



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.

February 2018 – March 2018

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 garden and beaches.

Proposed accommodation is 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>.

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.

Bookings are now open:

Anchorage Hut	29th January
Bark Bay Hut	30th January
Awaroa Hut	31st January
Whariwharangi Hut	1st February

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

PROGRESSIVE DINNER ON BIKE

Bucklands Beach

3rd Feb 2018 at 5.30pm start

Join me in this fun event. This ride is very flat only 15kms in total. 5kms from Bucklands Beach to Half Moon Bay.

Starting from 69a Hattaway Avenue to Musick Point for a pre dinner drink, along the Parade to Tides for 1st course (Indian or European), only waterfront to Half Moon Bay to Marina Thia (Thai) or Marina Cantina (Mexican), then a drink at Grangers off to Bucklands Beach same way you ride to Sunset for dessert, finishing off around the corner to my place for coffee, chocs, drinks and a chat. Please remember to bring lights on bikes.

Bring: Humour, lights on bikes, pre + post dinner drink

Cost: Own meals

Pay by: Pay as you go

Confirm by: 1st Feb 2018

Contact: Sandi text or phone 027 418 8421

SCULPTURE IN THE GARDENS

Auckland Botanic Gardens, Manurewa

Sunday 4th February 2018 at 10am

Celebrating a decade of Sculpture in the Gardens, come and join us to get up close to large-scale artworks on this amazing sculpture trail.

Meet at the visitor's centre at 10am to join the free guided walk with an artist guide, starting at 10.30am. This is a 2km walk taking 1½ hours and covers the whole exhibition. As it can be very sunny, please use the free sunscreen available at Huakawaiwaka Visitor Centre, take a drink with you or use the drinking fountain at the Rose Garden.

Lunch afterwards at the café in the Gardens.

Bring: Hat, walking shoes

Cost: Guided walk and entry is free. Lunch your cost

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Wednesday 31st January 2018

Contact: Angela Guptill - 0278 618 385 or angela.guptill@gmail.com



TRAVEL NIGHT

Helene Harper's home, Glendene

Saturday 10th February at 7pm

Travel photos from our trip to Spain, Portugal and Morocco.

Share our very interesting trip with Betty Rankin, Diane Mayhall and Helene.

Starting time 7pm. I will give you my address when you make contact.

Bring: Nibbles to share and your preferred drink

Cost: Nil

Advise by: 5th February

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz

MIDGE MARSDEN BAND – THE MILTONES AND THE FLAMING MUDDCATS

Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve, Endeavour Street, Blockhouse Bay

Friday 16th February 2018, 6pm - 9pm

Bring a chair or blanket, a picnic and drinks. There will be a food truck if you want to buy food.

I will be there at 5.30pm to mark our spot. Look for the TUAC banner. Come along to rock the night away.

Cost: Nil

Advise by 10th Feb if you are coming so I can look out for you.

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



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 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.

We will drive down on Saturday and any other activities on the Saturday can be organised closer to the time. Dinner at a restaurant on 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

jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



FREE BIKING AND CAMPING WEEKEND, KARAPIRO

321 Horahora Road, Tirau

Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February 2018

Saturday morning: Bike the Waikato River Trail, Stage 5 Atiamuri to Whakamaru Dam (20kms, 2-3 hours, Grade 3) and stop for lunch at the Dam. Stage 4 Whakamaru Dam to Mangakino Lake Front Reserve (13kms, 1.5-2 hours, Grade 3). Shuttle will take you back to 321 Horahora Road for a Pot Luck BBQ dinner and campfire.

Sunday morning: Drive to Sanctuary Mountain and then do a self-guided walk of the Southern Enclosure. Approximately 5 km. Then head off to Okoroire Hot Springs Hotel for a pub lunch. For people not interested in the bike ride, there are lots of trails to walk and explore close by and Mangatautari Mountain.

Further info: Shuttles will be organised to beginning of Stage 5 and from the end of Stage 4. We have an American Barn on the land (no house as yet) fitted with a toilet and shower, microwave, fridge, 1 x BBQ and plenty of room for tents, buses and campervans. The Barn will be open from about 3pm on Friday, however feel free to turn up any time to pitch your tent or park the bus.

