



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 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 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.

May 2016 – June 2016

WANTED - 2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Two of our committee are stepping down this year so we are looking for two replacements to join our great team.

We look forward to your ideas and new adventures and the committee will fully support and help you with organising events.

The committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Newmarket. Plenty of free parking. Come and join us.

Nomination forms available at the AGM or can be sent to you beforehand.

Contact: David Verrall 027 203 5508, Helene Harper 021 921 068 or any committee member

THE HILLARY TRAIL (SECTION 3) WAITAKERES

30th April 2016-times of meet will be advised

The third section will be going from Karekare to Piha which is 9km. This will entail more road tramping than we normally do. We will be carpooling as the first two sections.

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

Confirm: ASAP - no later than 25th April

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



HOME FRONT – EXPERIENCES OF THE 1ST WORLD WAR

Auckland Museum, Auckland Domain

Sunday 1st May at 10am

Life at home during the First World War was shaped by events half a world away and the experience of absence and loss was almost universal for those who remained at home. Uncertainty pervaded everything. While some communities pulled together, others were torn apart by differences of opinion. Drawing from the museum's collection, the exhibition includes personal keepsakes, family portraits, postcards and letters which tell the stories of NZ families separated from each other by war.

Meet at 10am at the front of the Auckland Museum. Lunch afterwards at the Wintergarden Cafe

Cost: Museum free with either museum card or proof of residence in Auckland ie library card, power bill etc. Lunch your cost.

Confirm by: Friday 29th April

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



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



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 roll/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



10 PIN BOWLING & DINNER

Saturday 21st May at 5pm

Newmarket 10 Pin Bowling, 6/2 York Street, Newmarket

Meet at 4:30pm to prepare. Two games to be played or one if you prefer. Same format as last year. Come along and have plenty of fun.

I have booked three lanes for the night. The first 12 people (teams of 2, 3 or 4 max per lane) to book will be the lucky ones.

Cost: \$16 per game per person

Pay on the night

Dinner at Tosca Restaurant, Nugent Street Newmarket after bowling.

Contact: Peter Gerrard - 027 696 4997 or p.gerrard29@gmail.com



TRAVEL PHOTO NIGHT OF SOUTH INDIA AND JORDAN

Jackie's place (we will give you the address when you contact us)

Saturday 21st May at 5pm

Ever had a desire to go to Jordan (Petra, Dead Sea) or India? Come join us for a night of slide shows from Jackie's six week trip to South India (combination of motorbike and solo travel) and Helene, Diane and Betty's trip to Jordan.

We have pictures of such amazing places as Petra (the hidden city), Dead Sea (yes, you do float) and the brilliant colours and friendly people of India.

Bring: Yourself and BYO drinks, we will order pizza to share

Cost: \$5 for pizza

Pay by: 16th May TUAC account ASB 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Jackie Humphrey - 021 167 4253 or

jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com or

Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz

THE BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, City

Tuesday 24th May at 8pm

The collection of ten short stories has everything an audience could want, action, drama and plenty of humour, a hint of romance to make you fall in lovewith your bike!!

If any TUAC members would like to join our Tuesday bike ride group to see this film. I would need to book online to cover seats as a group booking

Cost: \$20 plus \$1 booking fee each

Confirm by: ASAP - it is only on for 2 nights in Auckland

Payment: TUAC bank account

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



MOTUIHE ISLAND VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING OR NURSERY WORK

Motuihe Island - Sunday 29th May 2016

Fullers Ferry departs Pier 1 at 9.15am, returns to Auckland at 3.30pm

The TUAC club is active and participates in our local environment. Now as a club it's our turn to return back something in the local environment in the form of volunteer tree planting and nursery work. It will be a positive image for the club to be seen doing something worthwhile in our local community.

Once on Motuihe it's a 20-25 minute walk to the wool shed/nursery. From there we will divide up those who want to go tree planting and those who would like to do nursery work.

A barbeque lunch is usually supplied by the Motuihe Island Trust. If you have had enough of tree planting/nursery work, there are nice walks around the island or you have your choice of 2 superb beaches.

Please do not confuse Motuihe Island with Motutapu Island, which has the same volunteer day and departs at the same time, but leaves from Pier 2.

Motuihe Island has easier access and is more suited to those with low to moderate fitness.

Bring: Garden gloves, water, lunch, good walking shoes/boots

Cost: Volunteer ferry tickets are discounted at \$21.50 and are available from the Fullers representative on Pier 1 from 8.45pm. The tickets entitles you to free parking at Downtown Car Park

Pay by: On the morning or Mike will collect the fares from everyone at Pier 1

Confirm: Please let me know ASAP or by 22nd May so I can inform the Motuihe Trust on the numbers expected.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



AGM

Tuesday 31st May at 7.15pm

Commerce Club of Auckland (CT Club), 27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera

Be there at 6pm for a meal first or 7.15pm for the AGM.

Guest speaker Lynton Rathagen will talk about assisting schools and villagers in Tanzania at 8.15pm.

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 May if attending AGM only

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

SOUTH WAIKATO ACTIVITIES W/END PUTARURU/KARAPIRO

Saturday 4th to Monday 6th June 2016

Night Gloworm kayaking/cycling/walking/Timber Museum/Te Waihou Springs walk/BBQ Pot Luck dinner - what more could you ask for!

