



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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December 2020 – January 2021

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL TUAC MEMBERS

The committee have done an excellent job in bringing and organising a full and varied programme of events for the Club through to the end of April.

I urge you to support these events as much as practicable. We in New-Zealand can consider ourselves as fortunate to be able to participate in both indoor and outdoor activities, while in many parts of the world the second wave of Covid 19 has affected many countries and a return back to lockdown.

The annual Christmas party at Cornwall Park is scheduled for Saturday 5th December and is a great opportunity for our annual catch up. Reminder this is a free event and included as part of your TUAC subscriptions. This year we are serving lunch promptly at 12.30pm. So please arrive in plenty of time.

For numbers required for catering purposes, please contact myself or Libby.

The Club continues to strive forward under the enthusiasm of the committee for the benefit and enjoyment of the membership within a challenging year for everyone. Here's hoping that 2021 will be a more enjoyable year.

Look forward to meeting you at our Christmas party or at an upcoming event.

Mike Maran
Club President

HIGH TEA, BRICKLANE RESTAURANT

5 Clark Street, New Lynn

Sunday 29th November at 2.30pm

Treat yourself to a high tea of sandwiches, savouries and sweets, along with your choice of tea or bubbles, in the sophisticated and relaxed atmosphere of Bricklane Restaurant. Free parking on site.

Cost: \$30 with tea or \$35 with a glass of bubbles

Pay: On the day

Confirm by: 16th November or soon as, for time to advise numbers

Contact: Christine Troy-West – 022 157 5965 or christine@troywest.com



ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park,

Saturday 5th December 2020 at 11am

Arrive from 11am onwards for pre-lunch drinks and a catch up with other members. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:30 pm. Xmas lunch will be a lovely selection of ham on the bone, cold meats and salads, Xmas cake, fresh fruit platters and strawberries. Wine and juice provided.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent to those who have confirmed they are attending.

Again, this year in an effort to reduce NZ's waste problem and keep NZ clean and green, there will be no plastic/disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to bring their own and to take all your rubbish home with you.

Bring: \$5 Secret Santa present, chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

Cost: This event is free for financial members, otherwise \$25 per head

Contact: - Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com

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



CROQUET

Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom

Saturday 28th November from 2pm to 5pm

Please be there by 1.45pm. Parking is available in either Corbett Scott or King George Avenues.

Depending on numbers, a tournament can be arranged with tuition provided by club members. Each game lasts 1 hour and can be organised on a round robin basis. There are 4 lawns in total. Equipment is provided at no additional cost.

Everyone is welcome to bring along nibbles and wine or beer. Kitchen and bathroom facilities are available at the club house.

Cost: \$20 per person (up to 19 players) payable in cash on the day.

Confirm by: Saturday 21st November

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



EDUCATIONAL & INFORMATIVE WALK, REMUERA, HOBSON BAY, ORAKEI

Sunday 6th December 2020. Bus departs at 10.40am

Phil sai-louie has led previous walks for us in Onehunga & Epsom/Mt Eden.

Meet at the bus stop, Orakei Road, across road from Orakei Railway Station.

We will catch the bus to Remuera Road, where we will look at the volcanic story of Mt Hobson & the historic houses, schools & buildings in this desirable area.

Bring lunch which we will have in a beautiful reserve. The Hobson bay coastal walkway brings us back to our starting point. About 3 hours duration.

Cost: Bring your hop card, as the bus drivers do not accept cash

Bring: Lunch or snacks, water

Parking: Kings Plant Barn carpark or adjacent

For walk details contact Phil sai-louie 09 267 1260 or sailouiep@gmail.com

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS AMBIENCE, BEACH WALK, BBQ

56 Vipond Road, Stanmore Bay, Close to RSA
Saturday 19th December at 3pm

We will gather for a lovely beach walk and return to decorated Christmas house for a BBQ at 5pm. Christmas dress optional. If anyone wants to stay overnight, please phone, room for four. 1st in 1st served.

