



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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May 2019 – June 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The committee and I have discussed ways of communicating on important issues to the club members. It was decided that I would occasionally insert items into the newsletter and that would be a good way of connecting and informing the members of any relevant substantive topics that affect the wellbeing of the club.

Of fundamental importance is that we are requesting club members to come on to the committee. The club needs new committee members to bring in new ideas for events and to refresh older events to give our newer members an opportunity to participate.

Being on the committee would commit to attending the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month and organising a few events. If you have an event in mind that you would like to participate in, but maybe a bit reluctant to organise, then please approach myself or any of the committee members and we would be pleased to coordinate or assist in a dual team leadership of your event.

The committee and I would like to pass on our thanks to the other non-committee members that have organised events to which we appreciate.

Also, as a point of difference the committee has decided to participate in a St Johns first aid training course. This is to be run as an event. The very nature of some of some of our club events is open to injuries and other possible life threatening medical circumstances. So, any members with updated first aid training could be in invaluable for suppressing the injury or knowing what to do in the event of a sudden medical emergency. All members are encouraged to attend which is scheduled for Saturday 13th July at St Johns HQ at Mt Wellington (see details in this newsletter). The cost of the St Johns first aid training will be subsidised. by the club. We are also investigating the purchase of portable basic first aid kits for the team leaders to bring with them for any emergencies or injuries that can be dealt with quickly when on an event.

If you have any suggestions or new ideas for events, please contact me anytime. I look forward to hearing from you.

Alan Grigg and Sheila Jenkins are doing a great job in formatting our monthly newsletter. Please email him for any new ideas or events by the 20th of each month to go into our newsletter.

I look forward to your attendance at the AGM. The topic of our guest speaker Phil Sai-Louie is relevant, since many of us have cycled the Otago Rail Trail.

Mike Maran
TUAC Club President.

AUCKLAND FORESHORE HERITAGE CITY WALK

Saturday 27th April at 10am

Meet and park at Point Erin Swimming Baths carpark Sarsfield Street, Herne Bay. A guided historical and informative walk from interpretation signs 1 to 15. Mike will give a brief commentary at each sign. There are 25 signs in total.

We will walk to sign 15 at Point Britomart, then walk up Queen Street and take the bus back to Herne Bay and walk back down to the carpark. The walk is about 2½-3 hours, level throughout and was featured as one of the historical walks in Auckland Heritage Festival Week. Lunch locally afterwards.

Bring: Your Hop card or bus fare for return.

Cost: Nil

Confirm: Anytime, or 2 to 3 days prior.

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



MOVIE NIGHT

Rialto, Newmarket

Saturday 4th May 2019

A get-together at Newmarket over a film and dinner.

Choice of film will be announced Sunday 29th April

Cost: Ticket and dinner

Confirm by: 30th April

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



BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, Lorne Street, Auckland

Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.45pm

Sharing the best cycling short films from around the world.

youtube: The Big Bike Film Night 2019 Promo Trailer

Optional pre movie meal - let me know and we can arrange near the Academy.

Cost: \$23 Tickets available now so get in early as they sell out quickly

Pay: TUAC account for movie only

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



SRI LANKA THURSDAY 9th MAY - THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019

Come and join David Verrall & Carol McBride on this trip to Sri Lanka

15 days escorted tour. Return flights Auckland Singapore Colombo.

Air-condition coach vehicles, English chauffeur, entrance and site fees, government taxes, VIP Silk route arrival facility all included.

Small group 10 to 15 people some spare spaces at present available.

Cost: \$5999 share twin

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

JAZZ CONCERT – HOPETOUN BROWN & THE GENIUS FINN SCHOLES

Uxbridge Arts & Culture Centre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick
Friday 10th May – 8pm to 10pm

Three of the country's finest musicians stomp and parp across a musical landscape of blues, roots, soul and jazz live on stage. They ring every last decibel from their trumpets, trombones, tubas, bass clarinets, tenor saxophones, cornets and pianos. Scholes was hand-picked by Neil Finn for his recent tour to Australia and South East Asia and it's a measure of the musician that Neil chose Finn mainly for his outstanding skills on his second instrument, the piano. While Finn Scholes dazzles at the keyboard, it's his chops on the trumpet that leaves audiences with jaws agape.

