



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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**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 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 2016 – April 2016

MICHELE A'COURT *STUFF I FORGOT TO TELL MY DAUGHTER*

**Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick
Friday 26th February. Dinner 6pm – Show 8pm**

When award-winning Comedian Michele's daughter got a job and went flatting, her bereft mother spent months remembering all the things she forgot to tell Holly – from the right way to store ginger, to explaining what feminism is. Based on her best-selling book, Michele's talk is full of hilarious lessons for all of us, for people who have had, might one day have, or who have ever been children, it's an entertaining 'must see'!

Meet at 6pm for dinner beforehand at Italian restaurant, La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park. Show at Uxbridge Theatre starts 8pm. Tickets always sell out fast for this boutique theatre so get in quick. You will need to book your ticket direct with Uxbridge Theatre by phone, 09 535 6467, additional charges apply for getting tickets mailed out to you or you can arrange to have them collected.

Please let me know when you have bought your ticket.

Bring: A friend if you wish

Cost: Play \$22 Visa/Mastercard when booking by phone
Dinner at your cost, pay on the night BYO & Licensed

Confirm by: 24th February if coming for dinner

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



KUAOTUNU CAMPING WEEKEND COROMANDEL

**33 Bluff Rd, Kuaotunu (off SH 25)
Friday 4th March to Sunday 6th March 2016**

Campervans, campers or cabin hire (2-4 people) each campsite maximum 4 people.

The campsite has fully equipped kitchens, eating areas, BBQ, showers etc. Luke's Kitchen, Café/Pizza place and store in Kuaotunu -5 mins up the road. Café and shops in Matarangi

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

Optional walk on Saturday morning - Kauri2000, (see video on website below) <http://www.kauri2000.co.nz/video-kauri2000.html> Walk is 6.4km, lunch en route in the Wetland

Bike Ride 1 possibility - 7-8 km ride to Otama beach. Lunch and walk along beach and same distance back - total 14-16km

Bring: Camping - tents, bedding etc. Food for breakfasts, lunches. Shared BBQ on Saturday night. More details nearer the time.

Cost: Campers and caravans \$20 per person per night. Cabins from \$65 per person in a double unit. Less if 4 in a unit.

Expressions of interest asap. I will organise the shared cabin bookings. Please let me know if willing to share cabins.

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



SHAKESPEARE'S TWELFTH NIGHT

**Pop-Up Globe Theatre (To be built in the carpark at the rear of Q Theatre and The Basement Theatre at 38 Greys Ave.)
Saturday 27th February 2016 at 8pm**

Experience Shakespeare's brilliant comedy in the temporary full scale replica of the Globe Theatre that was originally built in 1614. I will book the Gentlemen's room on the middle gallery (up 1 staircase) for the first 6 people that pay. This is a private room overlooking the stage. Catering can be arranged for canapés and cocktails, room service will be available throughout the evening and dessert can be served during the interval. Don't know prices of these extras yet. If that is booked out, then I will book the Upper Gentleman's room on the upper gallery (3rd level up 2 staircases). If that is booked out 3rd option is the B reserve seats as I don't fancy standing for 2 hours in the "Penny stinkards" in the Groundlings. See www.popupglobe.co.nz

Bring: All seated areas are roofed but dress warmly as it may get cold later on.

Cost: \$114.00 each

Pay by: As soon as possible. Seats are going fast.

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



THE HILLARY TRAIL (Section 1) - WAITAKERES

Saturday 12th March 2016 – Times of meet will be advised

The first section we will be doing is from Whatipu to Karekare, which is 10.2km and will take approximately 4hrs.

Meet at Arataki Visitor Centre. From there we will sort out the carpooling once I know how many people we have doing the tramp.

This is the first of 6 sections of the Hillary Trail. At the end we will have completed all of the Trail.

Bring: Clothing appropriate for the Waitakeres
Water, snacks and lunch

Cost: \$10 to pay drivers

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: ASAP no later than 10th March

Contact: Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or better still alangrigg11@gmail.com



PLAY - CENTRAL OTAGO MAN

Howick Little Theatre, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Lloyd Elsmore Park
Saturday 12th March at 8pm.



