



Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.
www.tuac.co.nz

"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.

July 2016 – August 2016

BIRKENHEAD - KAURI PARK/CHELSEA TRAMP

Saturday 25th June 2016 at 9am

Park at Chelsea School, Onetaunga Road, Birkenhead
Visit Fitzpatrick Bay, Kendall Bay in beautiful native bush to harbour beaches, so central in our city. A moderate 2-3 hours walk with some road surface.

Bring: Water, snacks, good walking shoes and a parka, pole if preferred.

Cost: Cost of coffee afterwards

Confirm by: 20th June

Contact: Leonie - 021 222 8982 or leonecas@gmail.com



Bring: Your favorite game.

Cost: \$15 includes soup, pizza and dessert.
Please pay direct into TUAC bank account

Confirm: It would be helpful if you could confirm 1 week prior so we have an indication of pizza and desserts to order.

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779, mikemaran10@gmail.com or Raywyn Brinsden 021 455 863 or raywynbrinsden@gmail.com

MID WINTER MYSTERY BUS TOUR

Sunday 26th June 2016 at 9.30am

Meet CT Club carpark, 27-33 Ohinerau Street Remuera for 9.30am as we have a timetable for our driver Rob to keep. Bus leaves at 9.30am and return time 6pm.

Join in for a fun day out. Sharpen up your brain on recent events for some Trivial Pursuit to win a prize. Bus door prize on the day.

Bring: Clothing for the day and flat shoes. A sense of adventure

Cost: \$60 includes bus, lunch and activities. This is a subsidised event for TUAC members. Limited to 30 people

Pay/Confirm by: 16th June

Contact: June Bell 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



TEXAS HOLDEM POKER NIGHT

The Claddagh Irish Pub, Broadway, Newmarket

Saturday 9th July at 6.30pm

Even if you have never played poker before, this is a fun version of the game and very easy to learn. Rules and scoring supplied. To make it more exciting we will have a \$5 kitty and on the very last hand, winner takes all.

Pub food available and full bar (No BYO). Free parking in The Farmers carpark

Cost: \$5 – pay cash on the night

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



ANNUAL GAMES AND PIZZA NIGHT

**Auckland Normal Intermediate School, Poronui Street, Mt Eden
In the staff room**

Saturday 2nd July 5pm to 10pm

We are very fortunate to again have the use of these superb centrally located facilities for our annual games night. For those that did not attend last year Poronui Street is off Mt Eden Road, by the Mt Eden shops. Drive down the to the sign Auckland Normal Intermediate School and continue down the tree lined drive to park directly in front of the Admin buildings. There will be directional signs.

Due to the licensing laws we cannot consume or bring alcohol on the premises. To exercise and stimulate your brains we intend to have a variety of games available. The school can only supply Scrabble and Cards so for those attending could you bring some of your favourite board or other games from home. Be prepared for a fun and social night.

If you are bringing a friend or non TUAC member, please advise Mike Maran. We intend to start the evening with soup, then pizza and dessert. All kitchen utilities are provided in the staff room and available for our use.



GREAT ESCAPE

28 Lorne Street, Auckland

Saturday 16th July 2016

You will be locked in a room full of puzzles and challenges. Your task is to solve these puzzles and escape from the room in the 60 minutes you have. You will only need your wit, intellect, creativity, common sense plus a lot of team work. If you don't manage to do it in 60 minutes, you WILL be let out.

"The Prison Break" starts at **11am**. You and your partners in crime have been found guilty and locked in for life in a maximum security prison. Nobody has ever escaped. Will you be the first?

The "Psych ward" starts at **11.30am**. You are not feeling well. You are taken to a doctor's office. But something's just not right. They look at you WEIRD. Do they think you are crazy and need to be locked up? Better not wait and find out. Escape is your only option.

Please arrive 10 minutes before starting time. I have booked and paid for 2 rooms with 6 people in each. Please also state your preference and I will try to accommodate you. See www.greatescapethegame.co.nz

Parking at Victoria Street car park or find a spot on the road nearby.

Cost: \$22 pp to be paid into TUAC account ASB 12-3014-0118011-00

Pay by: ASAP as numbers are limited to the first 12 people

Please check with me first to see if there are enough slots before paying

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



2016 WORLD PRESS PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Meet outside Smith & Caughey's, 253-261 Queen Street, Auckland
Sunday 17th July at 10am

Powerful and poignant, the World Press Photo Exhibition showcases the highs and lows of 2015. Come and browse the best press photography from around the world.

Lunch at a local eatery - venue to be confirmed

Cost: \$15 per person entrance fee, plus lunch

Pay/Confirm by: 3rd July

Contact: Mary Donald – 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz



SOCIAL EVENING

Mai Thai Restaurant, Cnr Victoria and Albert Streets, Auckland
Thursday 21st July at 7.30pm

We did this last winter and it was a good event....so if you have not been to an event for some time this may be for you, and if you have the Entertainment book it could be a cheap night out.

