



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 your name, cost and event you are paying for. 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 will be applied. Contact the event organiser directly

If you have confirmed you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser, please pay by the due date.
The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away
If you cannot attend on the day, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend

March – April 2015

WANTED - NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM JUNE 2015

For those of you who love organising events or want to help out, this is a great committee to work with. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. To put your name forward or for more information: Contact David Verrall 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz

HERITAGE TRAIL

Shakespeare Regional Park, Whangaparaoa Peninsula
Saturday 28th February at 10am

A fascinating walk that begins at the Waterfall Gully car park and takes in historic sites, a WW2 gun emplacement, native forest, farmland, a wetland, spectacular views over Auckland and the islands of the Hauraki Gulf. The track is a moderate 4km of undulating terrain and is approx 2 hours return. After our walk we will have lunch at one of the cafes at Gulf Harbour Marina.

Further info: Drive to the end of Whangaparaoa Road and park in the Waterfall Gully car park. The entrance to the Heritage trail is well signposted.

Those who prefer to carpool meet and park at 9.30am at Kings Plant Barn Silverdale. Please let Mike know in advance.

Bring: Comfortable walking shoes, water, snacks and sunscreen.

Cost: The cost of lunch

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



TAPAPAKANGA REGIONAL PARK CAMPING W/END

Auckland Regional Park, Firth of Thames
Friday 6th March – Sunday 8th March 2015

Beachfront Campsite at Tapapakanga with views of the Firth of Thames Facilities include toilets, tables, water and outdoor shower.

Walking and mountain bike tracks, fishing, canoeing, safe sandy swimming tidal beach. See web site <http://www.arc.govt.nz>

Tapapakanga Regional Park is 60 minutes drive from Auckland CBD.

Drive south on SH1. Take the Manurewa off ramp, head for Clevedon. From Clevedon follow the signs to Kawakawa Bay and turn right at the shop. Go 12.5km (past Orere Point) and turn off into Deery Road to the Tapapakanga Park.

Bring: All camping gear, tent, gas stove or BBQ, swimming togs, walking shoes, bikes and helmets.

Own food and drink as nearest shop is Orere Point Campground.

Shared meal on Saturday night

Cost: \$13 per night per person. Campsite takes 40 people

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ROGER HALL'S PLAY A SHORTCUT TO HAPPINESS

Lopdell House Theatre, Titirangi
Saturday 14th March

Dinner at Handi Tandori next to Gull Station Titirangi at 6pm followed by the show at 8pm.

Join in for this great comedy, should be a good night out.

Cost: \$20

Pay by: 15th February to secure your seat

Please let me know if you wish to join in for dinner.

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



DUDER REGIONAL PARK

21st March at 10am

Experience the Hauraki Gulf without leaving the mainland. This is the only walk with guaranteed spectacular 360 degree views of the inner Hauraki Gulf and islands most of the way. The gentle undulating walk includes a walk to the summit, farm roads, bush, rolling pasture, sandy beaches and a Maori pa on the headland. We will return via the coastal beach by sliding down a grass bank. The walk is 8kms and will take us about 2½ to 3 hrs return. Lunch stop will be on the headland and we can stop on the way back at Maraetai for coffee.

The park is located 6kms from Maraetai beach. Drive to Whitford, continue on the Whitford Maraetai coastal road to Umupuia. The park entrance is sign posted just 5 mins drive south from Umupuia.

For those wanting to carpool meet at McDonalds/Countdown carpark in Greenlane at 9am. Please advise Mike in advance

Bring: Comfortable walking shoes/boots, lunch, water, snacks and sunscreen

Cost: The cost of your own lunch/coffee at a Maraetai cafe afterwards or a donation of petrol money if carpooling.

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JOKE

Two men are approaching each other on a sidewalk.

Both are dragging their right foot as they walk.

As they meet, one man looks at the other knowingly; points to his foot and says, "Vietnam, 1969"

The other points his thumb behind him and says "Dog crap, 20 feet back".

KUAOTUNU CAMPING WEEKEND, COROMANDEL

33 Bluff Rd, Matarangi (off SH 25)

Friday 21st March to Sunday 23rd March

Places for 12 people (or 16 if needed)

Each campsite is on the edge of a stream and has a maximum of 4. The campsite has fully equipped kitchens, eating areas, BBQ, showers etc.

There is a café/pizza place and store 5 minutes up the road.

Activities: Kayaking, cycling, walking, swimming, skin diving, fishing (bring own equipment).

Optional walk on Saturday morning to Matarangi, or 19 km bike ride.

More details nearer the time. www.kcq2008.com

Bring: Camping: tents, bedding etc. Food for breakfasts, lunches

We will have a shared BBQ on Saturday night

Cost: \$20 per person per night.

Buses and campervans welcome

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



BALLOONS OVER WAIKATO

Hamilton – Waikato University

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 2015

Depending on what time you reach Hamilton, you could squash in a walk through the 38 hectares of Hamilton Gardens which consists of 18 beautifully landscaped themed gardens from Chinese and Japanese contemporary gardens to Italian Renaissance and Maori gardens. From 4pm – 9pm, as part of the University's 50th birthday, they are celebrating the last 5 decades of music from the 60's through to today's hits. Includes Total Addiction, Enigma, SQZ and The Monroe's.

At 7.45pm Night Glow starts: 8.20pm Fireworks, 8.30–9pm afterglow and music.

