



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.

June 2016 – July 2016

WANTED - 2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Two of our committee are stepping down this year so we are looking for two replacements to join our great team.

We look forward to your ideas and new adventures and the committee will fully support and help you with organising events.

The committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Newmarket. Plenty of free parking. Come and join us.

Nomination forms available at the AGM or can be sent to you beforehand.

Contact: David Verrall 027 203 5508, Helene Harper 021 921 068 or any committee member

10 PIN BOWLING & DINNER

Saturday 21st May at 5pm

Newmarket 10 Pin Bowling, 6/2 York Street, Newmarket

Meet at 4:30pm to prepare. Two games to be played or one if you prefer. Same format as last year. Come along and have plenty of fun.

I have booked three lanes for the night. The first 12 people (teams of 2, 3 or 4 max per lane) to book will be the lucky ones.

Cost: \$16 per game per person

Pay on the night

Dinner at Tosca Restaurant, Nugent Street Newmarket after bowling.

Contact: Peter Gerrard - 027 696 4997 or p.gerrard29@gmail.com

TRAVEL PHOTO NIGHT OF SOUTH INDIA AND JORDAN

Jackie's place (we will give you the address when you contact us)

Saturday 21st May at 5pm

Ever had a desire to go to Jordan (Petra, Dead Sea) or India? Come join us for a night of slide shows from Jackie's six week trip to South India (combination of motorbike and solo travel) and Helene, Diane and Betty's trip to Jordan.

We have pictures of such amazing places as Petra (the hidden city), Dead Sea (yes, you do float) and the brilliant colours and friendly people of India.

Bring: Yourself and BYO drinks, we will order pizza to share

Cost: \$5 for pizza

Pay by: 16th May TUAC account ASB 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Jackie Humphrey – 021 167 4253,

jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com or

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

THE BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, City
Tuesday 24th May at 8pm

The collection of ten short stories has everything an audience could want, action, drama and plenty of humour, a hint of romance to make you fall in lovewith your bike!!

If any TUAC members would like to join our Tuesday bike ride group to see this film. I would need to book online to cover seats as a group booking

Cost: \$20 plus \$1 booking fee each

Confirm by: ASAP – it is only on for 2 nights in Auckland

Payment: TUAC bank account

Contact: Ann – 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or annmelrose@gmail.com



MOTUIHE ISLAND VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING OR NURSERY WORK

Motuihe Island - Sunday 29th May 2016

Fullers Ferry departs Pier 1 at 9.15am, returns to Auckland at 3.30pm

The TUAC club is active and participates in our local environment. Now as a club it's our turn to return back something in the local environment in the form of volunteer tree planting and nursery work. It will be a positive image for the club to be seen doing something worthwhile in our local community.

Once on Motuihe it's a 20-25 minute walk to the wool shed/nursery. From there we will divide up those who want to go tree planting and those who would like to do nursery work.

A barbeque lunch is usually supplied by the Motuihe Island Trust. If you have had enough of tree planting/nursery work, there are nice walks around the island or you have your choice of 2 superb beaches.

Please do not confuse Motuihe Island with Motutapu Island, which has the same volunteer day and departs at the same time, but leaves from Pier 2.

Motuihe Island has easier access and is more suited to those with low to moderate fitness.

Bring: Garden gloves, water, lunch, good walking shoes/boots

Cost: Volunteer ferry tickets are discounted at \$21.50 and are available from the Fullers representative on Pier 1 from 8.45pm. The tickets entitles you to free parking at Downtown Car Park

Pay by: On the morning or Mike will collect the fares from everyone at Pier 1

Confirm: Please let me know ASAP or by 22nd May so I can inform the Motuihe Trust on the numbers expected.

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



AGM

Tuesday 31st May at 7.15pm

Commerce Club of Auckland (CT Club), 27-33 Ohineru Street, Remuera

Be there at 6pm for a meal first or 7.15pm for the AGM.

Guest speaker Lynton Rathagen will talk about assisting schools and villagers in Tanzania at 8.15pm.

Bring: Yourself and a friend

Cost: Free – there is a door prize, Dinner at your cost

Confirm by: Friday 22nd May if coming for dinner, Monday 25th May if attending AGM only

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

SOUTH WAIKATO ACTIVITIES W/END PUTARURU/KARAPIRO

Saturday 4th to Monday 6th June 2016

Night Gloworm kayaking/cycling/walking/Timber Museum/Te Waihou Springs walk/BBQ Pot Luck dinner – what more could you ask for!