Saturday: Arrive at your accommodation at Putaruru Arms Motel mid-afternoon then travel to meeting point by 4pm for kayaking with a difference.

This fantastic kayak adventure offers something very special for everyone. At this time of year, the glow-worms are more vibrant than in summer.

We start from Epworth camp and kayak our way down a truly beautiful section of the Waikato River to the Pokaiwhenua stream. With stunning twilight lake views, we head under the Pokaiwhenua Bridge and into the glow-worm canyon. Draped with native ferns, the canyon offers a true slice of New Zealand beauty and as the light fades away, the unique incandescence of the glow-worms starts to shine from the surrounding walls.

After a quick glass of some of New Zealand's finest wines (or tea/coffee/cocoa) complimented with some tasty cheeses and marshmallows toasted over the warmth of a campfire, it's back in the boats, as we drift slowly downstream using only the light from the glow-worms.

The kayaking part of this weekend away is also open to members who would like to travel to Karapiro JUST for the kayaking and return to Auckland on Saturday evening.

Numbers are limited so be in quick to book.

Sunday: The Timber Museum visit, followed by either an 8km walk (approx) or 13.7 km cycle ride on the Karapiro Section of Waikato River Trail. Transport arranged for return trip for walkers.

Pot Luck BBQ dinner at member, Frank Aerts, farm. BYO meat and a plate to share. BYO drinks.

Monday: Te Waihou walk (or alternative) followed by lunch at Tirau.

Full details of all events will be sent when you confirm. For those hardy souls there is free camping available at Franks.

Bring: BYO meat for BBQ and a plate to share, BYO drinks

Walkers: Walking shoes, raincoat, day pack.

Cyclists: Own mountain bike and associated biking gear.

Kayakers: Dress warmly, jacket/beanie, comfortable pants (jeans not recommended), sneakers, towel, gloves (optional). Waterproof life vest and pants provided.

Costs: Kayaking \$59

Accommodation twin share \$45 pp (2 nights)

Pay by: 16th May for kayaking. Accommodation can be paid on arrival.

Confirm by: 16th May for accommodation & kayaking

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

MESSIAH ON THE FRIGIDAIRE

Titirangi Theatre, Loppell House, 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi

Saturday 18th June at 8pm

The small town of Elroy, South Carolina is thrust into the evangelical spotlight when what seems to be the image of Jesus appears on a refrigerator in a trailer park.

The discovery by Lou Ann Hightower, her husband Dwayne, and her best friend Betsy, sets into motion a frenzy of conflict, communion and good old fashioned commerce. When the National Investigator turns the appearance into front-page headlines, their trailer park becomes a Mecca for miracle seekers, soul searchers and disciples with a decidedly political agenda.

At the urging of the towns business leaders, Betsy pretends to get messages from the appliance-based apparition, and the crowds multiply like loaves and fishes.

Through the ordeal, the three undergo an evolution in their relationships with each other, and they are forced to come to grips with their lowly status in the caste system of the rural south

In a region where religion is as much a part of life as grits and cotton fields, God surely moves in mysterious ways.

Titirangi Theatre is a cosy theatre with 84 seats so we need to book early to ensure we get in. There is a small bar where they serve wine, beer, coffee and tea and nibbles such as crisps, chocolate bars etc

Will look into a suitable venue to have dinner first.

Cost: \$20 per ticket

Pay by: 31st May TUAC account ASB 12-3014-0118011-00

Confirm by: 31st May

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



MID WINTER MYSTERY BUS TOUR

Sunday 26th June 2016 at 9.30am

Meet CT Club carpark, 27-33 Ohinerau Street Remuera for 9.30am as we have a timetable for our driver Rob to keep.

Bus leaves at 9.30am and return time 6pm.

Join in for a fun day out. Sharpen up your brain on recent events for some Trivial Pursuit to win a prize. Bus door prize on the day.

Bring: Clothing for the day and flat shoes

A sense of adventure

Cost: \$60 includes bus, lunch and activities. This is a subsidised event for TUAC members. Limited to 30 people

Pay by: 16th June

Confirm by: 16th June

Contact: June Bell 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



BRISBANE CYCLE TOUR

Saturday 20th August to Sunday 28th August 2016

Expressions of interest are wanted for this week long bike tour covering the Brisbane city bike paths and incorporating the Whale Trail Tour. The tour will be personalised for TUAC members by Bushranger Bikes. Great cycling, fantastic accommodation and food, and a package that offers the ultimate relaxing cycling adventure holiday, sun, sand, blue water and skies and whales – perfect! Dates have been firmed up and given to our personal tour guide who is coming up with a plan so work around these dates. Aiming to arrive in Brisbane Sat 20th and depart Sunday 28th. Only a few places left so get in quick.

Further details: Check out their website for more info on the Whale Trail component of this tour.

<http://www.bushrangerbikes.com.au/Southeastqldwhaletrail.htm>

Costs: Work on around \$2000 all-inclusive plus return airfares

Contact: 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 trekkerrob48@gmail.com

JOKE

A blonde and her husband are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbour's dog.

It has been in the backyard barking for hours and hours.

The blonde jumps up out of bed and says, "I've had enough of this".

She goes downstairs.

The blonde finally comes back up to bed and her husband says, "The dog is still barking, what have you been doing?"

The blonde says, "I put the dog in our backyard... let's see how THEY like it!"

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 31st 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



CLOSED

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."