



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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February 2019 – March 2019

JAZZ IN THE ROTUNDA

**Auckland Domain Band Rotunda, Grafton
Sunday 20th January 2019 at 1pm to 4pm**

Come along to the big sound of the 17 piece Auckland City Jazz Orchestra and Vocalist Caitlin Smith delivering versions of the Jazz standards.

Alan Goldsmith unique approach of the music is a highlight of the voice of songs sung in Te reo Maori'

Cost: Free
Bring: Something to sit on, food and drink.

Confirm by: 19th January
Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or text or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



WINDSURFING AND STAND UP PADDLING

**Sylvan Park, at the bottom of Sylvan Park Ave, Milford
Saturday 2nd February 2019**

Meet at 10.30am for an 11am start. Great value for 2 hours of windsurfing, SUP or both. Instruction given if required. Wetsuits and equipment supplied.

Lake Pupuke is a safe environment as there are no big waves or tides to worry about.

Have lunch locally afterwards.
When booking please indicate what you want to do, your level of ability and if you want to join us for lunch. See www.madloop.co.nz

Bring: Bathing suit and a towel.
Cost: \$50 - Lunch at your cost.
Pay/Confirm by: 11th January 2019 or sooner
Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or alison.philcox3@gmail.com



MT ROSKILL TO WESTHAVEN CYCLE RIDE

**Winstone Park, 1129 Dominion Rd, Mt Roskill
Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 10am**

Meet at Winstone Park at 10am.
We will be riding the Southwestern shared path from Mt Roskill to Waterview, then joining the North Western shared path, to ride to Westhaven via the Magenta Path. We will also be taking in the new Newton Gully cycle path.

Distance around 40 kms return with a stop in the middle of the ride for lunch at Westhaven. Return the same route. Only a small amount of cycling on the road – mainly dedicated cycle paths.

Bring: Bike and all cycling gear including water
Cost: Free - lunch your cost
Pay by: On the day
Confirm by: Monday 5th February
Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



OTAGO RAIL TRAIL

**Clyde to Middlemarch
Sunday 10th to Friday 15th February 2019**

Starting from Queenstown with a transfer to the start of the Rail Trail at Clyde and finishing at Dunedin.

Luggage transferred each day to our accommodation. This accommodation includes continental breakfast each morning and is based on twin share. Single supplement is available at extra cost. Finishing with a ride on the Taieri Gorge Train to Dunedin. Ride runs from 11th to 14th Feb with the last night in Dunedin.

Additional days in Dunedin to explore the area can be arranged.
Further info: Inclusions: shuttle included from Queenstown to Clyde, bike hire (with helmets, puncture repair kit, pump and day panniers), accommodation (staying at Tiger Hill Lodge Omakau, Wedderburn Cottages & Hyde Hotel, which are all right on the rail trail), transfer from Queenstown to Clyde, daily luggage transfers, train trip from Middlemarch to Dunedin.

Bring: Own cycling gear suitable for all weather.
Can take own mountain bike.
Cost: \$640.00 for accommodation, luggage transfers, bike hire, transfers, train ride to Dunedin.
Airfares additional and to be arranged by you.

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



FULLY BOOKED

WHANGANUI RIVER TRIP

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th February 2019

Calling for last takers for anyone interested in joining Felicity and I on a 4 day trip down the Whanganui River with Canoe Safaris www.canoesafaris.co.nz

This 4 day trip takes in the best scenery at a comfortable pace. It is a fully inclusive trip with a guide, camping for 3 nights. Camping gear and food is provided, all you need to bring are your clothes and a sleeping bag. Standard price is \$995 per person, but Canoe Safaris have offered a 10% discount to TUAC if booking as a group.

In addition, for a group of 8 or more they can run an exclusive trip.
Contact: Rob - robcome@hotmail.com or 0274 733 589



BLUES LEGENDS

**Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve, Endeavour Street
Friday 15th February 2019 6pm – 9pm**

Line-up - Midge Marsden and the Flaming Mudcats. With a career spanning four decades, Midge Marsden is one of NZ's pre-eminent R & B artists – a true blues legend! His excellent musicians and unstoppable energy guarantee a great show every time. After many years performing at Music in Parks, Midge claims this is his last!

Cost: Free
Confirm by: Thursday 14th February 2019
Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066



BEES WAX FOOD WRAPS WORKSHOP

158 Verbena Road, Birkdale
Saturday 16th February 2018 at 1pm

A workshop that is to be held to learn how to make your own Bees Wax food wraps.

The workshop is \$25 and will be around two hours of learning how to make your own wraps. Materials are provided and the newly made wraps ours to keep.