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: Pay on the night – BYO (corkage charge)

Confirm by: 18th July so I can book the table

Contact: Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or alanguigg11@gmail.com



CLAY BIRD SHOOTING

Waitemata Gun Club, 465 Old North Road, Kumeu
Saturday 23rd July at 11am

Meet at the Gun Club where we will have the opportunity to see how good a marksman/woman we are. We will be shown how to aim and shoot at a moving target and will have 12 shots each to hit the flying clay birds. There will be a prize giving for the best shot. The club has a bar where you can purchase snacks and coffee/tea/wine/beer. Alcohol is only available after we have completed the shoot. After prize giving we will head out to the Carriages Café in Huapai for lunch. Carriages Café is licensed for wine and beer and have a variety of cabinet food and a full menu. Maps will be provided and we can carpool if requested.

Bring: A jacket if the weather is a bit overcast

Cost: \$40 for the shooting and money for any drinks you may wish to buy. Money for lunch at Huapai.

Pay/Confirm by: 10th July to TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Helene Harper – 021 921 068 or helene47@xtra.co.nz

MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER

Rialto Cinema, Newmarket
Sunday 24th July 2016

The movie will be decided on time of confirmation, and will probably be mid to late afternoon. We will meet in the upstairs foyer. As there are plenty of places to eat in Newmarket, we will decide on a dinner venue after the movie.

Pay: On the day

Confirm: Saturday 23rd July 2016

Contact: Janice Calvert – 527 4407, 0274 605 704 or jcalvert@slingshot.co.nz



POT LUCK DINNER

Green Bay - Address advised on booking
Saturday 30th July at 6pm

Fancy a night with a hot winter meal, music and dancing with your fellow TUAC's. Dress theme is red, black and white. Hosts will provide yummy soup. Please phone with your choice of mains or dessert

Bring: Yourself and BYO drinks

Cost: Nil

Confirm by: 25th July

Contact: June Bell – 09 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



OKOROIRE MID WINTER FUN RIDE

Okoroire Hot Springs Hotel
Sunday 31st July 2016

Starts and finishes at the Okoroire Hotel. There is a 40km and a 70km ride. I am doing the 40km ride which is mainly flat with one reasonable gentle climb into Tirau, then an undulating road back to Okoroire.

The 70km ride starts the same as the 40km ride then a nice stretch of flat alongside the river, before a short climb to Arapuni. The ride then undulates along country roads through to Putaruru, then Tirau via back roads and back to Okoroire. Wrap up warm. The ride will be held regardless of weather conditions, unless it is considered too dangerous. Let me know if you want to car pool.

8am – 9.45am Registration. Even though you have pre-entered on line, you must still register at the venue.

9.45am - Briefing. All must attend.

10.03am - 70km Fun Ride starts

10.05am - 40km Fun Ride starts.

12.30pm - the pre purchased Hot Roast Rolls become available.

1.30pm - Prize giving, ELITE class and SPOT PRIZES

Enter online at www.funcycling.net then let me know when you have done that.

Cost: \$60 if paid before 27th July.

Pre purchased hot roast rolls \$8.50. Order on line at the time of entry

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 a.philcox@clear.net.nz



WALK AROUND HOBSONVILLE POINT, INCLUDING FARMERS MARKET & OPEN HOME VISIT

Buckley Avenue, Hobsonville
Saturday 6th August at 10am

Meet outside the Catalina Café in Buckley Avenue.

An easy flat guided 2 hour walk around Hobsonville with a difference. This will include a visit to the Hobsonville Farmers Market for some food sampling or morning tea snacks. The walk will also include a visit to one of the many open homes being built in this newest of Auckland's outer suburbs. Also seeing some of the old Defense buildings and bunkers.

A good chance to see the tremendous development that has taken place over the last few years in this former Air Force Defense land. For those who have not visited Hobsonville you will be amazed of the development of the houses and an indication of a futurist suburb.

There is plenty of parking around the Catalina Cafe, which is located on the right hand side past the tall Palm trees on Buckley Avenue.

Bring: Good walking shoes, water, sunhat and a large deposit if you intend to buy a property in Hobsonville!!!

Cost: Your own expense if purchasing some of the fresh and tasty snacks or food at the Farmers Market (highly recommended) or morning tea/lunch after at the Catalina Cafe.

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



OREWA BEACH AND ESTUARY WALK & BBQ

Saturday 13th August at 1.30pm

Meet at Orewa Surf Club parking area off Hibiscus Coast Highway. Beach and Orewa River estuary walkway is a flat, approx 2 hour easy walk which can be extended if required. Followed by a BBQ tea at 11 Edgewater Place, Orewa

Bring: Walking shoes, jacket, and snack/drink

Food: BYO meat and drinks and a plate to share –salad/nibbles/dessert

Cost: No cost

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



BRISBANE CYCLE TOUR

Saturday 20th August to Sunday 28th August 2016

A week long bike tour covering the Brisbane city bike paths and incorporating the Whale Trail Tour. The tour will be personalised for TUAC members by Bushranger Bikes. Great cycling, fantastic accommodation and food, and a package that offers the ultimate relaxing cycling adventure holiday, sun, sand, blue water and skies and whales – perfect! Dates have been firmed up and given to our personal tour guide who is coming up with a plan so work around these dates. Aiming to arrive in Brisbane Sat 20th and depart Sunday 28th. Only a few places left so get in quick.

