



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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July 2020 – August 2020

MOVIE NIGHT- RIALTO, NEWMARKET

Sunday 28th June 2020 at 4.30pm

A get together in Newmarket. A film followed by dinner. Choice of movie to be announced on Thursday 25th June.

<https://www.rialto.co.nz/Cinema/Newmarket>

Cost: Movie ticket and dinner

Pay: On the night

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



BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

**Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland
Thursday 2nd July at 8pm**

Because this film has such amazing scenery, stories and footage, it is not just for people who enjoy cycling. This year's treasure chest of films includes: A story that reminds you of the importance of finding your 'why', and that with a bike you can find a worthy adventure in your own backyard; a movie that shows inspiration can come in all shapes and sizes – sometimes that shape and size is a seven-year-old girl who likes to ride BMX; an audacious mountain climbing challenge; a tale of trees, traps and trails, two friends on a mission picking up rubbish; a beautiful story about the power of two wheels and a community built through bicycling; and a part documentary/ part fantasy with mountain bike illustrations.

These short films are a great reminder of why we love to ride our bike; with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all- stories that inspire us to get out and ride.

Run time: Just over 2 hours including a good old fashioned 10 minute interval. Because club members have been attending this event for the past 6 years, we have reserved seating saved for us.

Optional dinner before the movie at The Stables, Elliott St, CBD. Meet at 6pm.

Cost: \$23.50 per person

Pay by: 28th June into the TUAC bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00

Confirm by: ASAP for the bike ride and if coming to dinner as I need to reserve tables

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



AUCKLAND ZOO

**Motions Road, Western Springs
Sunday 5th July 2020 at 11am**

Meet at the main gate in Motions Road just across from the carpark. The Zoo in 17 Hectares is the home of the largest collection of New Zealand and exotic animals in this country. When was the last time you were there, lunch at one of the 2 cafes and have an enjoyable day at the Zoo with friends.

Bring: Flat shoes

Cost: \$24 adult or \$19 senior and lunch

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



WAIHEKE COASTAL WALK – Oneroa Beach to Palm Beach

Saturday 11th July 2020 (Time to be advised)

We will take the ferry to Waiheke.

The coastal walk starts at Oneroa Beach finishing at Palm Beach.

The walk takes us along beaches and tracks over the ridges with stunning coastal views. We will also walk through residential streets with cute old baches and new architecturally designed houses.

Walk approx 2 hours, lunch at either a café in Palm Beach or winery (post Covid – I need to check who is open). Return by bus to Matiatia

Cost: Ferry (for the younger ones – Gold Card free). Lunch and refreshments

Bring: Walking shoes, sun hat, raincoat, warm jacket.

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



PLAY DEATHTRAP

Dolphin Theatre, Spring Street, Onehunga

Saturday 18th July 2020 at 8pm

Directed by Matthew van der Borg.

Just when you think what's going to happen – it doesn't.

Optional dinner at 6pm at the Good Home, Princess Street, Onehunga

Bookings can now be booked online and there is no social distancing.

As this is the last evening please advise ASAP, I have booked 11 seats for TUAC members.

Cost: \$28 or \$25 Seniors

Pay by: 12th June into TUAC account after I confirm booking with you.

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



EXPLORERS DELIGHT BY BIKE

Mangere Bridge to Auckland Airport

Saturday 25th July 2020 at 9am

Explore the new bike path at Mangere Bridge, continuing to Auckland Airport, mostly on bike paths and quiet roads.

We will do an airport loop which has some riding on the road, but also includes bike paths, with a stop at Percy Cafe enroute back to the start. The café has a very good area for bike parking.

The return to Mangere Bridge starting point is predominately via bike paths. Meet at carpark on the corner of Kiwi Esplanade and Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge at 9am. More parking at the carpark on Coronation Road in front of the bridge construction worksite.

Bring: Bike, helmet, water

Cost: Free - Morning tea your cost

Confirm by: 22nd July 2020

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



TUAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau Street, Remuera
Tuesday 28th July from 5.30pm

Please note change of AGM date because of previous lockdown restrictions. Buffet dinner at \$20pp. Usual meal cost is \$28. The club will be subsidising the meal cost at \$8pp.

Guest speaker David Morrison speaking on 2 cycling trips in China 2019

The AGM may be the first opportunity since lockdown that we can get together and socialise following distance guidelines.

