



## 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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## March 2021 – April 2021

### MURIWAI BLOKARTING

#### Muriwai Beach

**Saturday 27th February 2021**

If you have never heard of this fun sport, you will have to come along and try them out. It is a land yacht and you determine the speed and direction you race along the beach, by rope controls. All training given by the surf school instructors. Blokarts can only be done on a windy day (15-20 knots), 2 hours either side of low tide. Low tide is 3.30 to 5.30pm

**Further info:** Meet at the Muriwai Surf School, 458 Motutara Road, Muriwai at 3pm. The instructor will give us a briefing and explain how to use the blokart. If more than 6 people, we will have to share the booked time in rotation as they only have 6 karts. This may also change the costing.

**Bring:** Weather conditions on the day may mean you might get wet and sandy! Comfortable clothes & shoes which you don't mind getting wet, sunglasses, sunblock, wind jacket and gloves. A change of clothes in case you do get wet! Togs/towel in case you want to have a swim afterwards.

**Cost:** Depending on the numbers, ranging from 6 people for 1 hour \$50 per person, to 6 people for 2 hours \$84. Ideally, we would book the karts for 2 hours and the rate would be spread over those attending.

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** 1st February 2021

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



### ROUND THE BAYS

**Sunday 28th February 2021**

Join us for this annual iconic waterfront event, the country's largest fun run along the Auckland harbour waterfront starting from Quay Street in the city and finishing at St Heliers Bay, a distance of 8.4km.

We can walk, run or jog, it is a 'fun' run, no need to hurry unless you want to.

Let's make up a team and go enjoy. More info: [www.roundthebays.co.nz](http://www.roundthebays.co.nz)

**Cost:** \$25 pp early bird special

**Contact Gary - 021 117 0716 or [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com) or**

**Helen - [helen00281@yahoo.com](mailto:helen00281@yahoo.com)**



### DOLPHIN THEATRE, SPRING STREET, ONEHUNGA

**Friday 5th March at 8pm**

A play *Death and Taxes* by April Phillips, directed by Annie Whitaker and Gareth Burke.

Destiny Life's top agent for 3 years in a row wants to win the trip to Hawaii. He must overcome the obstacles in his path – which are many.

I will book your seat once you have contacted me, and will confirm your booking, please then pay into the TUAC account.

Optional pre-show dinner at The Good Home, 55 Princes Street Onehunga, 6pm Best seats available from now.

**Cost:** \$30 Adult or \$27 Senior

**Pay by:** Pay into TUAC account once seat is confirmed

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



### HOBBITON & WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES DAY TOUR

**Saturday 6th March 2021**

This is a small group day tour for up to 14 people run by Auckland Scenic Tours. This 2020 tour has been No. 1 rated by Trip Advisor. Departs from an Auckland city hotel at 6.30am and includes a 2 hour tour of the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit Movie set with a tour guide, a specially brewed beverage at The Green Dragon Inn, guided tour of the Caves, and a café style lunch at the Homestead at Waitomo.

**Cost:** \$224.50. This price has been discounted.

**Confirm by:** Saturday 28th November 2020

**Pay:** Please pay into TUAC bank account.

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



### AUCKLAND LANTERN FESTIVAL

**Captain Cook and Marsden Wharves**

**Saturday 6th March 2021**

Celebrate Chinese New Year and the Year of the Ox at the 2021 Auckland Lantern Festival. The festival let us enjoy hundreds of elaborate handmade Chinese lanterns on display, cultural song, music and dance performances, craft demonstrations, sponsor activations and competitions, retail and food stalls and a fireworks display.

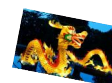
**Further info:** This year even though the event is free, due to Covid19 we need to book tickets. This allows for contact tracing. Please let me know if you are interested in coming along to this, as ticketing is not yet open at time of newsletter publication.

Meeting time and place to be advised when I determine what ticketing session is available.

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** ASAP

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



### SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

**Te Haruhi Bay Campground, Whangaparaoa Peninsula**

**Friday 12th March to Sunday 14th March 2021**

End of Whangaparaoa Road to Army Bay, turn right into Shakespear Park then into Bruce Harvey Road to Te Haruhi Bay campsite.

Great beach for swimming, walks, sunbathing, birdwatching, kayaking & fishing.

**Cost:** \$32 into TUAC account by 20th February

**Confirm:** With David ASAP. There are some vacancies

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



## 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 island's 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 1841. 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 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 with 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)**

## WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP

Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st March 2021

Arrive in Rotorua on Saturday 20th ready to raft the Kaituna River. Meet at River Rats Raft and Kayak Adventures base at Hangar 14S Rotorua Airport, 837 Te Ngae Rd at 12.15pm. River trip starts 12.30pm.

