided tour through a magical place on a 1.2km network of 6 zip lines, 2 x treetop swing bridges and treetop platforms up to 22m high in the canopy of an ancient native forest. The highlight for most being the jaw dropping 220 metre Tui song zip line that departs from 22 metres up a 1000 year old tree.

Depending on the weather, the guides will fit you out with warm clothing e.g. hats and gloves and wet weather gear if needed

I have booked 4 x studio units at the Fairy Springs Motel, Fairy Springs. One single bed and large double bed in each unit. There is a spa pool available.

As I have booked the tour for Sunday morning, we would drive down on the Saturday. Any other activities you may like to do on the Saturday can be organised closer to the time.

Will have dinner at a restaurant on the Saturday night.

Bring: Closed toed shoes a must.

Cost: \$149 per person (maximum tour group 10 people).
\$125 for studio unit for 2 people (\$62.50 per person)

Pay/Confirm by: Saturday 27th January 2018 into TUAC bank account.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704, 527 4407 or icalvert@kinect.co.nz



SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Te Haruhi Bay Campground, Whangaparaoa Peninsula

Friday 16th March to Sunday 18th March 2018

End of Whangaparaoa Road to Army Bay, turn right into Shakespear Park then onto Bruce Harvey Road to the Te Haruhi Bay campsite.

Great beaches for swimming, peninsula walks, sunbathing, bird watching, kayaking and fishing.

Shared barbeque on Saturday night. Bring your own meat and something to share - salad or dessert

Out of 20 sites half have gone. If you want to go camping this weekend please book and pay \$15 per night = \$30 for the weekend.

Cost: \$30 into TUAC account by 20th February

Confirm: With David immediately

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or text (no voicemail messages please) or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TE ARAROA TRAIL

March 2018

The first stage of the Te Araroa trail is from Cape Reinga Lighthouse along 90 mile beach to Ahipara. The tramp will take 4 days

Day 1 12km

Day 2 28km

Day 3 30km - option staying in Lodge (which I will be doing)

Day 4 31km

You will need to carry a tent, sleeping bag, food and water. We need to carry the minimum amount of clothes. Although saying that the weather could be hot, very hot or wet and cold.

Before you agree to do it please know your limitations! The track is flat but you will be tramping on sand. If you are up to the challenge let me know.

Info: Google Cape Reinga to Ahipara.

Contact: Alan - alangrigg11@gmail.com or 0274 936 850



THE TASTE OF MATARANGI 2018 (COROMANDEL) WEEKEND

Accommodation Kuaotunu Campground

33 Bluff Rd, Kuaotunu. (off SH 25 en route to Whitianga)

Friday 6th April to Sunday 8th April 2018

The Event is on Saturday 7th April from 10am to 4.30pm.

See: <http://atasteofmatarangi.co.nz/>

The campground offers sites for campervans, campers or hire of cabins (2 to 4 people). Each campsite - maximum of 4 people. Campers and Caravans \$20 per person per night. Cabins from \$65 per person in a double unit, less if 4 in a unit. Corina (or Louise) the campground managers request that individuals book their sites separately. See <http://www.kcg2008.com/>

Intention is to arrive Friday evening, having eaten en route.

Saturday - Attend the Food Festival.

Bring and share BBQ on Saturday night

Sunday - Brunch at Luke's Kitchen - 5 minutes up the road.

Optional: Sunday - 1-2 hour walk in the forest off Waiata Rd - a further 5 minutes up the road

Bring: Camping gear, bedding etc. Food for breakfasts, meat and plate for BBQ. Other activities: (Bring your own equipment) Kayaking, cycling, walking, swimming, skin diving, fishing.

Cost: \$15 for Food Event - to be paid into TUAC account by Wed. 7th March and I will book the tickets.

Phone Campground for accommodation - 07 866 5628

I will send out details on how to get there nearer the time.

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

CHATHAM ISLANDS

Thursday 12th – 19th April 2018 – Time – 8 days

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 mission ruins, tree carvings and enjoy the friendly island hospitality.

This is organised by TUAC's own Peter Fleming's Travel Company.

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

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

Contact: Carol McBride - 021 0275 8744 or carolgmcbride@gmail.com.

**David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz
Or Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz**

WOW – WORLD OF WEARABLE ART, WELLINGTON

Saturday 13th October 2018 at 8pm

Join us for this wonderful exciting event of Wearable Art. Some accommodation is booked at Hotel Waterloo Backpackers at 1 Bunny Street which is close to the venue. All rooms have ensuites. The café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. You may choose to dine in or take your own food.

Cost: Ticket price at 2017 was \$190 plus \$8.50 booking fee. Please be aware the cost may be more in 2018. Please pay \$198.50 into the TUAC account by 15th January 2018 to secure your place.

DO NOT book your flights until you know I have the tickets and the accommodation booked is available to you. Tickets are on sale from 1st February. I will be online as soon as they open.

Contact: June Bell - 817 3093, 021-258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.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 Gerard McMonagle at 021 979 941 or jeanette@orcon.net.nz

JOKE

The Dangers of High School Reunions

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years, having been high school classmates and having attended class reunions in the past, without fail.

This 60th anniversary of their class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles.

They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high, with the widower throwing admiring glances across the table.....and the widow smiling coyly back at him.

Finally, during one dance, he picked up courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?" After about 6 seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes, yes I will!"

Needless to say, the evening ended on a happy note for the widower. However, the next morning he was troubled. Did she say "Yes!" or did she say "No?" He couldn't remember.

Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over-and-over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question, but for the life of him could not recall her response.

With fear and trepidation, he picked up the phone and called her. First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening.

As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No?'" Why you silly man," she replied, "I said 'Yes, yes I will!' and I meant it with all my heart!"

The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat. Then she continued. "And I'm so glad you called, because I couldn't remember who asked me!"



Merry Christmas everyone

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."