



**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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**March 2019 – April 2019**

**WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND**

**Friday & Saturday Nights 1st & 2nd March 2019**

Wenderholm Campground located alongside the Puhoi River in the new Schischka Campground, which is a short walk to the front beach. Kayaking, swimming, sunbathing, and many walks in the area. The camp site is flat and has all new facilities.

**Bring:** All camping gear tent / gas cooker/ swimming togs /walking shoes & kayak if you wish.

Saturday night shared meal. Club BBQ will be there

**Cost:** \$15.50 per night per person

**Pay by:** ASAP to TUAC as there are a limited number of places

**Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508**



**PUHOI KAYAKING**

**Wenderholm Regional Park  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

Take a day out for some relaxation and kayak the peaceful and scenic Puhoi River. This is an unguided full river adventure, paddling from Wenderholm Park to the Puhoi Village with the incoming tide.

This event is running in conjunction with the Wenderholm camping weekend but is not limited to only those camping. If you would like to come kayaking and perhaps even stay on for a pot luck dinner at the campground before heading back to Auckland, you are more than welcome. Limited to 18 single kayaks but if you have your own kayak, bring it along and join us (no charge). Carpooling can be arranged from Auckland for those not already at Wenderholm.

Further info: Drivers meet at 2:00 p.m. at 84 Puhoi Rd, Puhoi (opposite the historic Puhoi Church). As we will finish at Puhoi, we will need to shuttle the cars to Puhoi and then the drivers are shuttled back to Wenderholm at 2:30. Everyone to meet at the boat ramp at Wenderholm Regional Park at 2:45. Confirmed numbers are needed to arrange whose cars are being used as the return shuttles, after we finish at Puhoi.

Drinks afterwards at the Puhoi Pub and then carpool back together to Wenderholm.

**Bring:** Hat, sunblock, water bottle, change of clothes and a towel (just in case!). Lifejacket etc. supplied.

**Cost:** \$55.00 per single kayak

**Pay by:** 22nd February 2019 to TUAC acc 12-3014-0118011-00

**Confirm by:** 20th February 2019

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

**BURGER AND BOWLS**

**Royal Oak Bowling Club, Selwyn Street Royal Oak  
Friday 8th March 2019 - Meet at 6.30 pm**

Price includes, bowls, premium beef burger and chips or Vegetarian Burger. Please advise if you want a vegetarian burger when you confirm with me.

Instructions given to those who have never played bowls by a Member of the Bowling Club.

**Bring:** Flat shoes must be worn

**Confirm by:** 15th February 2019

**Cost:** \$15.00 – Pay into TUAC Account

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



**"ARSENIC AND OLD LACE"**

**Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring Street, Onehunga  
Saturday 9th March 2019 – Show 8pm**

Two charming old ladies make it their mission to provide tea and accommodation to socially and religiously "acceptable" lodgers. When they pass on, their brother, who thinks they are victims of yellow fever, buries them in the cellar. He thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt so never questions their actions. Then there's a somewhat unusual nephew, to put it mildly, and another one, who is really, actually completely normal – not easy in this household!

A deliciously un PC comedy.

Meet at 6.00pm. for an optional dinner at The Landing, 2 Onehunga Harbour Rd, Onehunga before the show. Show starts at 8.00pm. (show time to be confirmed)

**Cost:** \$28.00 or seniors \$24.00. Dinner your cost

**Pay by:** Tickets by 15th February and dinner on the night

**Confirm by:** Friday 15th February 2019

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



**ARCTIC BIRDS AUTUMN MIGRATION DAY**

**Pūkoro Kororo Miranda Shorebird Centre, Miranda  
Sunday 10th March 2019.**

Depart 8am from Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau Street, Remuera. Car pool.

See the Arctic birds at their best before they leave on their migration north to the Arctic.

High tide is at 11am with good bird watching from 9am.

**Cost:** Car pool costs - pay on the day.

**Confirm by:** Thursday 14th March 2019

**Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066**

**SCULPTURE WALK ON THE GULF**

**Waiheke Island - via Fullers Ferry  
Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 to whenever**

The Sculpture walk is a 2km coastal trail which takes about 1.5 to 2.5 hours to enjoy. Meander along to take in the magnificent views and of course the sculptures.

The track is an unsealed coastal walkway with some fairly narrow steps along the way and of course hilly. So good walking shoes will be required and a general good fitness.

We will meet at the Ferry Terminal to catch the 9.30AM ferry so suggest you are there by 9am. I will be there at that time.

The ferry ride is about 35 min. We will meet just outside the ferry terminal on Waiheke and go to where there is a shuttle bus to take us to the beginning of the walk. There is some food and drinks available there as well.

