



**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 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](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 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.**

**March 2018 – April 2018**

**TAKAPUNA CIRCULAR WALK**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10 am**

Walk starts outside Burger King car park  
Meet and park corner Northcote and Sunnybrae Road (park in carpark alongside Burger King) or nearby street parking.  
An easy mainly level circular walk that encompasses different geographical aspects in a compact area. We will walk along Akoranga Drive, cut through AUT campus, continue over the motorway to the lagoon board walk behind Barrys Point Road. Continue through to Lake Pupuke to look at 2 different aspects of the lake. Return via Killarney Park to Smales Farm, cross the motorway bridge through to the Poenamo Motel and return to the carpark.  
The walk should take about 2 to 2½ hours. Plenty of cafes on route for morning tea. Some brief historical and geological commentary on the way round.  
**Bring:** Usual walking gear and water. Sunscreen.  
**Contact Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or [mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)**



**SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND**

**Te Haruhi Bay Campground  
Friday 16th March to 18th March 2018**

End of Whangaparaoa Road to Army Bay turn right into Shakespear Regional Park then onto Bruce Harvey Road to the Te Haruhi Bay campsite. Whangaparaoa Peninsula has great beaches for swimming, walks, plus sunbathing, bird watching, kayaking, fishing...  
**Saturday night:** Shared meal - BBQ - bring your own meat and something to share - salad or dessert.  
There are still a few places left so if you want to go camping on this weekend please book and pay \$15 per night = \$30 for the weekend and confirm your booking with David immediately.  
**Cost:** \$30 into TUAC account by 20th February  
**Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or text. No voicemail messages please or [gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz)**



**HOT WATER – BY ROGER HALL**

**Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring Street, Onehunga  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm**

Another classic Kiwi comedy *Hot Water* by Roger Hall and directed by Julia Leathwick [www.dolphintheatre.org.nz](http://www.dolphintheatre.org.nz).  
Optional dinner at 6pm Thai Archer, 1 Campbell Road, One Tree Hill. Set menu \$22.50 due to numbers. Email me if you want me to give you the list of food options -mains only.  
17 seats secured and paid for. There are more available, please contact me so I can check online first before you pay TUAC.  
**Cost:** Senior \$24 - Adult \$28  
**Pay:** TUAC account for show only  
Please confirm asap and let me know if you are having dinner.  
**Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 09 636 5417 or [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)**

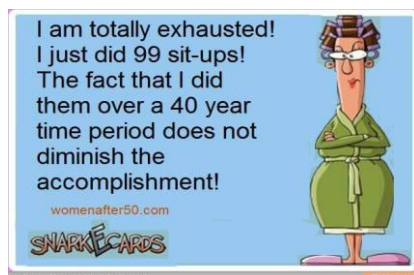


**FIRST STAGE OF THE TE ARAROA TRAIL**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

The first stage of the Te Araroa trail is from Cape Reinga Lighthouse along 90 mile beach to Ahipara. The tramp will take 4 days  
**Day 1 12km**  
**Day 2 28km**  
**Day 3 30km - option staying in Lodge (which I will be doing)**  
**Day 4 31km**

You will need to carry a tent, sleeping bag, food and water. We need to carry the minimum amount of clothes. Although saying that the weather could be hot, very hot or wet and cold.  
Before you agree to do it please know your limitations! The track is flat but you will be tramping on sand. If you are up to the challenge let me know.  
Info: Google Cape Reinga to Ahipara.  
**Contact: Alan - [alangrigg11@gmail.com](mailto:alangrigg11@gmail.com) or 0274 936 850**



## LES TAMBOURS DE FUE (The Drums of Fire)

Auckland CBD

Friday 23 March 2018

Take to the streets and be swept along by a pulsating interactive street theatre. A procession of drumming and fireworks. The Catalan festival tradition of correfoc, or 'fire-run', burns brighter than ever under Deabru Beltzak, a Basque street theatre group who, for more than 20 years, have turned cities into blazing infernos with their dazzling cocktail of percussion and pyro. Masters of costume and fire play, the players behind *The Drums of Fire* (aka *Les Tambours de Feu*) are also sorcerers of a certain kind of ritualistic experience, able to hypnotise crowds of all kinds and ages with heart-racing drum rhythms and a startling physicality of performance. Fighting fire with fire, they will set alight this late-summer spectacle with scorching pyrotechnic effects and excite onlookers into a frenzy of dance with scenes that hark back to medieval rites. A show of incredible intensity, *The Drums of Fire* moves through the city to its own beat. The performers will follow a route around the CBD, beginning in one location and ending in another. Bring walking shoes and join them on foot for what promises to be a street parade like no other. Please don't bring chairs or seating, as there is no dedicated viewing area. Optional dinner beforehand.