Bring: Your own meat, drink and plate to share

Confirm by: ASAP or latest the morning 19th if you are meeting at 3pm

Cost: Free

Contact: Mary Therese Caldwell - 09 947 0408 or 021 140 7544



ABEL TASMAN GREAT WALK

Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th January 2021

Walk the coastal Abel Tasman track on a 3-day self-guided adventure.

Starting from Marahau and walking to Totoranui, a distance of 31km, along beaches and through forests. This walk is described as the easiest of the Great Walks along beaches and through forests.

We will base ourselves at Kaiteriteri for 3 nights and use the ferry service to pick up and drop off for each day's walk. Carry a daypack only with lunch, change of clothes etc.

More info: www.doc.govt.nz

Bring: Daypack, tramping boots, spare clothing etc.

Confirm by: 30th September as accommodation is becoming scarce

Contact: Gary - garyanstiss@gmail.com or 021 117 0716



AROUND THE MOUNTAINS TRAIL

29th December 2020 to 31st January 2021

Trip limited to 12 people only

Cost: Approx \$1100

Contact: Andy Orr - pacexp@xtra.co.nz



PUHOI WOODCHOPPING CARNIVAL

Saturday 9th January 2021 from 9am

Spend a day exploring the Puhoi area and see the top woodsmen and axemen at the Puhoi Wood chopping Carnival. It's the largest wood chopping event in the upper North Island and is held in association with The Puhoi Hotel and Stables.

Axemen will come from around the country and Australia to compete at this major annual event, so come grab a beer, a Savvy or Pinot Gris and watch the free show from 9am. Good range of pub food available on site

Just down the road from the pub are the Puhoi Cheese Factory and the Puhoi Organic Distillery

Bring: A folding chair

Contact: Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz



RACE SUMMER DAY AT ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE

Sunday 10th January 2021 at 11.30am

Free parking at the main gates, Green Lane E.

Enjoy a day at the races and have some bets on the horses. Bring your deck chair and picnic (no alcohol) and join the fun of the race in a relaxed atmosphere.

Plenty of food outlets and bars on site. Wear shorts and jandals or dress up smart

- your choice! Gates open at 11.30am (get there early to get parking),

First race at 12.50pm. Last race at 5pm

Cost: Free Entry

Confirm by: 9th January 2021

Contact: Christine Troy-West - 022 157 5965 or christine@troywest.com

TAWHARANUI WALK/BIKE TRAIL

Saturday 16th January 2021

A two hour walk or bike trail at Tawharanui, followed by lunch and a swim at Anchor Bay.

Further details to follow

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

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

GRAVEL AND TAR ANNUAL UCI BIKE RACE

Palmerston North, Manawatu

23rd January 2021

Held over Manawatu Anniversary Day weekend this is a fun

day for being on a bike. Three events to choose from

depending on what distance you would like to ride.

Serious amateur's (Slicks and Stones 100, 100 kms)

Slicks and Stones - Lite (43 km on a mixture of Gravel and Tar roads)

Slicks and Stones E-Bike (43 km the same course as S & S - Lite)

Web site. www.gravelandtar.com for further information

On the web site, go to **EVENTS**, and select the **SLICKS AND STONES 100** for the course and further details.

Further details: The start is in Feilding, finish in Palmerston North. Assistance can be provided to get bike's and people to Feilding, 20 km away.

Accommodation: Special rates have been arranged with the Cophorne, likely approx.

\$130 for a twin share room, i.e. approx. \$65 each. Ph Akshay on (06) 356 8059 or email Cophorne.palmerston@milleniumhotis.com. We can also assist with other accommodation depending on numbers

Bring: Your bike and normal gear for a day's ride, sunblock, water bottles, and rain gear in case it is not sunshine.

Cost: \$46 per rider.

Pay by: When entering via the web site, at least a week before, i.e. 15th January 2021.

Confirm by: 15th January 2021.