I have still to check out how long it is from the Ferry to the start of the actual sculpture walk but this will be available in further updates. We will stop somewhere for lunch/drinks etc before heading back to the ferry and Auckland probably about 4 – 5pm. The time for return can be decided closer to the day.

The Website: <https://www.fullers.co.nz/whats-on/sculpture-2019/>

**Cost:** \$15 your ferry ride Adult return \$45. Gold card members free

Other costs lunch, drinks and any purchases you make on the Island

**Confirm by:** Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> via email or txt or sooner

**Contact:** Helene Harper – 021921068 or [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)

## ARCHERY ADVENTURES

**28 – 32 Disraeli Street, Mt Eden (at Nicholson Park South)  
Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 11am to 12.30pm**

Archery Adventures organise an event that is fun, fast, social and competitive and run by an experienced, qualified instructor. All equipment provided. You will be shown the basics of archery through to competition.

For those that are interested we will go to a café for lunch afterwards.

**Cost:** \$54.00 per person (based on at least 12 people attending so the more numbers, the better the price)  
This will be a subsidised event of \$10 per person.

**Pay by:** Thursday 28th February into the TUAC account.

**Confirm by:** Thursday 28th February

**Contact:** Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.co.nz)



## RAILCARTING – DARGAVILLE TO WAIOTIRA & RETURN

**Station Road, Dargaville  
Saturday 30th March 2019**

This new extended trip to the Waiotira Junction, is a trip that has not been available to the public for over 50 years. Waiotira is where the Dargaville branch line joined the Main Trunk Line from Auckland to Whangarei. You will travel over 21 bridges and through 2 tunnels, with the longest being 638 meters. Travel through native bush, farmland, forestry blocks and other interesting places which you can't see anywhere but by rail. This journey is the second longest privately run rail journey in New Zealand.

**Further info:** The trip is 98kms return, departs at 9:00 am and takes approximately 7 to 8 hours (returning around 5pm). Please report at 8.45 am to complete paperwork and pay. Each cart can carry up to 4 adults. Tea and coffee are supplied as part of your ticket. There are 2 toilet stops on the way. Carpooling available Friday, returning Sunday (I can take 3).

Optional extras:

Accommodation if you want to make it a weekend away:

I have reserved 6 twin ensuite rooms at the Northern Wairoa Hotel at \$95 per night for 2 people. Please confirm with me if you want to stay at the Northern Wairoa Hotel.

Alternative accommodation available at Dargaville Campervan Park and Cabins, 16-18 Gladstone St, Dargaville. Converted railway cabins with ensuite, queen bed or twin single (linen included) \$95.00 for 2 people. Please book your own accommodation ASAP if you wish to stay here.

<http://dargavilleaccommodation.co.nz/accommodationrates/>

Kumara Box Museum and Kumara Garden tour Sunday 31st March 9.30am start. Tour takes 1 1/2 hrs they will most likely be digging kumara on the day.

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person includes a home baked morning tea. Pay on the day

**Bring:** Driver's licence if you want to drive the railcart, sturdy footwear, warm clothing as the weather can be changeable, lunch, water, camera

**Cost:** Rail carts \$180.00 per person (min of 4) or \$150.00 if we get a group of 10 or more. Maximum number of 16.

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** 28th February 2019 for the rail carts.

**Contact:** Aaron Love - 021 978 872 or [aaronlove@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aaronlove@xtra.co.nz)

## MOSAIC WORKSHOP

**Pahi Road, RD1, Paparoa, Kaipara Harbour  
Friday 12th April - Sunday 14th April 2019**

Cottage accommodation at Blechynden Estate. Each cottage can sleep up to 3 people. Leonora will organise to show us how to do Mosaic in her garage on the Saturday morning.

Further info: see website [www.pahicottages.co.nz](http://www.pahicottages.co.nz)

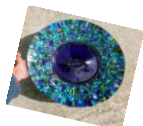
**Bring:** A project to work on (e.g. a pot for a plant. Birdbath, bird feeder??) Broken crockery or tiles. (She does have glass beads and mosaic tiles, but people may prefer to bring their own.) She will provide grouting, tools and instructions.  
Bike – optional. There is a nice ride to Pahi.

Food - cottages have cooking facilities. BBQ available  
**Cost:** \$100 per person for 2 nights this includes workshop costs.  
For six people.

Anyone not interested in doing mosaic but wanting to go to the Matakoho museum instead, is welcome to book their own accommodation at the campground in Matakite.

**Confirm by:** ASAP -but no later than 20th January

**Contact:** Hillary Scott - 0212 584 186 or [Hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:Hillary.scott.54@gmail.com)



## BIKE RIDE – HOBSONVILLE TO ALBANY AND BACK VIA GREENHITHE

**Meet outside Countdown Hobsonville at 9am  
Saturday 13th April**

It will be at least 3hrs and about 35km so need to be up for The challenge Variety of road, cycle lanes and bush track riding so Hybrid or mountain bike suitable. Some hill work including Greenhithe Bridge. Lunch stop on return at café.

