



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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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

May – June 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 gundeseverrall@xtra.co.nz

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
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 will be worked out when numbers known
Budget accommodation also available

Optional extras: \$40. Dinners a la carte for Saturday and Sunday nights. Food requirements advised in information pack. Carpooling can be arranged

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

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 simulating 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 hours - 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, 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



MOVIE WITH OPTIONAL DINNER & DRINKS

Rialto Cinema, Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 3rd May at 5pm

Meet at the Rialto Food Court at 5pm. Movies start around 6pm and as there are a choice of theatres, you can choose on the night which movie you would like to see. Movies advertised a week beforehand.

An option is going to the local pub for a meal beforehand instead of the food court.

AA members have a 40% discount for Rialto Cinema. Tickets must be pre-purchased. Book online www.aa.co.nz/eventcinemas.

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you like
Cost: Movie (around \$18 or \$11 with AA discount), dinner and drinks
Pay by: On the night
Confirm: Thursday 30th April for movies and/or dinner
Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



CYCLE RIDE PT CHEVALIER TO CITY & WESTHAVEN

Meet and Park behind KFC Carpark, Pt Chevalier at 10am

Saturday 9th May

An easy cycle ride to the city using the North Western cycleway. A chance to experience the new wide cycleway under Grafton Bridge. An exhilarating ride downhill all the way to Beach Road. From here we will cycle into the city via Beach Road, onto Quay Street via the Wynyard Quarter and then cycle the new cycleway over the water and Marina at Westhaven. The new cycleway is a new experience, it's an exhilarating ride like floating above the water without getting wet. We will have brunch at one of the cafes beside the Marina at Westhaven and return the same way, but uphill.

Bring: Your bicycle, water and snacks
Cost: The cost of brunch
Contact: Mike Maran - 846-5350, 027 478 4779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



MUSIC AND LASER LIGHT SHOW

Stardome, Manukau Road, Epsom

12th May 2015

Double Feature of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd *Wish You Were Here* Courtyard Telescope viewing included - weather permitting, www.stardome.org.nz

Optional Dinner at Thai Archer, 10 Campbell Road, Royal Oak at 6.30pm
Cost: \$35.00 includes shows, 2 glasses of wine, sausage sizzle between shows

Pay: On the night for shows and dinner
Confirm: Optional dinner by 5th May, 2015
Contact: Ann - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or annmelrose@gmail.com



LEARNERS PAR 3 GOLF COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE

Saturday 16th May at 10am

This is Auckland's only Par 3, 9 hole golf course situated in the middle of Ellerslie racecourse. Drive in from the racecourse entrance on the corner of Ascot & Greenlane Road. Follow the signs and drive over the racetrack and park in The Golf Warehouse carpark.

Details: It's time to take your frustration out on a golf ball. Have a bit of fun while socially interacting with other TUAC members. We will divide up into teams of 3 or 4 and have the option of either playing the 9 hole golf course or whacking the golf ball at the driving range.

Learn a new skill. Guaranteed to be fun or frustrating. Lunch afterwards at the Quatro Café on the racecourse site.

Mike is an ex golf green keeper, and will give some tips or lessons to get started, (although he is a useless golf player himself)

Cost: 9 hole course Green fees \$14, hire of clubs \$5, balls \$2
Driving Range 50 balls \$5, 100 balls \$14.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846-5350, 027 478 4779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



OREWA BEACH AND ESTUARY WALK & BBQ

Saturday 23rd May at 1:30pm

Meet at Orewa Surf Club beach front parking area, off Hibiscus Coast Highway parking area. Beach and Orewa River estuary walkway. Flat and easy to walk – can be extended for the keen and super fit. Followed by a BBQ at 11 Edgewater Place, Orewa

Bring: Walking shoes, warm clothing and snack/drink for approx 2 hour walk.

Food: If you are staying for the BBQ - BYO meat and drinks and a plate to share –salad/nibbles/dessert

Cost: No cost

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesevverrall@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 email gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz

EDUCATIONAL & INFORMATIVE GUIDED VOLCANO WALK

ON MANGERE MOUNTAIN with Geologist Murray Baker

Saturday 30th May at 10am

Meet and park at 10am corner Kiwi Esplanade and Coronation Road Mangere Bridge opposite GAS station.

Have you ever wondered how a volcano is formed and when the next eruption will happen in Auckland? We are living in a city of many previous volcanic eruptions and are very fortunate to have the services of geologist Murray Baker who will guide and explain how a volcano is born and also examine some of the geological rocks and formations on the mountain and the area. Mangere Mountain is the best and most accessible example of a tuff ring and volcanic explosion.