A humorous tale about Central Otago farmer Tryfen Gribilco, who is running a bungy-jumping platform with a young, by-the-book offsider, Marty Wellings. Tryfen is perfectly untouched by the ravages of political correctness and has an opinion on just about everything, which he freely shares with his high-profile clients

Meet for a meal beforehand at La Padella, Shop 30, Highland Park Shopping Centre, 505 Pakuranga Road at 6pm.

Cost: Tickets \$28.00 or concession (Seniors) \$24.00

Pay by: Website www.hlt.org.nz, info@hlt.org.nz 09 534 1406

Confirm by: Monday 29th February

Contact: Janice Calvert – 0274 605 704 or jcalvert@slingshot.co.nz

GIBBS SCULPTURE FARM

2421 Kaipara Coast Highway 16
Thursday 17th March 2016, 10am - 2pm



Visit this amazing farm of artwork, which is the biggest artwork artists have ever produced in NZ in a demanding landscape. This is a private property open to the general public monthly.

Limited to 12 participants

Meet at the Kaukapakapa Hall at 9.30am. It is a 13km drive to the farm.

Bring: Good walking shoes, water and lunch, and camera.

There are no facilities on the property.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: 10th March 2016

Contact: June Bell – 021 258 3013, 817 3093 or fiveofsix@hotmail.com.

TAWHARANUI REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Auckland Regional Park, 1181 Takatu Road, Tawharanui
Friday 18th March to Sunday 20th March 2016

Tawharanui Regional Park boasts some of Auckland's most beautiful white sandy beaches, rolling pastures, shingle bays, native coastal forest and regenerating wetlands.

Beachfront campsite facilities include toilets, tables, water, outdoor shower, walking in native sanctuary for NZ birdlife, canoeing and safe sandy swimming tidal beach.

See web site <http://www.arc.govt.nz/>

Bring: All camping gear/ tents/ gas stove or BBQ. Swimming togs, walking shoes, kayak if you want to. Own food/drink as nearest shop is Matakana.

Shared meal on Saturday night.

Cost: \$15 per night per person.

Pay by: Please pay TUAC ASAP as I have only 16 sites booked and paid for already.

Location: Take State Highway 1 North to Warkworth. Follow the signs to Matakana. Just past Matakana turn right at the Omaha turnoff, drive along Takatu Road and the Tawharanui Park is well sign posted.

(Note: The last 6km is narrow gravel road.)

Contact: David Verrall – 09 426 9588, 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz

THE BIG EASY, NAPIER – EASTER 2016

Friday 25th March to Monday 28th March 2016

Save the date for this event. The motel units are already booked!

Bring your bike for the 45km Big Easy ride from Havelock North to Napier. This is run on Easter Saturday and includes a concert in one of the vineyards after the ride. Lots of buskers en route while biking along Napier's fabulous bike paths. Other activities will be planned over the weekend.

Costs: To be advised when they come to hand

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



CYCLE RIDE HENDERSON CREEK RIDE & OPANUKU STREAM

Saturday 2nd April 2016 at 9am

Meet and park at the Waitakere Trusts Stadium on Central Park Drive.

A 2 hour easy to moderate ride with a variety of scenery, from cycling along the river banks, through some of the back parks to join up with the recently opened cycleway along the North Western motorway. All the cycle ways are on designated shared pathways. The earlier start of 9am is to avoid the afternoon heat.

Option: For those with more energy and enthusiasm we can cycle through the back streets to Ranui with the bike directional road signs clearly marked. There is only 1 short steep hill on Vintage Drive, and no hills on the return.

We can stop for morning tea either in the park, Ranui or in Henderson. Mike and Peter have already done a famil. The ride will be led by both leaders

Bring: Your bike, water, snacks, Hi Vis vest.

