



**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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## June 2020 – July 2020

### UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT MIKE

Hello Everyone

I trust that you are all well and after lockdown some of you may be enthusiastic about participating in TUAC events and activities. To keep the club active, the committee had its first meeting via Zoom which was a diversion from our usual face to face committee meetings.

We discussed many probabilities and possibilities for organising future events. These will have to be held within the guidelines of the current Level 2 regulations.

There will be a limited amount of the type and number of events that we can proceed with. Events like walks and biking are activities we can do safely. These events will be limited to 10 participants, so if you are wanting to come on that event it will be on a first in first served basis. Please contact the event organiser as soon as you can. We will continue to notify members of future events, hoping that later in the year, things maybe back to normal.

Some of those future events may not have a specific date because of the uncertainty on how things will eventuate and complying with government regulations.

The committee also decided to extend the AGM to Tuesday 28th July. We will notify members of more details in the next newsletter.

In my previous President's newsletter updates I have asked for anyone who would like to volunteer for coming on the committee. For a variety of reasons four of our valued committee members have resigned and two new members have recently joined the committee, so that leaves us with two committee members short.

With the use of technology if you are considering coming onto the committee, there is no need to attend in person. When we can return either to face to face meetings or decide to continue with committee meetings via Zoom, we will set up video conferencing via Skype or Zoom. I will email you the link, so you can easily attend the committee meeting in the comfort and convenience of your own home, and you do not have to be necessarily based in Auckland. In the current situation the committee is considering all options. It will be great to meet face to face and get back to normal circumstances.

Our DNA as humans has us 'wired up' for contact and social interactions with others for both our physical and mental well-being, and certainly as members of a socially active club we are missing that aspect.

I look forward to meeting everyone when we can meet in larger numbers. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact me anytime.

Mike Maran  
President TUAC

### EXPLORERS DELIGHT BY BIKE Mangere Bridge to Auckland Airport Monday 1st June 2020

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 en route back to the start. Return to Mangere Bridge predominately via bike paths. The café has a good area to be able to social distance while enjoying your morning tea. At present we can have 10 people in a group and are hoping this will increase by 1st June. Meet at carpark on the corner of Kiwi Esplanade and Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge at 9am. More parking if needed at the carpark on Coronation Road in front of the bridge construction worksite.

**Bring:** Bike, helmet, water  
**Cost:** Free. Morning tea your cost  
**Pay by:** On the day  
**Confirm:** ASAP as limited to 10 at present

**Contact:** Libby Lyver 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



### WALK - EXHIBITION DRIVE Arataki Visitors Centre, Titirangi Saturday 13th June at 10am

Meet at the Arataki Visitors Centre Scenic Drive, Titirangi at 10am. We will walk the Beveridge Track, a well-formed bushwalk, down to the end of Exhibition Drive and return. Total walk about 12km. Once back at the Arataki Centre we will have a picnic lunch. There is a lovely look out, toilets at the top and a place to shelter for lunch if it gets a bit wet. The Visitors Centre may be open by then so you can have a look after your lunch and the ice cream stand may also be open.

**Bring:** Picnic lunch, raincoat, good walking shoes  
**Cost:** Cost of ice cream if open and any purchasers from Visitors Centre  
**Advise by:** 10th June - the first 10 people as we are limited to 10 persons at this stage under Level 2

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



### CYCLE RIDE - PT CHEVALIER TO WESTGATE OR HOBSONVILLE Saturday 20th June at 10am

Meet and park at Pt Chevalier shops carpark, behind KFC. Entry off Great North Road via short side street, Parris Road North. We will cycle to Westgate via the North Western cycleway. Morning tea at one of new cafes on the North Gate side. If we are all feeling energetic and there is a consensus, we can consider biking to Hobsonville to have lunch at the Saturday Markets. Hobsonville Road has a wide safety zone, so we are reasonably safe. Cycle lane on the NW has 2 busy crossings at Lincoln Road and Royal Road. Cycle ride limited to 10 persons unless lockdown rules are eased before the ride.

**Bring:** Usual bike gear and money for morning tea/lunch.  
**Contact:** Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or [mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## MOVIE NIGHT- RIALTO, NEWMARKET

Sunday 28th June 2020 at 5.30pm

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 by:** On the Night

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



## CYCLING OTAGO - AROUND THE MOUNTAINS & CLUTHA TRAILS

29th December 2020 to 9th January 2021

Trip limited to 12 people only

Email me and I will send you all the details

**Cost:** Approx. \$1900

**Contact:** Tony Orr - [pacexp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pacexp@xtra.co.nz)



## 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.

Self-serve buffet dinner at 6pm for \$28. I will ask the committee if the club can subsidise the cost of the meal and re confirm in the next newsletter.

Guest speaker will also be advised.

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](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)

## 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

This production needs to space groups to meet social distancing.

**Cost:** \$28 or \$25 Seniors

**Pay by:** 12th June - TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00 after I confirm booking with you.

**Confirm by:** Bookings open at office (not online) 15th June 2020

I suggest confirmation you are attending by 15th June

**Contact:** Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005 or [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)



## 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 1/8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz)**

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

## PROPOSED EVENTS AFTER COVID-19

- 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
- 4 day Cycle West Coast Wilderness, S/Island, 26–31 Dec 2020 - Gary Anstiss
- Abel Tasman Tramp, 26-30 Jan 2021 – Gary Anstiss
- Round the Bays Fun Run, 28 Feb 2021 – Helene Harper/Gary Anstiss

## 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 kilometres 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](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz)

## JOKE

**A husband, proving to his wife that women talk more than men, showed her a study which indicated that men use (on the average) only 15,000 words a day, whereas women use 30,000 words a day. She thought about this for a while and then told her husband that women use twice as many words as men because they have to repeat everything they say.**

**Looking stunned, he said, "What?"**

## EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank a/c 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**