Bring: Bike and all cycling and walking gear including water and sunblock. Shared plate for BBQ pot luck dinner, own meat and drinks. Bring own camping gear, chair, cutlery & plates etc

Cost: \$14.00 for Sanctuary Explorer Pass payable at the time.

All meals at own cost

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Thursday 1st February 2018

Contact: Jill Walker at frankandjill321@hotmail.com



TAKAPUNA CIRCULAR WALK

Saturday 3rd March at 10 am

Walk starts outside Burger King car park

Meet and park corner Northcote and Sunnybrae Road (Park in carpark alongside Burger King) or nearby street parking.

An easy mainly level circular walk that encompasses different geographical aspects in a compact area. We will walk along Akorangi Drive, cut through AUT campus, continue over the motorway to the lagoon board walk behind Barrys Point Rd. Continue through to Lake Pupuke to look at 2 different aspects of the lake. Return via Killarny Park to Smales Farm, cross the motorway bridge through to the Poenamo Motel and return to the carpark. The walk should take about 2 to 2½ hours. Plenty of cafes on route for morning tea. Some brief historical and geological commentary on the way round.

Bring: Usual walking gear and water. Sunscreen.

Contact Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com



SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Te Haruhi Bay Campground

Friday 16th March to 18th March 2018

These camping weekends are very popular. 20 sites have been reserved so you will need to book ASAP

Further details to follow.

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

Please do not leave a message on phone



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



JAZZ IN THE VINES AT COOPERS' CREEK VINEYARD

State Highway 16, Huapai

Sunday 25th March at 12.30pm

The band is the Blue Jaffa's, they are an experienced quartet playing cool rhythms blending Soul & Jazz with a sprinkling of the US South. The Band will play from 1 – 4pm.

You can bring your own picnic but no alcohol. There are also fruit and cheese platters available to purchase. Wine is available to purchase from the vineyard. There are tables and chairs for seating but you can bring your own chairs to ensure good seating.

Bring your own picnic, juice or water but no alcohol.

Cost: Entry is free. You pay only for any wine or drinks/food platters you purchase.

Advise by: 20th March

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



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 of our 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 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

carolmcbride@gmail.com,

David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz Or Peter

Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz

FULLY BOOKED

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 en suites. 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



HOLIDAYS EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

I have heard from a little Fairy that some person went to the Cinema.

When about to leave they could not find their spectacles, so went back in where they had been sitting with a torch to find them. This escalated into cleaners and ushers to help in the search, but the spectacles could not be found.

When the person exited the cinema, he was taking out a handkerchief to wipe away the tears.....and guess what.....the spectacles fell out.

Overjoyed the person went to the toilet and ended up dropping the glasses down the toilet.

I do not know if he retrieved them or not. So if you see a member wearing sunglasses.....they might not be sunglasses.

I cannot confirm the truth of the saga, but knowing the person I can believe it.

Dave Verrall and his beloved cat have been terrorised for about 3 weeks by a.....THRUSH.....(you know how big these birds are).

The thrush has been getting in through the cat door, eating the cat food, shitting everywhere and making a proper nuisance of himself.

The cat (don't know its name so I will call him CAT) just sits there watching this bird eat its food and watches him fly about.

For all you bird lovers, Dave (good guy as he is) didn't feed the bird to the cat, but managed to catch him and send him away on holiday to Wenderholm.

I suggest he gets another cat.

For all the kayakers who thought they were watching a seal birth, found out when they got closer thatthey were getting their rocks off on the rocks

JOKE

Four Kiwis were driving along SH1, loaded with all their gear, and a bit uncomfortable. One was from Pukekohe, one was from Ohakune, one was from Tauranga and the last person was from Auckland.

After a time, fed up with feeling cramped, the chap from Pukekohe says, "slow down and open the door – we can throw out these potatoes and make some room – there's so many of them in Pukekohe – I can always get more."

A little while further down the road, the chap from Ohakune says, "slow down and open the door – we can throw out these carrots – there's so many of them in Ohakune – I can always get more."

Finally, after another couple of kilometres, the chap from Tauranga pipes up, "stop the car and open the door."

He pushes out the guy from Auckland...

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