Optional dinner at 6pm at The Good Home, Cnr Picton St & Uxbridge Rd, Howick.

Cost: \$29 for adults, Table seating \$32. Please ring me if you are interested in table seating.

Confirm/Pay: Confirm by Monday 29th April. Book and pay own tickets at office on 535 6467 Fri – Mon 9am – 4pm, Tue – Thur 9am – 9pm

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or jalvert@kinect.co.nz



TAMAKI DRIVE WALK FROM ST HELIERS

Sunday 12th May 2019 at 10am

Meet at the St Heliers Bay Toilets and join me for a leisurely walk along Tamaki Drive to a point where everyone is comfortable. Return back to St Heliers for lunch (optional) at Moreton's Bar and Restaurant who have the Best Beer Battered chips in town.

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



NEWMARKET TEN PIN BOWLING 6/2 YORK ST, NEWMARKET

Saturday 25th May 2019 at 5.30pm

Meet at the bowling alley at 5.30pm

Enjoy a couple of games of 10 pin bowls before heading across the road for dinner at Doolan Brothers Pub, 414 Khyber Pass Rd, Newmarket

Cost: \$18 for 2 games of bowls. Dinner and drinks at your cost

Pay by: On the night

Confirm: Monday 20th May

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remuera Club, 27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera

Tuesday 28th May 2019 at 7pm

All members are encouraged to attend. AGM business will commence at 7pm and there will be a guest speaker after the meeting. New committee members are welcome. Please let us know if you are keen.

Guest speaker is Phil Sai- Louie. His subject is 'Rails into the Heartland- Otago Central Railway. "How and why a railway line was built and its transformation into the Otago Central Cycling Trail and Taieri Gorge Scenic Railway.'

Phil is a well-known Auckland historian who has led TUAC guided walks for us before. His talk will be of interest to those that have cycled the Otago Rail Trail and for those wanting to learn about NZ Railway History.

Optional buffet meal is available from 5.30pm before the meeting.

Buffet meal cost includes mains and dessert and is \$17 per person. Please pay direct to the caterers on the night. Normal meal cost is \$27.

Club is sponsoring dinner by \$10 per person.

For catering purposes, please confirm by Tuesday 14th May if you are having dinner.

If attending the AGM only, please confirm by Friday 17th May.

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

MANDELA MY LIFE: THE OFFICIAL EXHIBITION

Eden Park, Reimers Ave, Kingsland

Sunday 9th June 2019 – 11am session

Meet at the corner of Walters & Sandringham Roads at 10.45am

Mandela *My Life*: The Official Exhibition, is a new world class exhibition on Nelson Mandela's extraordinary life, curated from the extensive collections of the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg. A century on from his birth, this exhibition poetically and emotively explores the personal and public life of Nelson Mandela, one of the most influential men in modern history. A rich selection of rare personal artefacts, film footage and documents, combined with newly created audio-visual pieces form the heart of the exhibition and offer an insight into the world that shaped Mandela's life and journey. Many of the objects will be on display outside of South Africa for the first time. This official Mandela exhibition will commemorate, illuminate and most importantly share Nelson Mandela's living legacy with the world.

Lunch afterwards at one of the cafes in Kingsland.

Cost: Adults \$27.50 / Seniors \$22.50

Pay by: Book online premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MANDELA19

Confirm by: When you have booked your ticket, let me know

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



FIRST DATE – A PLAY

Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring Street, Onehunga

Saturday 15th June at 8pm

Book is by Austen Winsberg – When blind date newbie Aaron is set up with a serial dater Casey, a casual drink turns into a hilarious high-stakes dinner. Much more to come.