We all know how important it is not to use too much plastic, so this is a way to keep your food fresh

Workshop will be held at the above address – but numbers are limited so be in quick.

Cost: \$25 please deposit into TUAC account.

Contact: Diane - Diane@spectrumaccounting.co.nz or if you need more information please call 021 274 0289 (Diane)



COOPERS CREEK JAZZ IN THE VINES

Coopers Creek – Highway 16
Sunday 17th February 1 – 4pm

Enjoy a fun day listening to Maria O'Flaherty and the Ben Fernandez Quartet while sipping a nice wine.

Their repertoire goes from lively renditions of Jazz with Latin and Folk influences along with French Chanson & funky grooves.

No BYO Wine. Light beer, soft drinks and coffee are available as well as fantastic wine. You can bring your own picnic or buy a delicious cheese and fruit platter at the premises.

Tables and chairs are available and there is plenty of parking either at the front or behind the vineyard.

Cost: No entry charge only cost is the whatever you purchase from the vineyard such as wine, cheese platter etc.

Confirm by: Monday 11th February

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



WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

Friday & Saturday Nights 1st & 2nd March 2019

Wenderholm Campground located alongside the Puhoi River in the new Schischka Campground, which is a short walk to the front beach. Kayaking, swimming, sunbathing, and many walks in the area. The camp site is flat and has all new facilities.

Bring: All camping gear tent / gas cooker/ swimming togs /walking shoes & kayak if you wish.
Saturday night shared meal. Club BBQ will be there

Cost: \$15.50 per night per person

Pay by: ASAP to TUAC as there are a limited number of places

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508



BURGER AND BOWLS

Royal Oak Bowling Club, Selwyn Street Royal Oak
Friday 8th March 2019 - Meet at 6.30 pm

Price includes, bowls, premium beef burger and chips or Vegetarian Burger. Please advise if you want a vegetarian burger when you confirm with me.

Instructions given to those who have never played bowls by a Member of the Bowling Club.

Bring: Flat shoes must be worn

Confirm by: 15th February 2019

Cost: \$15.00 – Pay into TUAC Account

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005 or annmelrose@gmail.com



"ARSENIC AND OLD LACE"

Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring Street, Onehunga
Saturday 9th March 2019 – Show 8pm

Two charming old ladies make it their mission to provide tea and accommodation to socially and religiously "acceptable" lodgers. When they pass on, their brother, who thinks they are victims of yellow fever, buries them in the cellar. He thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt so never questions their actions. Then there's a somewhat unusual nephew, to put it mildly, and another one, who is really, actually completely normal – not easy in this household!

A deliciously un PC comedy.

Meet at 6.00pm. for an optional dinner at The Landing, 2 Onehunga Harbour Rd, Onehunga before the show. Show starts at 8.00pm. (show time to be confirmed)

Cost: \$28.00 or seniors \$24.00. Dinner your cost

Pay by: Tickets by 15th February and dinner on the night

Confirm by: Friday 15th February 2019

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



ARCTIC BIRDS AUTUMN MIGRATION DAY

Pūkoro Miranda Shorebird Centre, Miranda
Sunday 10th March 2019.

Depart 8am from Remuera Club, 27 Ohineru Street, Remuera. Car pool.

See the Arctic birds at their best before they leave on their migration north to the Arctic.

High tide is at 11am with good bird watching from 9am.

Cost: Car pool costs - pay on the day.

Confirm by: Thursday 14th March 2019

Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066

ARCHERY ADVENTURES

28 – 32 Disraeli Street, Mt Eden (at Nicholson Park South)
Saturday 23th March 2019 at 11am to 12.30pm

Archery Adventures organise an event that is fun, fast, social and competitive and run by an experienced, qualified instructor. All equipment provided. You will be shown the basics of archery through to competition.

For those that are interested we will go to a café for lunch afterwards.

Cost: \$54.00 per person (based on at least 12 people attending so the more numbers, the better the price)

This will be a subsidised event of \$10 per person.

Pay by: Thursday 28th February into the TUAC account.

Confirm by: Thursday 28th February

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



RAILCARTING – DARGAVILLE TO WAIOTIRA & RETURN

Station Road, Dargaville
Saturday 30th March 2019

This new extended trip to the Waitotira Junction, is a trip that has not been available to the public for over 50 years. Waitotira is where the Dargaville branch line joined the Main Trunk Line from Auckland to Whangarei. You will travel over 21 bridges and through 2 tunnels, with the longest being 638 meters. Travel through native bush, farmland, forestry blocks and other interesting places which you can't see anywhere but by rail. This journey is the second longest privately run rail journey in New Zealand.