About an hour on the river, with an exciting 7m waterfall to raft over.

Stay the night at the Top Ten Holiday Park Rotorua.

**Sunday 21st** - Meet by 9.45am and drive about an hour to the River Rats base at Maclarens Falls. Details about meeting place to follow.

**Bring:** Togs, towel, snacks and drinks, wetsuits and helmets provided.

**Cost:** There is a discounted rate for a group of at least 6. Further discounts if we raft both the Kaituna and the Wairoa Rivers. This cost will be \$220 pp - \$58 pp off retail prices.

**Further Information:** Please book own accommodation. I suggest the Holiday Park Rotorua because there is a swimming event on that weekend and there is some urgency with getting accommodation sorted.

**Pay by:** Please make payment once numbers are confirmed.

**Confirm by:** 20th December due to possible accommodation issues

**Contact:** Carol Banks - 021 067 6654 or [Carolebanks1@gmail.com](mailto:Carolebanks1@gmail.com)

## JAZZ IN THE VINES AT COOPERS' CREEK VINEYARD

State Highway 16, Huapai

Sunday 21st March at 12.30pm

The band is yet to be confirmed however the music is always very enjoyable with musicians and their unique style and vibrant performances. Their repertoire stretches from lively renditions of Jazz and a variety of Latin and Folk influences. 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 and wine is available from the vineyard. There are tables and chairs for seating, but you can bring your own chair and have it in the car just in case. I will advise the band once its published.

**Cost:** Entry is free, pay only for any wine, drinks and food platters

**Confirm by:** 14th March 2021

Important you let me know so I can hold some seating

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

## TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Come and hear the birds sing on Tiritiri Matangi Island Wildlife Sanctuary. Here, predators have been eradicated, leaving it safe for endangered birds and reptiles, including the flightless Takahe and the Tuatara. You can explore the tracks unguided, go on the beach, or you can join the 90 minute guided walk, for which a reasonable level of fitness is required.

There is no food on the Island, so need to bring your lunch and water, although complimentary tea and coffee is provided at the centre.

The ferry departs from Auckland Pier 4 at 9am and from Gulf Harbour at 9.50am. The ferry returns to Auckland at 3.30pm. The ferry price is the same from Gulf Harbour or Auckland city.

**Bring:** Lunch and water

**Cost:** \$82 without the guide or \$92 to include the guided walk

**Confirm by:** 18th March

**Pay by:** 19th March 2021 to TUAC account

**Contact:** Christine – 022 157 5965 or [christine@troywest.com](mailto:christine@troywest.com)

## WAIKARAKA EASTER SPECTACULAR DEMOLITION DERBY & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Neilson Street, Onehunga

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 5pm for a 6pm start

The demolition derby will have you splitting your sides with laughter as they are hell bent on destroying each other until there is only one car moving.

There are Corvettes, Camaros, Commodores, and Mustangs racing bumper to bumper. Stockcars will be smashing and crashing, trying to stop the other drivers from winning and to end the night the legendary Fireworks Spectacular. There is light food, chips, hot dogs and burgers available at reasonable prices, or bring your own dinner snacks.

Meet beside the main ticket entry gate at 5pm for a 6pm start. That way we can get the best seats on the Grandstand. Parking in the surrounding streets.

**Bring:** Cushion/pillow for seating, warm jacket, hat, water & dinner snacks

**Cost:** Pay \$30 direct at the gate. The club will subsidise members by \$5.

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

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

## THE BIG EASY RIDE, NAPIER

Easter Saturday 3rd April 2021

New route starting point Church Road Winery.

After enjoying 37km of tasty stops you will finish back at Church Road Winery for an 80's concert which starts at 1.30pm.

**Cost:** Adults \$40 - tee-shirt, concert entry and easy deals on the route so you can sip, sup and savour your way along the ride.

If you would like to join Sue Wilson and myself please get in touch. You will need to book your own accommodation and purchase tickets for the Big Easy online.

We are going to the Bill Bailey Show *Enroute to Normal* at the newly renovated Toi Toi Opera House in Hastings on 4th April, tickets available on the Ticketek website. Anyone wanting to stay a bit longer we can arrange more rides.

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

or Sue Wilson - 021 755 489 or [suzeannewilson@gmail.com](mailto:suzeannewilson@gmail.com)

## HISTORIC & HERITAGE HOUSES WALK AROUND MT ALBERT

Saturday 10th April at 10am - Start Ferndale House

Meet at 10am at Ferndale House, cnr New North Rd and Alexis Ave, Mt Albert. (parking at Ferndale house or nearby streets).

There are some interesting historical and heritage houses located in Mt Albert including Ferndale House, Alberton, Mt Albert Grammar, Winstone family home, Woodward House & Elm Christine College. We will also walk to the top of Owairaka, to view the historical aspects and the controversial tree removal project. Mike will give a brief commentary at each place.