Look on line www.dolphintheatre.org.nz

Optional pre play dinner at 6pm at The Landing Restaurant, 2 Onehunga Harbour Road, Onehunga

Confirm by: 30th May

Cost: Adults \$28.00/ senior \$24

Pay by: 30th May to TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

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



ABBA – THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

Centre stage Theatre, Centre way Road, Orewa

Saturday 22nd June – show starts 8pm

Following the success of last year's performance of Queen, Centre stage is now presenting ABBA - Thank You for the Music which will be performed in the Centre stage Theatre Foyer in an intimate Cabaret setting.

The ticket price includes a platter of food on each table and the bar will be open throughout the performance.

Optional dinner at 5.30pm at Orewa Thai, Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa We have booked 16 tickets first in - first served. Not to be Missed

Cost: \$25 per ticket

Pay by: ASAP into TUAC Account

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



WAR HORSE – STAGE SHOW

Civic Theatre

Friday 28th June 2019

At the outbreak of World War One, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the cavalry and shipped from England to France. He is soon caught up in enemy fire, and fate takes him on an extraordinary journey, serving on both sides before finding himself alone in no man's land. But Albert cannot forget Joey and, still not old enough to enlist, he embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.

Check out the video clip on <https://warhorseonstage.co.nz/>

Show starts at 7.30pm. Optional dinner beforehand at the Stables at 6pm.

Cost: \$99.90, \$109.90, \$119.90 to \$130 depending on seating

Pay by: As soon as you confirm you want a seat into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

Confirm by: Immediately you read this write up

Seats are already being sold for all performances, so get in quick.

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



MID-WINTER XMAS THEMED DINNER

Saturday 29th June at 7pm

Royal Oak Bowling Club, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

The club has sponsored the use of The Lounge Bar, plus a liquor licence and also subsidised our pre-dinner nibbles, main course and dessert.

We have our own bar and drinks are very reasonably priced. It is not BYO.

Meal will be a buffet with traditional Xmas fare. The caterer is The Free Range Chef.

Anyone with dietary requirements please let me know.

Let's make this event a success and it could become an annual event.

DRESS UP in your best Xmas attire. Music available for our use.

Plenty of parking available.

Confirm by: Saturday 15th June 2019

Cost: Members \$25 per head / non-members \$34

Pay by: Monday 17th June 2019 into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

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



ST JOHN FIRST AID WORKSHOP

St John, 2 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington, Auckland

Saturday 13th July 2019

Be more confident in responding if you are in a situation where someone is having a heart attack or stroke.

Limited to 20 people.

If more people are interested, possibility of another workshop at a later date.

Cost: \$30 for financial members (\$60 for guests).

The club is subsidising this event

Confirm by: 20th May

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com



**THE MILFORD TRACK 11th – 14th January 2020
and THE GREENSTONE TRACK 16th -20th January
2020**



Expressions of Interest

Fly into Queenstown, bus to Te Anau to start of track.

Stay at Top 10 Te Anau, between tramps to replenish and wash clothes.

Cost: DOC huts on Milford \$70 per person per night

Greenstone -\$15 per person per night

Confirm by: 25th May. DOC Booking office opens 1st June.

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

JOKE

I found myself in a pub in Cork, Ireland. A group of American tourists came in. One of the Americans said, in a loud voice, "I hear you Irish think you're great drinkers. I bet \$5,000 that no one here can drink 20 pints of Guinness in 30 minutes."

The bar was silent, but the American noticed one Irishman leaving.

No one took the bet.

40 minutes later, the Irishman who left returned and said, "Hey Yank, is yer bet still on?"

"Sure" said the American, "20 pints in 30 minutes for a bet of \$5,000."

Grand, "replied the Irishman, "so pour the pints and start the clock."

It was very close but the last drop was consumed with 2 seconds to spare.

"OK Yank, pay up." said the Irishman.

"I'm happy to pay, here's your money" said the American.

"But tell me, when I first offered the wager, I saw you leave. Where did you go?"

"Well sir", replied the Irishman, "\$5,000 is a lot of money to a man like me, So I went to the pub across the road to see if I could do it

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

TUAC Account details: **ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00**. For internet banking - state the event you are paying for.

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques 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 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**