Check out their website for more info on the Whale Trail component of this tour.

<http://www.bushrangerbikes.com.au/Southeastqldwhaletrail.htm>

Costs: Work on around \$2000 all-inclusive plus return airfares

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



ALL BLACKS -v- AUSTRALIA & BBQ

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa
Saturday 27th August at 5pm

Come along for BBQ and drinks first, then watch the All Blacks game.

Bring: Food for BBQ, a plate to share and BYO
Please advise if you are bringing nibbles, salad or dessert.

Cost: Nil

Confirm by: Friday 26th August

Contact: David Verrall - 09 426 9588, 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



WORLD OF WEARABLE ARTS, WELLINGTON

Friday 30th September to 2nd October 2016

Show is Saturday 1st October at 8pm

Cost: Ticket for show \$170 - for premium plus seating.
Airfare and accommodation extra.

Pay for ticket by 31st January 2016 to secure your place.

Please remember if you book this event, and find yourself unable to go, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement, and honour your accommodation booking.

Contact: June Bell - 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com or Libby Lyver- 021-137-1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



ALL BLACKS -v- AUSTRALIA - 3rd BLEDISLOE CUP GAME

Eden Park
Saturday 22nd October 2016

Expressions of interest are sought for a group booking for the 3rd Bledisloe Cup game at Eden Park.

Cost: To be advised when tickets become available

Confirm: ASAP so tickets can be booked when bookings open

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



OMOKOROA ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

8G Gane Place, Omokoroa, Bay of Plenty

Friday 11th to Sun 13th November 2016

Come and explore the sunny Bay of Plenty

Friday - For those who can make it to Omokoroa by midday, walk the Omokoroa Peninsula. Afternoon tea half way round.

Dinner 6.30pm. \$5 per head hosted by Guy and Maureen. Late arrivals from Auckland catered for as well. **MUST** confirm if attending dinner.

Saturday – Walk or bike day. Start time for both 9 am. Walkers – Kaimai walk organised. Take packed lunch, water Cyclists – bike to Tauranga from the closest cycle way. Cafe lunch en route.

Pot luck BBQ dinner 6.30pm. BYO meat, drinks and a plate to share.

Sunday – Te Puna Quarry Fest. A great day out in park like gardens (huge variety of themed gardens), arts and craft on show as well as music and entertainment.

Gold coin donation. Start time to be advised.

Depart for home at your leisure.

Further info: Cabins available at Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park. Various prices with lots of choice of configurations. Must book direct either online

www.omokoroa.co.nz or email stay@omokoroa.co.nz. You must pay for your cabin when you book otherwise they won't hold your booking. Ask me for further info on cabins available and I can email you these.

Other alternatives are Book a Bach <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-andholiday-homes/search/.../omokoroa-beach> and search for Omokoroa Beach. Carpooling arranged.

Bring: Tramping/walking shoes, sunscreen, day pack, bike, helmet & cycling gear, togs & towel (hot thermal pools at holiday park). Fold up chair for pot luck BBQ.

Costs: Te Puna Gardens gold coin donation.

Friday Pot luck BBQ dinner \$5 cash

Pay by: Accommodation – by credit card when you book.

Other costs pay on the day.

Confirm by: Accommodation – must confirm direct with holiday park as soon as you can to secure your cabin as they book up fast.

Please confirm your attendance for this weekend by 4th November and if you are biking or walking.

Contact: Guy Phillips - 0276 035 549 or icbm@xtra.co.nz

2017 ART DECO FESTIVAL

Napier

Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th February 2017

Expressions of interest wanted. The largest of all Art Deco events is the Tremains Art Deco Festival held annually in February. It includes over 250 events, hundreds of 1920s and 30s cars, aerobatic flying displays, railcar rides, great Gatsby picnics, dinner dance extravaganzas and free outdoor concerts to name a few. Many thousands of guests and locals alike dress in Deco style bringing glamour to the city streets. You too can feel the atmosphere, live the era of mystique, if only for a few days.

Cost: To be advised closer to programme being published

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



ALPS TO OCEAN BIKING TOUR - 6 DAYS

Starts in Christchurch and finishes Christchurch or Queenstown

Looking at 3rd to 8th March 2017 or 15th to 20th March 2017

Expressions of interest are wanted – see all information on this

website www.puretrailsnewzealand.co.nz

Cost: Around \$2000 excluding air fares to Christchurch \$400 per person deposit paid on booking.

Contact: Ann Melrose – 636 5417, 021 157 6005 or

annmelrose@gmail.com



JOKE

**A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing
The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention, but the drunk continues to sit there
Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall
The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin', there's no paper on this side either!"**

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 Rob Bell on trekkerrob48@gmail.com

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."