



**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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**January 2021 – February 2021**

**Greetings to all TUAC members**

As the summer months approach, we traditionally schedule more active outdoor events. These events such as walks, cycling and other adventure type related activities, are scheduled more frequently. Therefore, the health and safety of the members participating in events should be a priority to the trip leader and is also of importance to the committee. The club has 3 x comprehensive first aid kits kept with Mary Donald and 1 x Emergency locator beacon kept with David Verrall. The committee suggests that the trip organiser collect or designate someone to pick up the First Aid kits or the emergency beacon in advance, or arrange in advance with Mary or David to courier or deliver the kits out before the event date. Accidents requiring first aid do happen and can be unexpected. That way if there is an accident or medical emergency, then we as a club are prepared, by having the kits with the trip organiser or a designated person available for immediate use. Please keep safe this summer.

**Mike Maran  
Club President.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:christine@troywest.com)

**TAWHARANUI WALK/BIKE TRAIL**

**Saturday 16th January 2021 at 10.30am**  
Meet at Anchor Bay carpark in Tawharanui at 10.30am for an approx two hour walk or bike trail ride, followed by lunch and a swim at Anchor Bay.  
**Bring:** Gear appropriate to the event you are doing  
Lunch, snacks, water, sunscreen/hat  
**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or [sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com) or Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 Copthorne, likely approx. \$130 for a twin share room, i.e. approx. \$65 each.  
Ph Akshay on (06) 356 8059 or email [Cophthorne.palmerston@milleniumhotis.com](mailto:Cophthorne.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](mailto:keith_holdaway@yahoo.com.au)

**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. 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](http://www.doc.govt.nz)  
**Bring:** Daypack, tramping boots, spare clothing etc.  
**Contact:** Gary - [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com) or 021 117 0716



## 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 "Fly Fishing for Dummies" course. Trout fishing guide Harvey can coach maximum of 10 people in groups of two each over the three mornings (in four-hour fly fishing lessons 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz) or 021 477 714**

## ROUND THE BAYS

Sunday 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](http://www.roundthebays.co.nz)

**Cost:** \$25 pp early bird special

**Contact Gary - 021 117 0716 or [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com) or**

**Helen - [helen00281@yahoo.com](mailto:helen00281@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 2020

**Pay:** Please pay into TUAC bank account.

**Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto: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 ASAP

**Contact: David Verrall – 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz)**

**For booking contact Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto: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 145 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](mailto:Carolebanks1@gmail.com)**



## JAZZ IN THE VINES AT COOPERS' CREEK VINEYARD

State Highway 16, Huapai

Sunday 21st March at 12.30pm

The band yet to be confirmed, however the music is always very enjoyable with musicians and their unique style and vibrant performances. Their repertoire stretches from lively renditions of Jazz and a variety of Latin and Folk influences. 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 and wine is available from the vineyard. There are tables and chairs for seating, but you can bring your own chair and have it in the car just in case.

I will advise the band once its published.

**Cost:** Entry is free. Pay only for any wine, drinks and food platters

**Confirm by:** 14th March 2021

Important you let me know so I can hold the seating

**Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)**



## 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](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)**



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## 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

At the regular Saturday morning service, the rabbi announced that he was planning to leave for a larger congregation that would pay him more

There is a hush within the congregation. No one wants him to leave because he is so popular.

Fred Silverstein, who owns several car dealerships in Newton and Brookline, stands up and proclaims, "If the rabbi stays, I will provide him with a new Cadillac every year and his wife with a Honda minivan to transport their children!"

The congregation sighs in appreciation and applauds.

Saul Cohen, a successful businessman and lawyer, stands and says, "If the rabbi will stay on here, I'll personally double his salary and establish a foundation to guarantee a free college education for his children! "More sighs and loud applause.

Estelle Rubin, age 88, stands and announces with a smile, "If the rabbi stays, I will give him sex!" There is total silence.

The rabbi, blushing, asks her: "Mrs. Rubin, you're a wonderful and holy lady. Whatever possessed you to say that?,"

"Estelle's 90 year old husband, Abe, is now trying to hide, holding his forehead with the palm of his hand and shaking his head from side to side, while his wife replies:

"Well, I just asked my husband how we could help, and he said, "F.... him."



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all  
from your Committee and Newsletter Team**

## 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](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 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**