Contact: Keith Holdaway - 0274 574 038 or keith_holdaway@yahoo.com.au



ROTORUA LONG WEEKEND WITH TROUT FISHING OPTION

Waitangi Weekend, Saturday 6th to Monday 8th February 2021

Accommodation at Waiteti Trout Stream Holiday Park set in 2 acres of mature trees and gardens on the riverbank of the famous Waiteti Stream. Close to Rotorua's main tourist attractions. 10 minutes from town, without the sulphur smell. Good base for cyclists and others wanting to explore Rotorua over this long weekend, fish from the banks, or enjoy a stream-side stroll to Lake Rotorua. One and two room cabins. Powered and unpowered campsites for tent, caravans and motorhomes.

Optional: Learn how to fly fish for trout with the "Trout Man". Trout fishing guide Harvey can coach maximum of three groups of two each over the three mornings (in four-hour fly-casting tuition courses).

Cost: Trout fishing lesson incl license is \$115 pp (minimum 2)

Three nights (Fri, Sat & Sun) twin share cabin from \$143 pp.

Contact: Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz or 021 477 714

LEIGH WALKING, CYCLING, FISHING OR RELAXING WEEKEND

57 Mount Pleasant Road, Leigh

Saturday 13th and 14th February 2021 at 11 am

Meet at the above address at 11am and enjoy a shared lunch.

Afterwards choose your own activity from lying on the deck checking out the birds, short or long walks, swimming, cycling. A lovely beach 5 mins through bush, or go to Mathesons Bay, Pakiri beach, or Goat Island. The Leigh SawMill café and music venue is nearby. Deep harbour for fishing if you have a boat.

Saturday evening - shared dinner at the house.

Activity on Sunday morning - maybe a walk down Pakiri beach. Leave after lunch.

Bring: Contributions to share for 2 lunches and a dinner.

Your own breakfast. Something for the BBQ and BYO drinks.

Gear for your activity, togs, water bottle, walking shoes, bike and helmet etc. Bedding and towel.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: 1st February 2021

Further Info: Can sleep up to 7 people in the house. One double and 5 single beds. First in best bed. Camping spaces for 6 tents. Due to water restrictions and bathroom facilities this activity is limited to 15 people. Doggies welcome.

Contact: Carol Banks - 021 067 6654 or Carolebanks1@gmail.com

ART DECO NAPIER

Friday 19th February - Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Enjoy the 1930s atmosphere, glitz and glamour in the heart of Napier city - New Zealand's Art Deco capital.

Dress up in your best flapper dress or 1930's outfit and join in the fun.

Celebrate the annual festival in Napier with events including entertainment experiences, outdoor concerts, vintage car parade and more.

Either do your own arrangements and meet up in Napier, or cruise from Auckland on Pacific Explorer.

Cruise departs Auckland in the evening of Friday 19th February 2021

There is a full day in Napier to enjoy the Art Deco Festival, then we cruise back to Auckland. Arrive back in Auckland 7am on Tuesday 23rd February Includes return cruise, twin share accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board.

On board entertainment includes circus acts and cabaret show

Cost: Cruise \$597 per person share twin for inside cabin. Add \$97 pp for outside cabin.

Deposit \$150 due on booking, balance due 30th November.

Contact: Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz or 021 477 714



ROUND THE BAYS

Saturday 28th February 2021

Join us for this annual iconic waterfront event, the

country's largest fun run. This event takes place

along the Auckland harbour waterfront, starting

from Quay Street in the city and finishing at St

Heliers Bay a distance of 8.4km.

We can walk, run, jog. It is a 'fun' run, no need to hurry unless you want to.

Let's make up a team and go enjoy. More info: www.roundthebays.co.nz

Cost: \$25 pp early bird special

Contact: Gary - 021 117 0716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com or Helen - helen0281@yahoo.com



HOBBITON & WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES DAY TOUR

Saturday 6th March 2021

This is a small group day tour for up to 14 people run by Auckland Scenic Tours. This 2020 tour has been No. 1 rated by Trip Advisor. Departs from an Auckland city hotel at 6.30am and includes a 2 hour tour of the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit Movie Set with a tour guide, a specially brewed beverage at The Green Dragon Inn, guided tour of the Caves, and a café style lunch at the Homestead at Waitomo.