Meet at The Stables, Elliott Street at 6pm for dinner. Show starts at 8pm.

**Cost:** Event is free, dinner your cost

**Pay:** On the night

**Confirm by:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (am pre-booking a table for dinner)

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



## JAZZ IN THE VINES AT COOPERS' CREEK VINEYARD

State Highway 16, Huapai

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm

The band is the Blue Jaffa's, they are an experienced quartet playing cool rhythms blending Soul & Jazz with a sprinkling of the US South. The Band will play from 1 – 4pm.

You can bring your own picnic but no alcohol. There are also fruit and cheese platters available to purchase. Wine is available to purchase from the vineyard. There are tables and chairs for seating but you can bring your own chairs to ensure good seating.

**Bring:** Your own picnic, juice or water but no alcohol.

**Cost:** Entry is free. You pay only for any wine or drinks/food platters you purchase.

**Advise by:** 20<sup>th</sup> March

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



## THE BIG EASY & HISTORIC SHEEP STATION WALK, NAPIER

Easter Weekend Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

The motel units are already booked! Leave the rat race of Auckland behind and bring your bike for the 45km Big Easy ride from Havelock North to Napier.

This is run on Easter Saturday and includes a great concert in the Church Road Winery grounds after the ride. Lots of buskers to enjoy enroute while biking along Napier's fabulous flat bike paths.

Easter Sunday there is a 2 hour walk planned on an historic sheep station followed by a tour of the formal lounges and hall, of either Springvale (Est 1903) or Mount Vernon Station (Est 1882) with afternoon tea to follow. Carpooling available.

Accommodation at Bayview Motel – shared costs (approx. \$60-\$65 per person per night depending on how many sharing the unit).

Big Easy (includes T shirt and concert entry) \$35.00 + bus ticket to start at Black Barn vineyard \$10. Purchase your tickets online at [www.thebigeasy.co.nz](http://www.thebigeasy.co.nz)

Sheep station historic walk \$30 per person (includes afternoon tea)

**Bring:** Own bike and helmet, walking shoes and pole

**Confirm by:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

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



## THE TASTE OF MATARANGI 2018 (COROMANDEL) WEEKEND

Accommodation Kuaotunu Campground

33 Bluff Rd, Kuaotunu. (off SH 25 en route to Whitianga)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The Event is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 4.30pm.

See: <http://atasteofmatarangi.co.nz/>

The campground offers sites for campervans, campers or hire of cabins (2 to 4 people). Each campsite - maximum of 4 people. Campers and Caravans \$20 per person per night. Cabins from \$65 per person in a double unit, less if 4 in a unit. Corina (or Louise) the campground managers request that individuals book their sites separately. See <http://www.kcg2008.com/>

Intention is to arrive Friday evening, having eaten en route.

**Saturday** - Attend the Food Festival.

Bring and share BBQ on Saturday night

**Sunday** - Brunch at Luke's Kitchen – 5 minutes up the road.

**Optional:** Sunday - 1-2 hour walk in the forest off Waiata Rd 5 minutes up the road

**Bring:** Camping gear, bedding etc. Food for breakfasts, meat and plate for BBQ. Other activities: (Bring your own equipment) Kayaking, cycling, walking, swimming, skin diving, fishing.

**Cost:** \$15 for Food Event - to be paid into TUAC account by Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> March and I will book the tickets.

Phone Campground for accommodation - 07 866 5628

I will send out details on how to get there nearer the time.

**Contact:** Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com)

## CHATHAM ISLANDS

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Time –8 days

The Chatham's group of islands have a unique and rich biological heritage. They are home to 20 percent of New Zealand's threatened bird species and 14 percent of our threatened plants. Many rare and beautiful birds and plants await your discovery. In addition, you will learn of the unique Mori culture, early European whaling and mission ruins, tree carvings and enjoy the friendly island hospitality.

This is organised by Peter Fleming's Travel Company.

**Cost:** The price for our inclusive packages is just \$3,485 per person twin share, a saving of over \$600.

Any further queries about the trip you can quote his reference CIX18 TUAC

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

Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz)

## FOOT GOLF

Maxwells Golf Retreat, 205B Ingram Road, Ramarama

Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> for 11am start

This game is played by following the course as with golf, but instead of using clubs we will use soccer balls. There are special cut 20" holes and a special score card.