Saturday: Arrive at your accommodation at Putaruru Arms Motel mid-afternoon then travel to meeting point by 4pm for kayaking with a difference.

This fantastic kayak adventure offers something very special for everyone. At this time of year, the glow-worms are more vibrant than in summer.

We start from Epworth camp and kayak our way down a truly beautiful section of the Waikato River to the Pokaiwhenua Stream. With stunning twilight lake views, we head under the Pokaiwhenua Bridge and into the glow-worm canyon. Draped with native ferns, the canyon offers a true slice of New Zealand beauty and as the light fades away, the unique incandescence of the glow-worms starts to shine from the surrounding walls.

After a quick glass of some of New Zealand's finest wines (or tea/coffee/cocoa) complimented with some tasty cheeses and marshmallows toasted over the warmth of a campfire, it's back in the boats, as we drift slowly downstream using only the light from the glow-worms.

The kayaking part of this weekend away is also open to members who would like to travel to Karapiro JUST for the kayaking and return to Auckland on Saturday evening. Numbers are limited so be in quick to book.

Sunday: The Timber Museum visit, followed by either an 8km walk (approx) or 13.7 km cycle ride on the Karapiro Section of Waikato River Trail. Transport arranged for return trip for walkers.

Pot Luck BBQ dinner at member, Frank Aerts farm. BYO meat and a plate to share. BYO drinks.

Monday: Te Waihou walk (or alternative) followed by lunch at Tirau.

Full details of all events will be sent when you confirm. For those hardy souls there is free camping available at Franks.

Bring: BYO meat for BBQ and a plate to share, BYO drinks

Walkers: Walking shoes, raincoat, day pack.

Cyclists: Own mountain bike and associated biking gear.

Kayakers: Dress warmly, jacket/beanie, comfortable pants (jeans not recommended), sneakers, towel, gloves (optional). Waterproof life vest and pants provided.

Costs: Kayaking \$59

Accommodation twin share \$45 pp (2 nights)

Pay by: 16th May for kayaking. Accommodation can be paid on arrival.

Confirm by: 16th May for accommodation & kayaking

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

POINT CHEVALIER TO ONEHUNGA CYCLE RIDE

Saturday 11th June at 10am

Meet and park at the Point Chevalier carpark behind the shops and KFC off Great North Road.

From here we will cycle on the green stripe cycle lanes to start at Carrington Road, Mt Albert Road, then turn into Owairaka Avenue and continue to the start of the new Southwestern cycle route that follows the Southwestern motorway, which starts off Moiroi Road. This is quite a wide cycleway that goes along side Mt Roskill to Hillsborough Road, then continues down to the Manukau Harbour foreshore. We will cycle over the new motorway bridge into Onehunga for lunch.

Further Info: Some cycle fitness is required for the return ride, as the hill back from Onehunga to Hillsborough Road has a moderate gradient, or you can push your bike to the top. For those who are fit the return hill will pose no problem. All the other parts of the cycle route are flat to slightly undulating.

Allow 3½ to 4 hours return, including cafe stop.

Bring: Water, snacks, Hi-Vis vest

Cost: Nil except the cost of lunch

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

CUBA LIBRE

Laura & Libby's place (address advised on booking)

Sunday 12th June at 2pm

Ever wondered how a Cuban cigar is really made? Or if the Buena Vista Social Club is really 'social'? Laura's just returned from Cuba where the country is embracing capitalism as fast as the wonderful Cubans can salsa. Come and share my photos and stories of a communist country reinventing itself as the next 'it' tourist destination.

Cost: \$5 includes Mojito cocktail on arrival and afternoon nibbles

Pay by: 8th June into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Laura Cunningham - 021 0864 7065, alsostricky@gmail.com or Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488, libby.lyver@gmail.com

SOCIAL EVENING

Portofino Italian Restaurant, 156 Hurstmere Road, Takapuna

Thursday 16th June 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

Confirm by: 14th June so I can book the table

Contact: Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or alangrigg1@gmail.com



MESSIAH ON THE FRIGIDAIRE

Titirangi Theatre, Lopdell House, 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi

Saturday 18th June at 8pm

The small town of Elroy, South Carolina is thrust into the evangelical spotlight when what seems to be the image of Jesus appears on a refrigerator in a trailer park.

