



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.

January 2018 – February 2018

GUY'S 60TH BIRTHDAY BASH

8G Gane Place, Omokoroa

Saturday 13th January 2018 from 5pm

Free camp sites available close by for those wanting to bring a tent

Bring: Own camp chair, shared plate and BYO drink. Meat supplied.

Confirm by: 9th January 2018

NO PRESENTS PLEASE

Contact: Guy Phillips - 027 603 5549 or icbm@xtra.co.nz



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



MUSIC IN THE PARK - Latinaoetearoa and Banda Latina

Jellicoe Park, Quadrant Road, Onehunga, Auckland

Sunday 21st January 2018 at 1pm-4pm

Be ready to kick off your shoes and swing your hips with two of our most loved Latin Bands at this vibrant and high energy gig. Hope to have the banner there.

Cost: Free event

Bring: Food, drink something to sit on, hat and sun cream

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



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 back 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 sculpture captures in Govett Brewster Art Gallery, explore a Taranaki gallery and beaches.

Proposed accommodation is a 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.

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



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 Huakawaka 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 MUDCATS

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 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 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. All meals at own cost

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

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 Killarney 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



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



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 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 our 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 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 jeanettemc@orcon.net.nz

JOKE (supplied by Ron James)

Paddy's mother-in-law asked anxiously, "What happened"?

I'll tell you what happened! I sent an email to me wife telling her I was coming home today from me fishing trip. I get home and guess what I find?

Your daughter, my wife, Jean, naked with Joe Murphy in our marital bed!

This is unforgivable! This is the end of our marriage. I'm done with it, I'm leaving ... permanently!"

"Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy!" said his mother-in-law. "There is something very odd going on here. Jean would never do such a thing. There must be a simple explanation. I'll speak with her immediately and find out what happened."

Moments later, the mother-in-law came back with a big smile.

"Paddy, there, I told you it must be a simple explanation she never got your email!"



Merry Christmas
and
Happy Holidays,
Everyone!



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