**Bring:** Usual Hi Vis cycle gear and water

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm by:** Wed 10th April

**Contact:** Jeanette 021 02223891 or email [jmcmconagle86@gmail.com](mailto:jmcmconagle86@gmail.com)

## NATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL, TAURANGA

**Easter Weekend Fri 19<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22nd April**

Downtown Tauranga is the place to be this Easter Saturday and Sunday. The Strand comes alive with a carnival vibe that you don't want to miss. Enjoy jazz, swing, blues and funk from NZ's best on Multiple stages along The Strand, set amidst dozens of fine bars and Restaurants. Relax or dance the weekend away with the sparkling Waters of Tauranga Moana as a backdrop. The fun begins with the Vintage Parade in true New Orleans style down Willow Street on Saturday morning. Dress up and join in - from spiffing sportswear And straw boaters, floaty florals through to putting on the Ritz and Carnival glam, anything goes! Have some fun over the weekend, Dress up and be in to win spot prizes. Downtown Carnival city comes Alive with jazz! The Downtown Carnival is Tauranga's biggest day of The year. It's going to be huge!

Friday: People arriving Friday night are welcome to come to 8G Gane Place, Omokoroa for a pot luck BBQ from 6:00 p.m. till late. BYO Drinks, meat and a plate to share.

Saturday: Breakfast downtown 9:00 a.m. Meet by Starbucks on The Strand. Street carnival at 11:00 a.m. (starts at Cliff Road, down Willow St to Spring St) followed by jazz bands which play from 12:00 Till 6:00 p.m. Optional jazz/music events (see below). Dinner in Town. Note: free parking in town all day (refer festival map). Sunday: The Little Big Markets Crafts, food and gifts 10am-2pm. Music 12pm-6pm Dinner in town.

Monday: Biking, walking or sightseeing. The choice is yours. Further info: To book any optional special jazz/music events or view The festival location map go to [https://jazz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/7028\\_NJF\\_2019\\_programme\\_web.pdf](https://jazz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/7028_NJF_2019_programme_web.pdf) And book direct

Accommodation: Some accommodation available with club members (Get in quick). Omokoroa Holiday Park or Tauranga has choices of Motels, Air BnB

Bring: Bike and biking gear if you want to cycle on Monday

Cost: Gold coin entry fee to the street festival in downtown Tauranga

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Contact: Guy Phillips 027603 5549 or [icbm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icbm@xtra.co.nz)

## AUCKLAND FORESHORE HERITAGE CITY WALK.

**Saturday April 27 at 10am**

Meet and park at Point Erin Baths carpark. Sarsfield St, Herne Bay.

A guided historical and informative walk from interpretation signs 1 to 15. Mike will give brief commentary at each sign. There are 25 signs in total, we will walk to sign 15 at Point Britomart, then walk up Queen St and take the Link bus back to Herne Bay and walk back down to the carpark. The walk is level throughout and was featured as one of the historical walks in Auckland Heritage Festival Week. Walk is about 2 1/2- 3 hours. Lunch locally afterwards. Bring Your Hop card or bus fare for return.

Cost: Zero.

Confirm: Anytime, or 2 to 3 days prior.

Contact: Mike Maran. 846-5350, 0274-784-779, [mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@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

Need to know by 30th January

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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Remuera Club, 27-33 Ohinerau St Remuera.  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

We encourage all members to attend our Annual General Meeting. AGM business will commence at 7:00 pm. There will be a guest speaker after the meeting. New committee members are welcome. Please let us know if you are keen.

Optional buffet meal available before the meeting. Cost to be confirmed in the next newsletter. For catering purposes, if you would like to come for dinner beforehand, please confirm by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Dinner from 5:30 p.m. This year the club will be sponsoring dinner by \$10.00 per head.

If just attending the AGM only, please confirm by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Contact: Mike Maran ph 846 5350, 0274 784 779

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

## 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.

**Further info:** Hailed by Time Magazine as 'a landmark theatre event', this powerfully moving and imaginative drama, filled with stirring music and songs, is a show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-sized puppets created by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage. An unforgettable theatrical experience, 'not to be missed.'

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

Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Optional dinner beforehand at the Stables at 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$99.90, \$109.90, \$119.90 to \$130.00 depending on seating

Pay by: As soon as you confirm you want a seat into TUAC acc 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](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## Joke

Last Christmas, a man quietly walked behind his wife, grabbed her boobs and shouted "Merry Titmas". She turned around spontaneously, whacked him in the nuts and yelled "Jingle Balls".

**This warning is issued in the interest of your health.**



## 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](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**