The discovery by Lou Ann Hightower, her husband Dwayne, and her best friend Betsy, sets into motion a frenzy of conflict, communion and good old fashioned commerce. When the National Investigator turns the appearance into front-page headlines, their trailer park becomes a Mecca for miracle seekers, soul searchers and disciples with a decidedly political agenda.

At the urging of the towns business leaders, Betsy pretends to get messages from the appliance-based apparition, and the crowds multiply like loaves and fishes. Through the ordeal, the three undergo an evolution in their relationships with each other, and they are forced to come to grips with their lowly status in the caste system of the rural south

In a region where religion is as much a part of life as grits and cotton fields, God surely moves in mysterious ways.

Titirangi Theatre is a cosy theatre with 84 seats so we need to book early. There is a small bar where they serve wine, beer, coffee and tea and nibbles.

Will look into a suitable venue to have dinner first.

Cost: \$20 per ticket

Pay/Confirm by: 31st May TUAC account ASB 12-3014-0118011-00

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



BIRKENHEAD - KAURI PARK/CHELSEA TRAMP

Saturday 25th June 2016 at 0900

Park at Chelsea School, Onetaunga Road, Birkenhead

Visit Fitzpatrick Bay, Kendall Bay in beautiful native bush to harbour beaches, so central in our city. Moderate 2-3 hours, 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 leoniecas@gmail.com



MID WINTER MYSTERY BUS TOUR

Sunday 26th June 2016 at 9.30am

Meet CT Club carpark, 27-33 Ohineru 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.

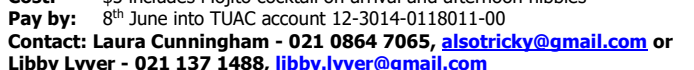
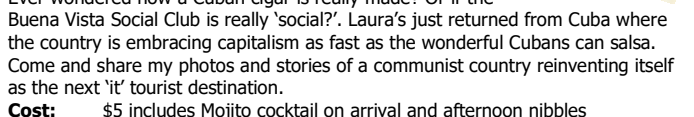
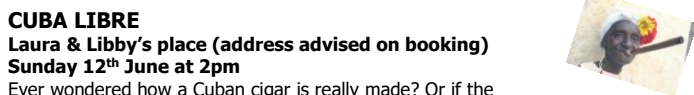
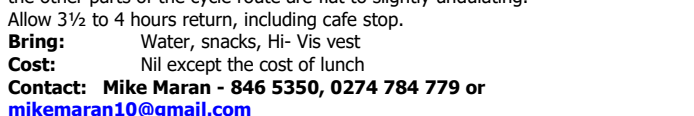
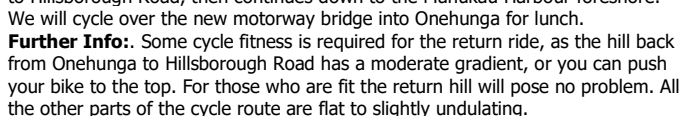
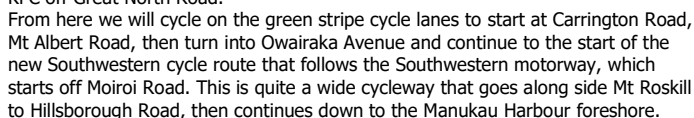
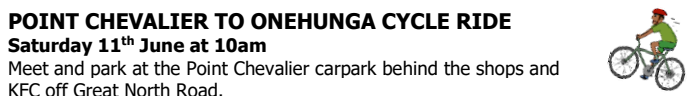
Join in for a fun day out. Sharpen up your brain on recent events for some Trivial Pursuit to win a prize. Bus door prize on the day.

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



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.

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



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 per person 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.

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. It is winter so 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



BRISBANE CYCLE TOUR

Saturday 20th August to Sunday 28th August 2016

Expressions of interest are wanted for this 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.

Further details: 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



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



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

JOKE

An elderly couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time.

Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work.

They discussed finances, living arrangements and so on.

Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

'How do you feel about sex?' he asked, rather tentatively.

'I would like it infrequently' she replied.

The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, leaned over towards her and whispered –

'Is that one word or two?'