



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 2018 – June 2018

MOVIE NIGHT - FILM TO BE ADVISED SHORTLY

Rialto Theatre

Saturday 28th April

Movies that look interesting are: Beyond the Clouds, The Party and Sweet Country

Usually have a 6pm or similar start time, so if we meet at the Rialto about 5.30pm, get tickets, have a drink etc.

After the show we could go to an Italian restaurant within walking distance on Broadway for pizza or similar or there is Lone Star just up the road.

Will update closer to the date when I can get an exact time

Confirm by: Thursday 26th April

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



DEATH OF A DREAM a drama by Richard de Luca

Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring Street, Onehunga

Tuesday 1st May at 8pm

Death of a Dream' has been written as a sequel to Arthur Miller's classic play 'Death of a Salesman' and examines the two 'dreams' the play evolved around – the American Dream, and Willy Loman's personal dream.

See:- <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/death-of-dream/auckland/onehunga>

This is a special performance - It is called Tuesday Treats - glass of bubbles or juice on arrival and ice cream half time. \$25.

Option to have dinner beforehand- at the Landing, Onehunga – 6pm 6 seats secured. Please let me know if you would like to come.

Please pay into the TUAC account.

Cost: Senior and Adult \$25

Pay: TUAC account for show only

Contact: Hillary Scott 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com



EXPLORE THE KAIPARA HARBOUR REGION

Staying at the Matakoho Holiday Park

Friday to Sunday 4th to 6th 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 Pahe for another seaside village and wharf and one of the largest Moreton Bay Fig trees you will ever see.

5 minutes to Papanui (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.matakohoholidaypark.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 bdsm cabin

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

Contact: Hillary Scott – 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

SUPERB SAFARI IN THE TORBAY BUSH

Saturday 12th May 2018 at 9.30am

This half day walk explores the many pockets of native bush that have been preserved between the expanding North Shore suburbs.

These have been developed with gravel walking tracks by local volunteers over the last 50 years.

Starting at the Long Bay beach car park we will wind through suburban streets and preserved bush. The highest point of the trail is 100 metres with fantastic views over the North Shore bays and the unusual view looking down at Rangitoto. The distance is a hilly 10km (3 hours) return to the Long Bay car park, with the option of extending along Long Bay beach and beyond to PiriPiri point headland and back, approx 4km each way.

Meet at 9.30am at Long Bay Regional Park (park second carpark on right by toilet block, sign on carpark is site 1, 2, 3)

Contact: Rob and Felicity – 027 473 3589



JOKE

A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station.

"I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant.

"No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT 2018

Academy Theatre, Lorne Street, City

Tuesday 22nd May at 6pm

Sharing the best cycling short films from around the world. You can YouTube – the big bike film night promo trailer 2018

Confirm by: 10th April so I can book tickets

Cost: \$22 Please Pay TUAC account.

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005 or

annmelrose@gmail.com



PLAY BY THE LAKE

Howick Little Theatre, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga

Saturday 26th May at 8pm

Maurice and his sister Stella plan to murder their half-brother Colin by poisoning him and dropping him through the ice on a nearby lake. As Colin always uses the lake to cross from his own house, it will look like an accident. When Maurice's wife, Janet, stumbles across some conclusive evidence, and he learns of her suspicions, Maurice decides that she must be done away with, too.

Cost: \$29 for adults, \$26 for seniors 65 years plus

Confirm by: Saturday 19th May.

Book and pay for your own tickets at Theatre office on 534 1401

open 9.30am to 1.30pm weekdays or email info@hlt.org.nz

For those that are interested, we will meet for dinner at 6pm at La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park Shopping Centre.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 09 527 4407 or jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



TUAC AGM

Remuera Club, 27-33 Ohinerau St Remuera.

(Formerly the Commercial Travellers Club).

Tuesday 29th May 2018

We encourage all Thumbs up Adventure Club members to attend our Annual General Meeting. AGM business will commence at 7pm.

Our guest speaker will be Celia Caughey. Celia will speak to us on "Inspiration through the Campervan window" – how the family took a year off to travel around Europe in a campervan home-schooling the children. The talk will cover history, religion, art and general knowledge, and give you the benefit of some armchair travel without any of the hassles!