AGM starts at 7pm. It is likely the committee will contact all the members to ask yes/no for attendance and numbers required for catering purposes.

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

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Auckland Museum

Sunday 2nd August 2020 at 10am

The wildlife photographer of the year exhibition, direct from the natural history museum in London, is a must-see, world-class free exhibition that showcases the 100 winning images from the competition. This is the most prestigious photography event of its kind, providing a global platform that showcases the natural world's most astonishing and challenging sights. The exceptional images in this exhibition capture fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species, and the breath-taking diversity of the natural world.

Cost: Entry to Auckland museum and lunch at café

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

EXTREME EDGE ROCK CLIMBING

40 Morrin Road, St. John's, Panmure

Saturday 8th August at 10.50am

Ever felt like you're climbing the walls? Now you really can!

New Zealand's largest climbing centre is housed in a four-story high former aircraft hangar. Price includes half hour of instruction at 11am, harness hire and all day climbing - stay as long as you like! They sell barista-style coffee and snacks, but as there isn't a cafe nearby, it might be good to bring your lunch

Cost: \$21.50 per person for groups of 10 or more

Pay: To TUAC account by 1st July (we need to confirm numbers and pay a deposit)

Bring: Covered sports shoes, or hire rock shoes for \$5
Lunch and water

Confirm: ASAP

Contact: Christine Troy-West - 022 157 5965 or christine@troywest.com



WINTER XMAS THEMED DINNER

Royal Oak Bowling Club Lounge Bar

146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

Saturday 15th August 2020 at 7pm

The club has again sponsored the use of the lounge bar, plus liquor license and pre-dinner nibbles.

We have chosen to use the club's in-house caterer. Assortment of pre-dinner nibbles, Buffet of beef sirloin, champagne ham, trio roast vegetables, green vegetables and small pavlovas with cream and fruit.

Anyone with dietary requirements please let me know.

Dress up in your best Xmas attire. Music available for our use. Venue is not BYO.

Any person outside Auckland who wishes to attend, accommodation can be arranged at a member's house.

Make it weekend and visit the world class Commercial Bay Shopping Mall, Queen Street, CBD

Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members

Confirm by: 5th August 2020

Pay: As soon as you confirm, please text me date you have paid into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

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



SHEEP WORLD

324 SH1, Warkworth (4km north of Warkworth)

Saturday 22nd August at 11.15am

Come for a great day out at Sheep World. Arrive early for the 11.30am show to see the sheep rounded up by the dogs, sorted and shorn. There is also a farmyard full of friendly animals, the New Zealand wool story exhibition, an eco-trail through native bush, a shop, and a cafe for lunch. We have a special discounted price of \$13.50 per person for the show. Car pool with a friend!

Cost: \$13.50 per person, lunch your cost

Pay: On the day

Confirm: ASAP

Contact: Christine Troy-West - 022 157 5965 or christine@troywest.com

PARADICE ICE SKATING

150 Ansford Crescent, Avondale

Saturday 22nd August 2020 at 8pm

Come to the coolest place in town and challenge yourself. You are never too old to try something that may put you out of your comfort zone. Nothing will get your blood and legs moving faster than a few rounds in the rink! Licensed café on site. Doors open at 8pm and close at 10pm

Bring: Wear warm clothes and bring gloves, beanie/warm hat and scarf

Cost: \$19 incl skate hire/platinum skate hire extra \$3 or \$14 own skates

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: Tuesday 18th August 2020

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



ELTON JOHN – YOUR SONG

Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa

Saturday 29th August 2020 – show starts 8pm

Following the success of last year's performance of ABBA,

Centre stage is now presenting Elton John – Your Song in an intimate Cabaret setting. Bookings opening soon.

Optional dinner before the show in Orewa

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



HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL SECTIONS D & E

Paeroa-Te Aroha-Matamata

Saturday 24th to Monday 26th October 2020

Ride the newly formed section of this trail from Te Aroha to Matamata, basing ourselves in Te Aroha for 2 nights. Saturday, we will ride from Te Aroha to Paeroa and return, distance 46 kms. Sunday ride from Te Aroha to Matamata and return, distance 74 kms. Mainly flat riding. Monday we will explore Te Aroha.

Further info to follow in next newsletter. Carpooling can be arranged.

