



## 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 your name, cost and event you are paying for. 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 will be applied. Contact the event organiser directly**

**If you have confirmed you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser, please pay by the due date.**

**The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away**

**If you cannot attend on the day, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend**

## January – February 2014

### HEAPHY TRACK, KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK

27th to 30th December

Bus out of Nelson on the 26th December, and stay at Browns Hut. Stay at Perry Saddle Hut on the 27th, James Mackay Hut on the 28th and the Heaphy Hut on the 29th. Finish tramp on the 30th and stay at Rongo Backpackers at Karamea. Bus back to Nelson YHA on the 31st. Have New Year in Nelson.

You have to make your own arrangements for flights and book your accommodation. (Due to the fact that some people may want to stay at other places). I will book the bus and transport.

**Cost:** Nelson to Karamea \$35 a night  
Rongo Backpackers \$30-\$35

**Contact:** Alan - 027 493 6850 or [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)



### PIHA CANYON SCRAMBLE - PIHA

Saturday 1st February 2014.

**All day trip. Bus will pick us up from the Sky Tower approx 8.00am**  
Traversing a volcanic rock valley with waterfalls, abseiling slots, jumps, caves and natural rock pools complete with sexy guide

**Further info:** [www.awoladventures.co.nz](http://www.awoladventures.co.nz) canyon trips/Piha canyon/full day. Wetsuits and lunch supplied. Lunch is filled rolls, chocolate and OJ.

**Bring:** Swimsuit, towel, change of warm clothes, hiking boots or trainers plus a dry pair to put on after, snacks, water

**Cost:** \$175 per person

**Pay by:** \$40 deposit to secure your place. Only 20 seats available and will be sold to the public also. Final payment due by 15th January

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 021 236 9422 or 09 415 9605



### WAIKAREMOANA GREAT WALK

27th to 31st December

Leave Auckland 27th December, travel to Lakes Waikaremoana. Stay at either Big Bush Holiday Park or Waikaremoana Motel, Opourau Bay. Start the walk on 28th Dec reaching Panekire Hut the 29th (5 hours). 29th Dec Waiopaoa Hut (4 hours). Third day walk 4/5 hours to Marauiti Hut. Last day 31st, 4 to 5 hours walking to the water taxi which will return you to start point/cars. It's your choice to stay or go on New Year's Eve.

**Cost:** 3 nights stay per hut. Water taxi fee to be advised.

Accommodation dependent on your option Plus car pooling/petrol costs.

**Contact:** David [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz) - 630 2588 or 027 203 5508

FULLY BOOKED

### SCULPTURE IN THE GARDENS, AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

Sunday 2nd February 2014 – 10am

Sculpture in the Gardens is an outdoor exhibition of 23 large scale sculptures by NZ's best known, most talented and up-and-coming artists. The 2km trail takes you on a delightful walk through the garden collections at the Botanic Gardens.

The outdoor show is complemented by live music, guided walks, gallery exhibition and an indoor exhibition.

Meet at the gardens at 10am.

Lunch in the café after the exhibition.

**Bring:** Walking shoes and coat if weather looks showery

**Cost:** Free - Lunch at your cost

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



### NORTHLAND EXPLORER GETAWAY

Auckland Anniversary Weekend - 24th-27th Jan 2014

An expression of interest is sought. Discover the Hokianga over 3 days. Wairere Boulders, Tane Mahuta, Sand canyons, Rongohouka, Kohukohu, Horoeke Mission House, Clendon House and more. I will reserved 2 nights in Opononi with lots of adventures and optional side trips included. Leaving Auckland after work Friday 24th January and overnight in Waiareia (you can leave early Friday if you wish). Contact me for an itinerary of planned events and optional things to do.

**Cost:** TBA

**Pay by:** Would be good to pay accommodation for Opononi by end December

**Confirm by:** 15 Dec 2013

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

### SAILING ON 'SPITFIRE'

Waitemata Harbour – Depart from Westhaven

Saturday 8th February 2014

Sail down the inner Hauraki Gulf Islands, share in the helming/sailing of the boat, climb a volcano or two, swim, drink, eat and get a tan.

All activities depend on the weather as to where we go and how many volcanoes we climb, but be assured you will have a great time rain, hail or sunshine.

**Bring:** Togs, towels, snorkel gear and all sun equipment, raincoat if weather looks dodgy (will keep you posted), a packed lunch and refreshments for the day, seasick tablets if so inclined.....keep in mind you are on a boat.....no HUGE picnic hampers unless it will feed all 10 of us.

**Cost:** \$110 per person

**Pay by:** \$30 deposit to secure your spot by 20th Dec. There is only room for 9 people so be in quick. Final payment by 1st Feb.

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 09 415 9605 or 021 236 9422



## WINDSURFING, STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING & MELTEMI BEACH CATS - Madloop Windsurfing

Lake Pupuke, 17 Sylvan Park Avenue, Milford  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 for an 11am start.

Two hours of fun to do all three if you want, or concentrate on one or two. This includes instruction in a simulator on land first for beginners to wind surfing, wetsuits and life jackets. When booking please indicate if you want to do all three. Three can go in the Meltemi Beach cat at a time. Check out the clip on youtube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7KXDEzVjPQ>  
Lake Pupuke is an ideal place for water sports as you don't have to contend with the surf or tides. Lots of lunch places to choose from afterwards.

