



**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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## May 2020 – June 2020

### Message from President Mike

Hello all TUAC members

There's only one topic of discussion among us currently, which is the circumstances the country and the whole world is now in.

You will notice the newsletter has a slightly different content in it due to the current situation.

Having the newsletter ably formatted by Alan & Sheila still sent out, gives us some sense of normality and continuity within the club's events. Even though events have been cancelled for this month, having other upcoming events that are proposed later on gives us all a sense of purpose and hope that things will be back to normal soon.

All the members of TUAC enjoy getting out and about and inter-acting with other members, so to have our freedom of movement and travel restrictions curtailed takes a bit of getting used to. The very nature of our club events means participation and travel. So future club events may be consistent of putting a limit on numbers attending certain types of events or meeting via online applications.

You will notice that the AGM has been postponed until the tentative date of Tuesday 30th June. Same venue and time. More updates and details will follow.

In this lock down period I have made it my own personal objective to daily communicate via email, phone, text, or Whatsapp to at least 1 or 2 friends, acquaintances, club members, business associates or neighbours, to see if they need any support or assistance. It is nice to hear a voice, especially for those living alone, and that someone is thinking about you in this uncertain time.

I encourage all TUAC members to do the same. It is important to keep the TUAC membership family spirit and friendship functioning and active until we return to normal.

Hoping the published newsletter jokes will bring some humour into your lock down period.

Here's hoping also that in my next newsletter message that I can inform members of dates that the events calendar can get back to normal.

Mike Maran  
Club President

### PROPOSED EVENTS AFTER COVID-19

- Car Rally
- Cycle ride
- Rangitoto Walk
- Movie night
- Tiritiri Matangi visit
- Matakana Coast weekend - Whangateau Holiday Park
- Day trip to Rotoroa Island
- Abel Tasman tramp or cycle ride South Island
- Durville Island 5 day trip

### TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND

Ferry Building, Downtown Auckland

Saturday 25th April 2020 at 8.30am

Home to a 150 year old lighthouse, lush coastal forest and pristine beaches, Tiritiri Matangi is a protected haven for endangered species – making the island a nature lover's paradise.

A day trip including a guided walk of approx. 2 hours to learn about the history of the island, re-vegetation, native bird calls and hopefully little blue penguins, finishing at the visitor Centre for a complimentary cuppa. We then have free time to explore the lighthouse and other parts of the island before catching the ferry to return to Auckland at 3.30pm.

Ferry takes 75mins each way to Auckland or 20mins to Gulf Harbour.

A DOC Biosecurity check is necessary so please ensure your clothing and footwear is clean and free of soil and seeds. Food/snacks etc. must be packed in plastic containers and your pack must be zipped. Rubbish must be taken home.

I have checked with Fullers and there are quite a few spaces available on this date, but seats are limited.

Please book online <http://www.fullers.co.nz/timetables-and-fares/?from=AUCK&to=TIRI> and advise me when booked.

**Bring:** Good walking shoes, raincoat, warm clothing, sun hat, water, snacks, lunch and money for the gift shop.

**Cost:** \$92pp includes Guided walk - \$82pp without Guided walk

**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or [sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com)



### DESOTOS

Uxbrdge Arts & Culture Centre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick

Friday 15th May from 7pm to 10.30pm

Fuelled by a powerful blend of rock-infused country blues, the DeSotos combine rich harmonies with reverberant guitar sounds, chunky bass runs and warm flourishes of Hammond organ. The Desotos are well healed travellers on the American highway and are a soulful band to see live, with consistently favourable feedback from a wide range of audiences.

Optional dinner at The Good Time, 78 Picton Street, Howick at 5.30pm.

Please book your own tickets by ringing the office on 09 535 6467

**Cost:** General \$28.00, Table Seats \$34.00

**Confirm by:** Saturday 2nd May 2020

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

### TUAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau Street, Remuera

Tuesday 30th June from 5.30pm

Please note change of AGM date, as the venue was not available on the last Tuesday in May

Self-serve buffet dinner at 6pm. \$28. I will ask the committee if the club can subsidise the meal cost and reconfirm in the next newsletter.

Guest speaker will also be advised in the next newsletter.