Cost: Nil

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350 or mikemaran10@gmail.com or Peter Gerrard – 0276 964 997 or p.gerrard29@gmail.com



PRESENTATION BY JEREMY SCOTT

The Commerce Club of Auckland (CT Club)

27- 33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera

Wednesday 6th April 2016

Optional - Meet 6pm for a meal beforehand. Presentation starts at 7pm

Further Info: See Jeremy's website jeremyscott.com.au

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/quinsadventure/albums/72157651694443951>

Bring: Questions to ask him

Cost: \$10 donation to NZ Heart Foundation

Pay by: 1st April

Confirm by: 1st April (so I can let CT club know approximate numbers for the meal) (Please email me – with 'Presentation' as subject)

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

We have recently spent a fabulous 2 days at Thames having demonstrations of making 5 different cheeses. Great for people who have had this on their bucket lists or who are into natural products, foodie things that go with wine.... Carol and David V

CHEESEMAKING DEMONSTRATION COURSES

by Katherine Mowbray - Renowned Cheesemaker

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Friday 8th April 2016 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Mozzarella

Saturday 9th April 10.30am to 2pm - Feta, Halloumi, Ricotta & Mascarpone. All these cheeses are suitable for vegetarians

Friday night - Mozzarella is a wonderful little hand stretched cheese that follows many of the important steps of the cheesemaking process. It only requires 2 litres of milk so that within 1½ hours you can be eating the cheese. Very exciting!

Saturday - Make and eat 4 more cheeses - Feta, Halloumi, Ricotta, Mascarpone.

It's a very social lunch with bread, crackers and a glass of wine

Bring: Pen and paper to add your own notes to provided recipes. BYO wine

Cost: Friday night \$30, Saturday \$120. Attend both sessions for \$150 and you also get Katherine's Making Cheese at Home book worth \$30

Pay by: 23rd March 2016

Confirm by: 23rd March 2016 but please contact David if you are interested so we can get an idea of numbers.

Contact: David Verrall – 027 203 5508, 09 426 9588 preferred if you are leaving a message or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



THE HILLARY TRAIL (Section 2) – WAITAKERES

Saturday 9th April 2016 – Times of meet will be advised

The second section we will be doing is from Karamatura Campground to Whatipu which is 10kms.

We will all meet at Karamatura Campground. From there we will arrange carpooling once I know how many people are taking part.

This is the second of 6 sections of the Hillary Trail.

Bring: Clothing appropriate for the Waitakeres

Water, snacks and lunch

Cost: \$10 to pay the drivers

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: ASAP no later than 7th April

Contact: Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or better still alangrigg11@gmail.com



TREE ADVENTURE

Boundary Road, Woodhill Forest, Waimauku

Sunday 10th April at 10am

Ever wondered what it felt like to be Tarzan flying through the trees, or wanted to do something to build up confidence with heights, then join us at the Tree Adventures in Woodhill Forest.

After an introduction and instructions about how to hook yourself on you can gradually move through the treetops.

It is very safe and you are attached at all times. There are various levels which you can choose, depending on how comfortable you feel. Tree Hugging, Monkey'n Around, Branching Out, High Flyer and Tarzan's Test.

I thought we would go to the Branching Out level for starters. This can be changed on arrival if there are those who want to be more daring. You will need to do this on arrival and pay \$2 extra for each additional level. Look up the website so you can see exactly what this is about. Just Google Tree Adventures.

Bring: Sturdy shoes (not sandals), water, a light shower jacket if it's raining but you need to be able to move around.

Cost: \$34 to the Branching Out level with a minimum of 10 people.

We will find a place to have some lunch afterwards so bring money for that if you would like to join in.

Pay by: 20th March

Confirm: ASAP so we can ensure this date and time but definitely by 14th March.

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or helene47@xtra.co.nz

JOKE

Elderly couple in church.

Wife turns to husband and says "I've just done a silent fart, what should I do?"

Husband turns to wife and says "put new batteries in your hearing aid!"

YOU CAN ALWAYS HAND THEM BACK BY ROGER HALL

Sky City Theatre

Saturday 16th April show starts at 8pm

Maurice and Kath's kids have left home. The nest is empty and a life of gin, golf and overseas jaunts awaits. That is until the grandchildren arrive. With grace and good humour, old rhythms are given a new life as they embrace the delights and demands of bath time, babysitting and bundles of joy. Roger Hall puts the grand into grandparenting in a charming and tuneful collaboration with UK musical legend Peter Skellern. Packed with laughter and tinged with tears, this is a vintage kiwi comedy with a heart of gold that no grandparent will want to miss and no would be grandparent should.