Cost: \$224.50. This price has been discounted.

Confirm by: Saturday 28th November.

Pay: Please pay into TUAC bank account.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or jcalvert@kinect.co.nz

SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Te Haruhi Bay Campground, Whangaparaoa Peninsula

Friday 12th March to Sunday 14th March 2021

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

Great beach for swimming, walks, sunbathing, birdwatching, kayaking & fishing

Cost: \$32 into TUAC account by 20th February

Confirm With David

Contact: David Verrall – 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



D'URVILLE ISLAND, MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

15th – 19th March 2021

Explore one of New Zealand's last outposts, meet the locals, discover the wildlife and hear about the islands rich culture and history.

D'Urville Island is named after the French explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville who sailed here on the Astrolabe in early 1841. The island is our 1/8th largest, but with only 52 residents.

We meet at Blenheim Airport and are transferred to the island by minivan and boat. Includes beach accommodation, meals on the island, return ferry crossing, minivan transport, boat cruise, blue cod fishing and water taxi.

Cost: \$2,850 Additional costs - return airfare Auckland to Blenheim.

Option to stay on in Blenheim 2 nights after with lunch at a winery.

Other ideas to explore in area include, Picton, Queen Charlotte Track.

For more trip information contact Mary Donald - mary.don@xtra.co.nz

For booking contact Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz

WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP

Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st March 2021

Arrive in Rotorua on Saturday 20th ready to raft the Kaituna River. Meet at River Rats Raft and Kayak Adventures base at Hangar 14S Rotorua Airport, 837 Te Ngae Rd at 12.15pm.

River trip starts 12.30pm.

About an hour on the river, with an exciting 7m waterfall to raft over.

Stay the night at the Top Ten Holiday Park Rotorua.

Sunday 21st - Meet by 9.45am and drive about an hour to the River Rats base at Maclarens Falls. Details about meeting place to follow.

Bring: Togs, towel, snacks and drinks, wetsuits and helmets provided.

Cost: There is a discounted rate for a group of at least 6. Further discounts if we raft both the Kaituna and the Wairoa Rivers. This cost will be \$220 pp - \$58 pp off retail prices.

Further Information: Please book own accommodation. I suggest the Holiday Park Rotorua because there is a swimming event on that weekend and there is some urgency with getting accommodation sorted.

Pay By: Please make payment once numbers are confirmed.

Confirm by: 20th December due to possible accommodation issues

Contact: Carol Banks - 021 067 6654 or Carolebanks1@gmail.com



WAIKARAKA EASTER SPECTACULAR DEMOLITION DERBY & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Neilson Street, Onehunga

Saturday 3rd April at 5pm for a 6pm start

The demolition derby will have you splitting your sides with laughter as they are hell bent on destroying each other until there is only one car moving. There are Corvettes, Camaros, Commodores, and Mustangs racing bumper to bumper. Stockcars will be smashing and crashing, trying to stop the other drivers from winning and to end the night the legendary Fireworks Spectacular.

There is light food chips, hot dogs, burgers available at reasonable prices. Or bring your own dinner snacks.

Meet beside the main ticket entry gate at 5pm for a 6pm start. That way we can get the best seats on the Grandstand. Parking in the surrounding streets.

Bring: Cushion/pillow for seating, warm jacket, hat, water & dinner snacks

Cost: Pay \$30 direct at the gate. The club will subsidise members by \$5.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com

PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car Rally – Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Jazz and Blues, Tuesday nights – Helene Harper
- Variety artists, 1st Monday of the month – Helene Harper
- Hollywood Theatre – Mike Maran

JOKE

This is what we, who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, can look forward to.

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.



An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 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 to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser or accommodation booked, 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, advise the organiser immediately as they may have people wishing to attend.

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.

LIABILITY: "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."

Any queries regarding an event please get in touch with the event organiser only.

Do not use the Hotmail Account