AGM meeting starts at 7pm. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

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

## FIVE DAY TOUR OF D'URVILLE ISLAND - CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

D'Urville Island, Marlborough Sounds, South Island

15th – 19th March 2021

Meet the locals, discover the wildlife and hear about Rangitoto Ki Te Tonga's rich culture and heritage, travelling by land and sea on this exclusive adventure to one of New Zealand's last outposts.

More details at <https://driftwoodecotours.co.nz/durville-island>

Includes beach front cottage accommodation, all meals prepared by the resort, two-way ferry crossing with van, a 6-hour charter boat tour, blue cod fishing, daily water taxi rides.

**Cost:** \$2,850. Additional costs - return airfare to Auckland to Blenheim and two nights' accommodation at Blenheim.

**Contact:** Mary Donald - [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz)

**COVID-19:** This tour may be postponed depending on the virus status.

## SELF-ISOLATION DIARY: Contributed by Peter Fleming

### Day 1

I can do this!! - Got enough food and wine to last a month!

### Day 2

Opening my 8th bottle of Wine - I fear wine supplies might not last

### Day 3

Strawberries - Some have 210 seeds some have 235 seeds. Who knew??

### Day 4

8pm - Removed my day pyjamas and put on my night pyjamas

### Day 5

Today, I tried to make Hand Sanitiser - it came out as Jello Shots!!

### Day 6

I get to take the garbage out - I'm so excited, I can't decide what to wear

### Day 7

Laughing way too much at my own jokes!

### Day 8

Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen" - You gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business

### Day 9

I put liquor bottles in every room - tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going bar hopping

### Day 10

Struck up a conversation with a spider today - seems nice, he's a web designer

### Day 11

Isolation is hard - I swear my fridge just said, "What the hell do you want now?"

### Day 12

If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face

### Day 13

Watched the birds fight over a worm -the Cardinals led the Blue Jays 3-1

### Day 14

Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month

## THE TUAC TEAM - Contributed by Helene Harper

We're normally a social bunch, we love to meet our mates  
But lately with the virus here we can't go out the gates

You see we are the "oldies" now, we need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while, they'll think we've up and died

They'll never know the things we did before we got this "old"  
There wasn't any Facebook, so not everything was told

We may seem a sweet older bunch, who would never be uncouth  
But we who grew up in the 60's, if you only knew the truth!  
There was sex, drugs and rock n' roll, the pill, tight shorts and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank and partied, and were really quite outrageous

Then we settled down, got married and turned into someone's Mum or Dad,  
Or someone's Gran or Grandad

You think we would have slowed a bit, but no - we did instead  
We joined the super TUAC team, and then increased our pace

So now you find us stuck inside, for 4 weeks maybe more  
Which really didn't bother us, to while away the hours  
But then to our great horror, we had no bloody flour

Now Netflix is just wonderful, we like a gutsy thriller  
We're swooning over sexy bodies, or some random scary killer

At least we have a stash of booze for when we're being idle  
There's wine and whiskey even gin, if we're feeling suicidal

So, let's all drink to lockdown, to recovery and health  
And hope this bloody virus doesn't decimate our wealth

We'll all get through the crisis, get back to join our TUAC mates  
Just hoping we're not far too wide, to fit through the flaming gates

## THE US ECONOMY - Contributed by Mike Maran

My neighbour got a pre-declined credit card in the mail

CEO's are now playing miniature golf

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen

I saw a Mormon with only one wife

McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico

A picture is now only worth 200 words

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now have to share a room

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates

And, finally...

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call centre in Afghanistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.

## LINING UP AT THE SUPERMARKET - Contributed by Mike Maran

07.30 one morning there was a line of seniors stretching from the main door all the way back to the carpark.

Suddenly a young man appeared and tried to push into the front of the queue. He was immediately beaten back by a diminutive lady showing great skill with her walking stick.

The youth appeared again a few minutes later looking worse for wear but still determined to get to the front.

This time an elderly gentleman punched him in the stomach and kicked him back to where the cars were.

Unbelievably, he picked himself up, and approached the queue once more. Still a few metres away he shouted

"Look you lot, you won't get inside if you don't allow me to unlock the doors".



Contributed by Mary Donald

## EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

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