Cost: Adult \$60 – Seniors \$55 (includes \$1 towards booking fee)
This is the early bird and group price so need to pay before 6th March to get this price

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



YIKE BIKE AND HOVERCRAFT

Pakuranga (Will confirm exact place once you have booked)

Saturday 7th May 2016 at 11.30am

Yike bikes are super light, battery powered, folding Kiwi invention. It is easy to ride but takes some getting used to. Check out the links below. Everyone will help launch the hovercraft and putting the yike bikes together. This will be followed by a training session on the bikes. Once you have got the hang of that, you will be left to it to take turns on the yike bikes. While that is going on, people will be taken one at a time for an adrenaline fuelled 5 minute blast on the hovercraft. Allow 2 – 3 hours.

Further info: <http://www.yikebike.com> and www.gethigh.co.nz

Bring: Wear shorts or trousers. Helmets are optional but provided

Cost: \$100.00

Pay by: 22nd April (Limited to the first 12 people who book so you may want to pay sooner to secure your place)

Confirm by: 1st April

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



OREWA HALF MARATHON, 10K or 5K FUN RUN/WALK

Orewa Surf Club, Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa

Sunday 17th April 2016

Meet at the Orewa Surf Club. Run/Walks start at the following times: Half Marathon 8am, 10K 8.30am, 5K 9.30am, Awards Ceremony 11am
Do the Run/Walk followed by a BBQ at Sheila's home after the prize giving and spot prizes. Book on website:

<https://www.runningcalendar.co.nz/orewa-beach-half-marathon/>

Please advise when you have booked and I will let you know my address.

Bring: Food and drink for BBQ

Confirm by: 15th April

Cost: Half Marathon \$45, 10K \$40, 5K \$30
(includes Racing Event sun visor and drink bottle)

Pay: Online

Contact: Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256, 09 426 9599 or sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com



CRIMES OF THE HEART BY BETH HENL

Dolphin Theatre, Spring Street, Onehunga

Saturday 14th May at 8pm

A charming black comedy set in a small Mississippi town which won the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for Drama see www.dolphintheatre.org

Optional dinner at Thai Archer, Campbells Road, Royal Oak at 6.15pm
Cost: \$22 includes tea and coffee at half time, sausage rolls/hot savouries and club sandwiches after show concludes
Please pay on the night

Confirm by: 2nd May 2016

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



BITCHIN BINGO - NOT YOUR NANA'S BINGO!!!

Doolans, Cnr Khyber Pass and Kingdom Street, Newmarket

Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 7.30pm sharp

Optional Classic Pub Grub Dinner at 6.30pm, please confirm if you want dinner prior to show

Bring: A sense of humour

Cost: Meal only

Confirm by: 13th April 2016 or asap

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



EAST AUCKLAND WALK - FISH AND CHIPS

Tahuna Torea and Churchill Park

Saturday 23rd April 2016 at 2pm

Meet at 70c Riddell Road Glendowie, Walk over the hill to Glendowie Park, then onto the Sandspit of Tahuna Torea, and around the circle bush walkway back to the park. Over into Churchill Park for good views over East Auckland and back to the cars for an evening of talking over fish and chips. Walk will take 2-3 hrs. Please park on the road, we are the third place down a driveway marked by a big stone with the word Stoneleigh.

Bring: Good footwear as you will be on some road, beach and pathways.

Cost: Cash for the fish and chips so we can all get one order.

If you do not want fish and chips please bring your own supplies.

Confirm by: 22nd April.

Contact: Bill or Chris Frayling - 021 770 769, 585 1380 or billfrayling@xtra.co.nz



PUHOI RIVER KAYAK

Sunday 24th April at 9.30am

Start at Puhoi opposite the Church of Saints Peter and Paul.

Leisurely paddle along the Puhoi River which meanders from the Bohemian village 8km to the scenic Wenderholm Regional Park.

On finishing this river adventure, we can either have lunch at the Puhoi Hotel, or get fish & chips at the next store

Bring: Sunblock, change of clothes, Rain/wind parka, drink, snack and a smile

Cost: \$50 Kayak and lunch money

Confirm by: 10th April. Be quick, places are limited

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 30th 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



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 trekkerrob@gmail.com

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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