The game is combination of soccer and golf, but played with soccer balls on a golf course with shortened holes. This new fun game is one of strategy and skill. Players kick a soccer ball from the tees to the greens in as few shots as possible. The 9 hole course should take about 1-1½ hours to complete. Teams can be made up from 4 to 6 players per team.

The most direct way to Maxwells golf course is to take the Bombay turnoff at the end of the Southern Motorway. Turn left on to the Old Great South Road by the Caltex petrol station. The turnoff on Ingram Road is well signposted. Drive to the very end of Ingram Road and you will see another sign Maxwells Golf. Drive to the players' carpark and meet at Reception.

For those wanting to carpool I suggest we meet and park at the Countdown Green Lane at 10am. Please let Mike know if you want to carpool or self-drive. There is bar and restaurant on site which has a comprehensive lunch menu. It would be good to have interested numbers attending, asap so I can inform the chef on catering requirements.

**Bring:** Your walking shoes, hat.

**Cost:** \$20pp includes your own soccer ball

Pay direct to the golf course on the day. Bar/Lunch extra

**Contact:** Mike Maran – 846 5350 or 0274 784 779 or

[mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## EXPLORE THE KAIPARA HARBOUR REGION

Staying at the Matakoho Holiday Park

Friday to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Drive the 2 hour trip Friday, set up tents. (The holiday park does have cabins/motel rooms for those who would prefer not to camp) Organise own evening meal or use campground facilities. An opportunity to explore the area either by car or on bike.

Things to see in the area:

Heading towards Dargaville -Tokatoka Peak, a moderate hike to the top and what a view!

20 minutes to Pahi for another seaside village and wharf and one of the largest Moreton Bay Fig trees you will ever see.

5 minutes to Paparoa (6.4km away) where you'll find a pub, shops, restaurants and a nice creek-side walking track.

5 minutes to the Kauri bushman reserve to view the local Kauri tree. Intention is to spend at least half a day at the Matakoho Kauri Museum.

Tinopai 22 km away, so bikers could do the return trip (Max elevation 157m)

Return trip to Ruawai (15.9km each way – max elevation 103m)

Return Sunday via SH16 and stop at Parakai Springs.

Check out this website for other things to do

<http://www.matakoholidaypark.co.nz/matakoho>

**Bring:** Tent, camping gear, meat + plate for pot luck BBQ on Sat night. Breakfasts/lunches. Bikes and/or walking gear

**Cost:** \$38 per night for 2 people site at campground

See website for cabin prices- approx. \$40/person/night – 4 could share 2 bdm cabin

I will book the campsites. Those who want to stay in cabin, please contact me. Expressions of interest required ASAP. 4<sup>th</sup> May not so far away.

**Contact:** Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com)

## WOW – WORLD OF WEARABLE ART, WELLINGTON

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8pm

Join us for this wonderful exciting event of Wearable Art.

Some accommodation is booked at Huxley Waterloo Backpackers at 1 Bunny Street which is close to the venue. All rooms have en suites. The cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. You may choose to dine in or take your own food.

**Cost:** Ticket price at 2017 was \$190 plus \$8.50 booking fee. Please be aware the cost may be more in 2018.

Please pay \$198.50 into the TUAC account by 15th January 2018 to secure your place.

**Contact:** June Bell - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or

[fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.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 Gerard McMonagle at 021 979 941 or [jeanettemc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:jeanettemc@orcon.net.nz)

## **JOKE**

Fred and Mary got married, but can't afford a honeymoon, so they go back to Fred's parent's home for their first night together.

In the morning, Johnny, Fred's little brother, gets up and has his breakfast. As he is going out of the door to go to school, he asks his Mom if Fred and Mary are up yet. She replies, "No".

Johnny asks, "Do you know what I think?"

His mom replies, "I don't want to hear what you think! Just go to school."

Johnny comes home for lunch and asks his mom, "Are Fred and Mary up yet?"

She replies, "No."

Johnny says, "Do you know what I think?"

His mom replies, "Never mind what you think! Eat your lunch and go back to school."

After school, Johnny comes home and asks again, "Are Fred and Mary up yet?"

His mom says "No."

He asks, "Do you know what I think?"

His Mom replies, "Ok, do tell me what you think?"

He says: "Last night Fred came to my room for the Vaseline and I think I gave him my airplane glue."

**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 "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