The 3 hour walk is mainly level apart from a short semi steep climb via stairs and path on to the road around Mt Albert Volcano.

Coffee and catch up after at one of the cafes in Mt Albert shops.

**Bring:** Comfortable walking shoes, water, snacks

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

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

## THREE STREAMS CYCLE RIDE, HENDERSON

Saturday 17th April 2021

This is a social ride starting at Te Atatu and riding through Henderson, predominately on bike paths, a little bit on the road with some dedicated cycle lanes as well as footpaths we can use. The bike path follows the Waikumete Stream through Tui Reserve and Cranwell Park and onto the Opanuku Stream cycleway through lovely tree and bush lined paths, returning via pathways following the Oratia Stream.

Morning tea at Kreem Cafe, Universal Drive, Henderson.

**Further info:** Meet at the bottom end of Flanshaw Road, Te Atatu (near no 143) and park in the cul-de-sac at 9am ready for a 9.15am start.

**Bring:** Bike and biking gear, water, sunblock

**Cost:** Free. Morning tea your cost

**Confirm by:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

## WEST COAST WILDERNESS CYCLE

TRAIL/TRANZALPINE RAIL JOURNEY

Sunday 18th April to Saturday 23rd April 2021

A 4 day self guided cycle tour of the West Coast of the South Island, starting from Ross, through spectacular coastal scenery, rugged shorelines, surging rivers, ancient forests and areas steeped in history, finishing at Greymouth.

We then catch the spectacular Tranzalpine Railway back to Christchurch.

Options are to also visit Arthurs Pass and explore the abundance of walking tracks etc.

More Info [www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz](http://www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz)

**Cost:** Dependent on accommodation choices etc.

For more detailed itinerary, accommodation and travel options

**Contact Gary at [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com) or 021 117 0716**



## BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6pm



Because this film has such amazing scenery, stories and footage, it is not just for people who enjoy cycling.

These short films are a great reminder of why we love to ride our bike; with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all stories that inspire us to get out and ride. Check out the trailer

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?utm\\_source=sendinblue&utm\\_campaign=2021\\_Tour\\_details&utm\\_medium=email&v=UblE0TSVcBA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?utm_source=sendinblue&utm_campaign=2021_Tour_details&utm_medium=email&v=UblE0TSVcBA&feature=youtu.be)

*"Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul"*

Run time: Just over 2 hours including a good old fashioned 10 minute Interval. Because club members have been attending this event for the past 7 years, we have reserved seating saved for us.

Optional dinner after the movie at the nearby food court.

**Cost:** \$23.50 per person (dinner at your cost)

**Pay by:** ASAP and at the latest 26th April into the TUAC bank account  
12-3014-0118011-00

**Confirm by:** 15th March

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

## NZ OPERA – MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre, Auckland  
Sunday 13th June at 2.30pm

One of Mozart's most colourful and enduring operas.

Dinner after the show at Elliot Stables.

**Cost:** \$147.50 plus booking fee - 10% discount for Seniors.

**Confirm/Pay by:** 4th March 2021 - payment into TUAC bank account

**Contact:** Helen Wood – 021 082 08960 or [helen00281@yahoo.com](mailto:helen00281@yahoo.com)

## MID WINTER XMAS THEMED DINNER

Saturday 3rd July 2021 at 7pm

Royal Oak Bowling Club Sports Lounge, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

The Club has again sponsored the use of the Lounge Bar, plus liquor license and pre dinner nibbles. This venue is not BYO.

We have chosen to use the Club's inhouse caterer.

Assortment of pre dinner nibbles, buffet of beef sirloin, champagne ham, trio roast vegetables, green vegetables and small pavlovas with cream and fruit.

Anyone with dietary requirements please let me know.

Dress up in your best Xmas attire. Music available for our use.

Any person outside of Auckland who wish to attend we can arrange some accommodation at a member's house.

**Cost:** \$20 for members - \$25 for non-members

**Confirm by:** 24th June 2021

**Pay by:** As soon as you confirm, please pay into the TUAC bank account,  
12-3014-0118011-00 and text me date you have paid.

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



## JOKE (contributed by Mike Maran)

Jim was listening to the radio this morning when the host invited callers to reveal the nicknames they had for their wives.

The best call was from a brave chap who called his wife,

**"Harvey Norman"**

The host asked him why that name?

He replied, **"Absolutely no interest for 36 months!!!"**

## PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car Rally – Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Jazz and Blues, Tuesday nights – Helene Harper
- Variety artists, 1st Monday of the month – Helene Harper
- Hollywood Theatre – Mike Maran
- The Eagles - 2nd October, Bruce Mason Centre – Helene Harper

## EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 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**