Sunday morning we can get up early and go to Innes Common to watch the balloons flying over or go to their great Farmers market at Te Rapa race course 8am–12pm or both.

Further info: www.ballonsoverwaikato.co.nz Car pooling can be arranged.

Bring: Overnight stuff and something warm for Saturday night. Maybe bring a rug or something to sit on for Saturday night.

Cost: Accommodation for Saturday night yet to be arranged and meals

Pay by: 6th March 2015

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



MANGAWHAI WALKING WEEKEND

Friday to Sunday 27th – 29th March

Go to www.mangawhaiwalkingweekend.co.nz for information on the walks.

3 new walks are being offered. There will be information about the programme including Friday's Troubadour trail, the Art Trail, and the wine and food festival.

Bookings usually become available in early January

Free camping available at Mangawhai

Cost: By choice of activities

Contact: June Bell - 817 3093, 021 258 0313 or

fiveofsix48@hotmail.com Please head TUAC



EASTER AT WHITE ISLAND & WHAKATANE EAST COAST

Friday 3rd to Sunday 6th April

Easter in Whakatane with optional tours to White Island, Whale Island, mountain biking or walking the Motu Trail, local walks in Whakatane and more.

Further info will be supplied when to hand

Cost: 3 night's accommodation around \$60 per night twin share.

Exact costs will be worked out when numbers known.

Optional day tour to White Island \$199 or

Whale Island ½ day tour \$99.

Group rates once numbers known should reduce this cost

Pay by: To be advised

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

BRUNCH AT WALLACE ART CENTRE,

72A Hillsborough Road

Sunday 19th April at 11.00am

The Pah Homestead is a unique setting for a Café and Art Centre.

It has a combination of elegant historical architecture; a premier location in Monte Cecilia Park; access to New Zealand contemporary art from the James Wallace Arts Trust Collection and a cafe for refreshments. Meet for brunch.

<http://www.tsbbankwallaceartcentre.org.nz>

Further info: Enjoy art and food

Bring: Yourself and a friend

Cost: Brunch on the day

Contact: Raywyn - 021 455 863 or raywynbrinsden@gmail.com



MYSTERY WEEKEND

Saturday 25th April to Monday 27th April (ANZAC Weekend)

Bring along your sense of adventure! Come for an active weekend!

The mystery is that you won't know where you'll be going or what you will be doing until two weeks beforehand when we will send out an information pack. A choice of fun activities planned!

Bring: To be advised in information pack including food requirements

Cost: Approximate cost for 2 nights accommodation \$72 per person per night – 3 in a room

\$80 per person per night – 2 in a room. Breakfast included.

Exact costs worked out when numbers known

Budget accommodation is also available and carpooling can be arranged.

Optional extras: \$40. Dinners a la carte for Saturday and Sunday nights.

Confirm & pay by: ASAP, but no later than Friday 27th March

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 libby.lyver@gmail.com or Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

WALKING 'CAR' RALLY BY FOOT IN THE CBD

Saturday 2nd May at 2pm from the Britomart Rail Station

Meet at the top of the escalators at 2pm Britomart Rail Station.

This is a first time and unique event for TUAC Club. Guaranteed to be fun and mentally stimulating while learning about new and old places in the CBD.

Exercise your brain as well as your feet, by following the clues and by

answering the questions as you ramble around the city and waterfront. You

will be divided into teams of 4 which will depart every 5 minutes. Each team

leader will have a clipboard with approx 20 clues and 30 questions.

Prize giving and early dinner at a restaurant or pub nearby.

Check the rail timetable and take the train into the city or park at the reduced weekend rates at the Downtown car park.

If you follow the instructions and symbols correctly the walk should take you about 2½ - 3 hours.

Cost: \$5 pp to cover costs of the prizes - any balance will go for club fundraising. The cost of dinner after.

Bring: Walking shoes, water, snacks, pen, paper and your intelligence and perception.

It would be helpful if you could advise 1 week prior or earlier so the

organisers can print off sufficient copies and book the tables for prize giving.

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 027 478 4779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com

Helene Harper – 838 6742, 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz

AGM

Tuesday 26th May at 7.15pm

Commerce Club of Auckland (CT CLUB)

27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera (off Green Lane East Road)

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

Interactive mystery guest speaker at 8.15 pm

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 if attending AGM only

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

QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUNDS

29th December 2015 to 2nd January 2016

A standard 5 day Independent Walk Package. 4 day tramping. Stay at The Portage for 2 nights over New Year then the final day to Anakiwa.

Details: 4 nights standard twin share en suite accommodation, (Chalet at Furneaux Lodge, Tui at Punga Cove and Courtyard at Portage Resort) Package includes water transport to and from track, luggage transfers, packed lunch each day, water taxi to and from your Picton accommodation and information pack including track guide.

Cost: \$810 pp – single room an additional \$410 pp

A \$200 pp deposit is required with booking with the remainder due one month prior to departure.

Credit card details can be safely submitted on a secure online system at www.wildernessquidesnz.com

If you are interested PLEASE get in touch with the Event Organiser ASAP.

Contact: Alan – alangrigg11@gmail.com

EDUCATIONAL & INFORMATIVE GUIDED VOLCANO WALK

ON MANGERE MOUNTAIN with Geologist Murray Baker

Saturday 30th May

Details in the next newsletter

Co leaders - Mike Maran & Murray Baker

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

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