Optional buffet meal available. Cost to be confirmed in the next newsletter.

For catering purposes, if you would like dinner before the meeting, please confirm by Tuesday 22nd May. Dinner from 5.30pm

If just attending the AGM, please confirm by Friday 25th May.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com

MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Around the World Mini Golf Course. Silvia Park Shopping Centre,

Mt Wellington Highway.

Sunday 2nd June at 10.30am

The around the world mini golf course is located in the Central area of the Silvia Park Mall. Next to the tall office building which is under construction.

As it is situated under the motorway by Pass Bridge, it is an all-weather facility. Test your putting skills by visiting a different countries landmark on each of the 18 holes.

Plenty of parking and cafes within and around the Silvia park Complex. This event is on regardless of the weather.

Cost: \$15 per person includes club and ball. Pay direct on the day.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



BIKE RIDE FROM SMALES FARM TO ALBANY SHOPS

Sunday 17th June at 9am

Meet outside Columbus Cafe, Smales Farm Business Park on Taharoto Road Earlier start time to avoid the traffic.

A bike ride with a variety of on road terrain. We will depart from Smales Farm and cycle through some formed bike lanes, some on road areas and some offroad area which have cycle lanes and through the parks and North Shore bush reserves. Parts of the road are busy, so we will cycle on the footpaths. Most of the ride is on the dedicated cycle lanes. We will cycle to Albany shops and return the same way. The ride should take about 2 hours return.

Lunch at Columbus Café on return.

There is plenty of parking around the Smales Farm Complex. The bike ride will have a trip and tail ender leaders

Bring: Usual Hi Vis cycle gear

Cost: Nil

Contact: Jeanette McMonagle - 416 5574,

jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com

or Mike Maran - 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



BIKE WITH LIGHTS NIGHT RIDE - OREWA ESTUARY

Saturday 23rd June at 5pm followed by

All Blacks v France 7.30pm at David's house in Orewa

Meet and park at 5pm for a 5.30 to 6pm start at the Orewa Western Reserve.

Drive over the Orewa Bridge and take the first entrance on your left. Park beside the toilets.

Those members with bikes it's time to light up at night. This will be TUAC's significant spectacular winter event. We are going to involve and invite all the Orewa bike community and any other bicycle organisations and clubs who would like to attend. We are hoping to have a multitude of bikes participating to make it a visual night time event and are going to cycle around the Orewa Estuary, which is about 7km. The cycleway is mostly on tar sealed and concrete paths with some of the cycleway still on compacted gravel. The event will be advertised in the local paper and any TUAC members will be encouraged to hand out leaflets encouraging new members to join.

You can light up your bike by purchasing LED lights and batteries from the \$2 shops or similar. The club is hoping to have good media coverage.

Followed by Pizza and All Blacks v France game at David's house at 7.30pm

Bring: Usual bike gear, warm jacket, camera

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Saturday 16th June

Contact: Rob Arnett – 022 644 7886 or gyporob@yahoo.co.uk

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



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CHICAGO MUSICAL

Civic Theatre, Queen Street, City

Sunday 2nd September 2018 at 5pm

This is the last day of this Musical and tickets are selling fast so please advise by 30th April if you are interested in this event

Cost: \$114 - \$130 plus booking fee

Pay: TUAC account

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

WOW – WORLD OF WEARABLE ART, WELLINGTON

Saturday 13th October 2018 at 8pm

Join us for this wonderful exciting event of Wearable Art.

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

Cost: Ticket price for 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



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 Helene at heleneh47@xtra.co.nz or 021 921 068

JOKE

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where a family member lay gravely ill.

Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and sombre.

"I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces.

"The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant.

It's an experimental procedure, very risky, but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain."

The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news.

After a time, someone asked: "How much will a brain cost?"

The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, \$200 for a female brain."

The moment turned awkward.

Some of the men actually had to 'try' not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women.

A man unable to control his curiosity, finally blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask,

"Why is the male brain so much more than a female brain?"

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group

"It's just standard pricing procedure.

We have to price the female brains a lot lower because they've been used."

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.