Check out the trails on the Hauraki Trails website

https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail_SecD_Paeroa_TeAroha_v2s.pdf

https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail_SecE_TeAroha_Matamata_v2s.pdf

Bring: Bike and suitable bike clothing, water

Cost: Rides are free, accommodation and meals at your cost

Pay by: To be advised once accommodation is arranged

Confirm by: As soon as possible to arrange accommodation

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



CHATHAM ISLANDS

29th October - 5th November 2020

Enjoy a week on New Zealand's Chatham Island.

This is similar to the very popular tour done in 2018, but this time as well as the regular attractions we will also be on Chatham Island for their 'House and Gardens...the bountiful table' week.

Other attractions include the early Moriori culture, relics from colonial settlements including the early German missionaries, whalers and fishing settlements, tree and cliff carvings, plus relics from pre human settlement. The islands are also famous for their abundant seafood including crayfish.

For those of you that haven't been to the Chatham Islands before, they are in the Pacific Ocean about 800 kilometers' east of the South Island and while part of NZ, the flora and fauna are different due to its isolation.

This is an 8 day (7 night) trip and includes transfers, accommodation at the Waitangi Hotel, all meals, bus transport, fishing, guided tours daily, entrances and attractions.

Cost: Normal trip price is \$3,795, but if we can get a group of 10 or more, we can get 10% off making the price \$3,416 per person share twin, and no compulsory single supplement!

Airfares Auckland - Chatham Islands are additional. Flexi Saver airfare is currently \$898 return. For more information or to book:

Contact: Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz

WEST COAST WILDERNESS CYCLE TRAIL/TRANZALPINE RAIL RETURN

Saturday 26th to Thursday 31st December 2020

A 4-day, self-guided cycle tour of the West Coast of the South Island, starting from Greymouth, through spectacular coastal scenery, rugged shorelines, surging rivers, ancient forests and areas steeped in history and finishing at Ross.

Our journey begins from Christchurch then coach to Greymouth to start our ride. From the end of the ride at Ross we shuttle back to Greymouth to catch the spectacular Transalpine Railway back to Christchurch.

Options: To visit Arthurs Pass and explore the abundance of walking tracks etc.

More info: www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz

Cost: Dependent on accommodation choices etc.

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



AROUND THE MOUNTAINS TRAIL

29th December 2020 to 3rd January 2021

Trip limited to 12 people only

Email me and I will send you all the details

Cost: Approx. \$1100

Contact: Tony Orr - pacexp@xtra.co.nz



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 Woodchopping Carnival. It's the largest woodchopping 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



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. This walk is described as the easiest of the Great Walks.

2 nights' accommodation on board Aqua packers floating backpackers, which includes BBQ dinners and packed lunches. Carry a daypack with your supplied lunches, change of clothes etc. or have your bags transferred

More info: www.doc.govt.nz

Bring: Daypack, tramping boots, spare clothing etc.

Contact: Gary - garyanstiss@gmail.com or 021 1170716



PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car rally - Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Trip to Rotorua Island, Sept 2020 – Felicity Corne
- Whangateau Holiday Park, Matakana Coast 13-15 Nov, Sheila Jenkins/Alan Grigg
- Round the Bays Fun Run, 28 Feb 2021 – Helene Harper/Gary Anstiss

FOR SALE

Rain Jacket-Arcteryx brand.

Waterproof rain jacket - lightweight so suitable for tramping with sealed zips and seams. Hood can be folded away in a zip pocket in the collar.

Size: Ladies Large

Condition: Like new

Price: NZ\$70

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



JOKE

A young accountant spends a week at his new office with the retiring accountant he is replacing.

Each and every morning as the more experienced accountant begins the day, he opens his desk drawer, takes out a worn envelope, removes a yellowing sheet of paper, reads it, nods his head, looks around the room with renewed vigor, returns the envelope to the drawer and then begins his day's work.

After he retires, the new accountant can hardly wait to read for himself the message contained in the envelope in the drawer, particularly since he feels so inadequate in replacing the far wiser and more highly esteemed accountant.

Surely, he thinks to himself, it must contain the great secret to his success, a wondrous treasure of inspiration and motivation.

His fingers tremble anxiously as he removes the mysterious envelope from the drawer and reads the following message:

"Debits in the column toward the file cabinet. Credits in the column toward the window."

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 1827. 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 cottage 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 the trip with maybe 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

For booking contact Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz

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) 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**