Further info: The trip is 98kms return, departs at 9:00 am and takes approximately 7 to 8 hours (returning around 5pm). Please report at 8.45 am to complete paperwork and pay. Each cart can carry up to 4 adults. Tea and coffee are supplied as part of your ticket. There are 2 toilet stops on the way. Carpooling available Friday, returning Sunday (I can take 3).

Optional extras:

Accommodation if you want to make it a weekend away:

I have reserved 6 twin ensuite rooms at the Northern Wairoa Hotel at \$95 per night for 2 people. Please confirm with me if you want to stay at the Northern Wairoa Hotel.

Alternative accommodation available at Dargaville Campervan Park and Cabins, 16-18 Gladstone St, Dargaville. Converted railway cabins with ensuite, queen bed or twin single (linen included) \$95.00 for 2 people. Please book your own accommodation ASAP if you wish to stay here.

<http://dargavilleaccommodation.co.nz/accommodationrates/>

Kumara Box Museum and Kumara Garden tour Sunday 31st March 9.30am

start. Tour takes 1½ hrs they will most likely be digging kumara on the day.

Cost: \$30.00 per person includes a home baked morning tea. Pay on the day

Bring: Driver's licence if you want to drive the railcart, sturdy footwear, warm clothing as the weather can be changeable, lunch, water, camera

Cost: Rail carts \$180.00 per person (min of 4) or \$150.00 if we get a group of 10 or more. Maximum number of 16.

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: 28th February 2019 for the rail carts.

Contact: Aaron Love - 021 978 872 or aaronlove@xtra.co.nz

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Pahi Road, RD1, Paparua, Kaipara Harbour
Friday 12th April - Sunday 14th April 2019

Cottage accommodation at Blechynden Estate. Each cottage can sleep up to 3 people. Leonora will organise to show us how to do Mosaic in her garage on the Saturday morning.

Further info: see website www.pahicottages.co.nz

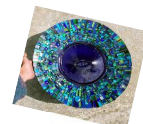
Bring: A project to work on (e.g. a pot for a plant. Birdbath, bird feeder??) Broken crockery or tiles. (She does have glass beads and mosaic tiles, but people may prefer to bring their own.) She will provide grouting, tools and instructions.
Bike – optional. There is a nice ride to Pahi.
Food - cottages have cooking facilities. BBQ available

Cost: \$100 per person for 2 nights this includes workshop costs.
For six people.

Anyone not interested in doing mosaic but wanting to go to the Matakoha museum instead, is welcome to book their own accommodation at the campground in Matakite.

Confirm by: ASAP -but no later than 20th January

Contact: Hillary Scott - 0212 584 186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com



SRI LANKA THURSDAY 9th MAY - THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019

Come and join David Verrall & Carol McBride on this trip to Sri Lanka 15 days escorted tour. Return flights Auckland Singapore Colombo. Air-condition coach vehicles, English chauffeur, entrance and site fees, government taxes, VIP Silk route arrival facility all included. Small group 10 to 15 people some spare spaces at present available.

Cost: \$5999 share twin
Need to know by 30th January

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

TRADE ME

Kalkhoff Compact e bike. German made quality cycle in brand new condition, barely used. Capable of 90 kms on a charge depending on terrain. Retail price \$4500. Prepared to accept any offer over \$1500 as surplus to my needs.
Contact: - Rosalia 021 0269 1889, 09 378 4988 or hooves1942@gmail.com



JOKE

Two men have been lost in the desert for weeks and are at death's door.
As they stumble on, hoping for salvation in the form of an oasis or something similar, they suddenly spy, through the heat haze, a tree off in the distance.
As they get closer, they can see that the tree is draped with rasher upon rasher of bacon. There's smoked bacon, crispy bacon, life-giving juicy nearly-raw bacon, all sorts.
"Oh my, Pepe" says the first bloke. "It's a bacon tree! We're saved!"
"You're right!" says Pepe.
So Pepe goes on ahead and runs up to the tree salivating at the prospect of food.
But as he gets to within five feet of the tree, there's the sound of machine gun fire, and he is shot down in a hail of bullets.
His friend quickly drops down on the sand and calls across to the dying Pepe.
"Pepe! Pepe! What on earth happened?"
With his dying breath Pepe calls out,
"Ugh, run, run! It's not a Bacon Tree...it's a Ham Bush"

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

TUAC Account details: **ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00**. For internet banking - state the event you are paying for.

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques 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 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**