Further info: [www.madloop.co.nz](http://www.madloop.co.nz)

**Bring:** Bathing suit, towel.

**Cost:** Our special discount rate of \$50.00 per person for 2 hours

**Pay by:** Book now to secure a place and pay by 10th January 2014

**Contact:** Alison - 021 257 6741 or [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)



## OREWA HALF MARATHON & 10KM RUN/WALK

Orewa Beach

Sunday 13th April 2014

Do the walk/run and finish with a BBQ at Sheila Jenkins place

Web-site to book for run/walk -

<http://www.orewabeachhalfmarathon.com/>

Or just support the team and come to the BBQ

**Bring:** Own food for the BBQ and BYO. Salad will be supplied.  
Chair for outside use and togs/towel for a swim

**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256, or [sjenks@clear.net.nz](mailto:sjenks@clear.net.nz)



## ROTORUA MARATHON - 50TH MARATHON

Saturday 3rd May 2014

Fancy walking or running a marathon which combines both history and geography in a beautiful piece of NZ

Multiple distances of your choice - marathon, half marathon, 10km or 5km

Check out website and register on [www.rotorouamarathon.co.nz](http://www.rotorouamarathon.co.nz)

**Bring:** Plenty of energy

**Accommodation:** Limited accommodation is available at Alpin Motel

**Cost:** \$125 per night for 2 people with an additional charge of \$20 for each extra adult. Some units will sleep 3. This will be for 2 nights, ie. Friday 2nd May and Saturday 3rd May.

**Contact:** June - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## WAITAKERE WALK - KITEKITE FALLS, PIHA

Sunday 9th February - 10am

Meet in the car park at end of Glen Esk Road, Piha. Go through the gate.

After descending Piha Rd you will turn right into Glen Esk Rd.

2/12 hour loop walk. Moderate grade

**Bring:** Boots, suitable clothing, water

Food for a BBQ lunch in the picnic area after the walk

**Contact:** June Bell - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or

[fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## WOODBIDGE GARDENS, COATESVILLE

Saturday 22nd February 10am

A country garden of 10 acres with many interesting features, see website

[www.woodbridgegardens.co.nz](http://www.woodbridgegardens.co.nz)

**Directions:** 3km north of Albany, turn left on Highway 28, then 4km to Glenmore Rd (opp Coatesville Store), Woodbridge is 350 meters up Glenmore Rd on the right

**Bring:** Suitable clothes and drinks for the day

**Cost:** \$10 payable on the day

Lunch at a local café afterwards. Unable to have a picnic as wedding at 3pm

**Contact:** June - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com).



## TAPAPAKANGA REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Auckland Regional Park, Firth of Thames

Friday 28th Feb to 2nd March 2014

Campsite at Tapapakanga looks out to the sea, with views of the Firth of Thames.

Facilities include toilets, tables, water, outdoor shower. 5 mins walk through bush to the beach side and historic farm house. Walking and mountain bike tracks.

Fishing, canoeing, safe, sandy swimming tidal beach

See web site <http://www.arc.govt.nz/>

Top sea view sites for campervans and tents. Water side sites for tents only.

**Bring:** All camping gear/ tents/ gas stove or BBQ. Swimming togs, walking shoes, bikes and helmets. Own food/drink as nearest shop is Orere Point Campground. Shared meal on Saturday night.

**Location:** 60 minute drive from Auckland CBD. Drive south on SH1. Take the Manurewa off ramp, head for Clevedon. From Clevedon follow the signs to Kawakawa Bay and turn right at the shop. Go 12.5km (past Orere Point) and turn off into Deery Rd to the Tapapakanga Park.

**Cost:** \$13 per night per person. Campsite takes 40 people

**Pay by:** ASAP

**Contact:** David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or

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



## MAGICAL MANGAWHAI - 15TH MANGAWHAI WALKING W/END

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Join in this annual event - Friday 28th begins with the Troubadour Trail along the coast and cliffs. This is a feast of storytelling, singing, music and magic.

Saturday and Sunday - Walks of your choice

Saturday there is a wine and food festival at the Olive Grove with The Mermaids as entertainment. Jo Cotton is in this group

Check out the walks on [www.mangawhaiwalkingweekend.co.nz](http://www.mangawhaiwalkingweekend.co.nz) and pricing.

Packed lunches available for \$11 each day - pre booking essential

Book early to secure your place

Free camping available at Mangawhai at Bob Bells place.

**Contact:** June Bell for camping details - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or

[fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## WATCH THIS SPACE FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS

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| ➤ Pirongia Walk                              | David       |
| ➤ Port Waikato weekend                       | Raywyn      |
| ➤ BMW Racing                                 | Irene/Libby |
| ➤ Auckland city events                       | Gerry       |
| ➤ Wanganui River kayaking                    | Irene       |
| ➤ Dance night April                          | Leonie      |
| ➤ Monthly Dance Nights Ponsonby Sailing Club | Helene      |
| ➤ Paddle to the Pub                          | Alan        |



**Hope You All Have a Happy New Year and Many More Adventures in 2014**

## 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."