We will walk up Mangere Mountain then return via Kiwi Esplanade to see the lava flows. Estimate 2½ hours return.

Lunch after at one of the cafes in Mangere Bridge

Bring: Good walking shoes, jacket, water and snacks.

Cost: The cost of lunch afterwards.

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



TITIRANGI THEATRE COMPANY – HEROES

Lopdell House Theatre, 418 Titirangi Road, cnr Titirangi

Road and South Titirangi Road

Saturday 6th June

This delightful 2006 play has been chosen in homage to the 2015 Gallipoli commemorations. Cooped up in a country estate three cantankerous comrades plan their escape. This is brilliant writing and wit, and is a superb piece of theatre that's both achingly funny and sad.

A Dinner venue before the show to be advised

Cost: \$20

Pay by: 5th May to secure your seat and please let me know if you would like dinner

Contact: June Bell – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or email fiveofsix48@hotmail.com and please head TUAC



HORSE RIDING

Shiloh Farm, 42 Kaipara Flats Rd, Warkworth

Sunday 14th June at 9.30am

Meet at 9.30am to get saddled up and kitted out for a 10am start. There are fantastic views on this ride through scenic farmland and forest. You will have opportunities to gallop, canter or just walk. When booking, please state your riding experience, height and weight so you can be matched to the right horse for you. Please also state if you want to stop for lunch afterwards in Warkworth. Car pooling can be arranged. See www.horseridingwarkworth.co.nz

Bring: Water, sunscreen, and dress according to the weather on the day. Helmets, over trousers, gumboots and wind breakers are provided.

Cost: \$80 for 2 hours, \$40 for 1 hour per person

Pay by: 15th May

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

DINNER & PROMISE AND PROMISCUITY

Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick

Saturday 27th June. Dinner 6pm – Show 8pm

Follow the fortunes of Miss Elspeth Slowtree as she battles literacy, snobbery, her mother's nerves and the unfortunate digestions of Cousin Horatio. Armed only with her superior wit and blushing countenance, Penny Ashton plays 9 Austenian characters in this award winning critically lauded smash hit show that has wowed from Bath in the UK to the Canadian Prairies.

Meet at 6pm for dinner beforehand at Italian restaurant, La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park. Show 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 \$24 Visa/Mastercard when booking by phone

Dinner at your cost, pay on the night BYO & Licensed

Confirm by: 19th June if coming for dinner

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



ESCAPADE

**Level 1, 23 Victoria St East (cnr Lorne & Victoria St East by Albert Park)
Saturday 4th July at 10.45am**

Fancy a bit of friendly rivalry or just straight out competitiveness, this escape game is for you. The most fun you will ever have in a locked room!

We need quiet thinkers, sharp eyed observers with awesome powers of observation, super brains to pick up clues within clues and bundles of energy and common sense. You will be locked in a room with cryptic clues and will have to work together to decipher in order to get out of the room within 60 minutes.

There is help from staff, who watch your every move on camera and communicate via an in-built speaker system if needs be. This session begins in the dark and players with torches have to solve brainteaser to open a series of locks and secret doors.

I have booked and paid for 2 rooms with 6 people in each for "The Bach" which is a classic Kiwiana bach with a mysterious message left behind by Grandma giving you a clue to the old mystery.

There is a lounge bar where you can buy beer, wine, hot and cold non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks before or afterwards or we can go for lunch some where local.

Selection of who goes in each room will be unbiased and done by drawing out a number from a bag. See www.escapadenz.co.nz

Parking at Victoria Street car park is \$2 per hour or find a spot on the road nearby.

Cost: \$20 (normally \$39pp or 35pp for groups over 4)

Pay by: ASAP as numbers are limited to the first 12 people

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

QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUNDS

Saturday 29th December 2015 to Sunday 2nd January 2016

We have 11 people already booked in the lodges, so if you are interested, you must get in now.

Details: A standard 5 day Independent Walk Package, 4 days tramping - 3 days tramping (3rd day a long 8 hour tramp) to The Portage, stay for 2 days over New Year then the final day to Anakiwa.

Further info: Packs transported. We will also be staying in lodges at night (no camping I can hear the sigh of relief already!). The track is 70kms long

Package includes water taxi to and from your Picton accommodation to the track, luggage transfers, packed lunch each day 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.wildernessguidesnz.com

Contact: Alan – alangrigg11@gmail.com



JOKE

Barbara Walters, formerly of 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict.

She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands.

Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women are happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, 'Land Mines.'

Moral of the story is: No matter what language you speak or where you go - Behind Every Man, There's A Smart Woman!

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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