



## 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 2021 – June 2021

### Message and update from President Mike

At our last committee meeting we agreed that for the sake of club stability and continuity that the current President (myself) has agreed to stay on for an extra year.

As there was no response from my request for the role of President as per the previous newsletter. The current roles of Treasurer (Libby) and Secretary (Helene) remain the same as well as most of the other committee members intentions are also to stay on for the next year.

Our AGM which will be on Wednesday 19th May is approaching quickly and we are in the process of engaging an interesting guest speaker. This year, the buffet meal is \$30 of which the club will subsidise the meal cost by \$10pp. I look forward to your attendance at the AGM. For catering purposes please let me know if you are attending asap.

Gary Anstiss is organising a TUAC 21-year reunion for a date to be confirmed in October at the Remuera Club. If you know of any past of members who would like to come, please send out their details to Gary. The club reunion will be open to all members, past and current. It will be a memorable function. More details to follow. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me anytime.

Mike Maran  
TUAC President

### HOBSONVILLE WALK AND ART TRAIL QUIZ

Hobsonville Village by the Market area  
Saturday 24th April 2021 at 9.30am

Walk around the lovely Hobsonville coastal walkway and Art Trail. So many interesting art works and plants and views to see along the way.

Just to check you have paid attention, there will be a quiz to complete along the way and of course there is the market to stock up on goods before you head home.

We will have lunch either at the Little Creatures restaurant or the café overlooking the waterfront, this is still to be decided. Further information will be forwarded closer to the date.

Meet at 9.30am, exact place to be confirmed.

**Cost:** Lunch/drinks and anything you buy

**Confirm by:** Saturday 17th April

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



### ARCHAEOLOGY & CULTURAL WALK TO IHUMATAO & OTUATAUA STONE FIELDS, AIRPORT

Saturday 1st May at 10am

Meet outside Countdown Airport Shopping Centre, George Bolt Memorial Drive for a 3-hour level walk to visit these heritage sites. Some of you may have already cycled there with Libby. This is an opportunity for the walkers to enhance their local knowledge by visiting the controversial housing development site at Ihumatao. The local iwi has erected interesting artifacts for the public to view during their historic protest. We will also visit the Ihumatao Museum recently shown on Choice TV under Heritage Rescue, then onto the Avocado orchard and the display notices and sites of the Otutaua stone fields.

We will start our walk through the industrial part of the airport and return to the shopping centre for lunch at one of the many cafes. Mike will give a brief commentary at the sites.

**Bring:** Comfortable walking shoes, (there are no hills), water/snacks.

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846 350, 0274 784 779 or

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



### MOVIE AT RIALTO NEWMARKET: POMPEII SIN CITY

Sunday 2nd May 2021 at 5.30pm

This documentary explores Pompeii, the city cloaked in mystery which, over the course of history has influenced culture and art from Neoclassicism to Contemporary art. Through Pompeii's surviving art, we see a city that had to die in order to reach immortality <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxncayahkg>

Meet at the Rialto foyer at 5pm.

**Cost:** Adult \$15, Senior \$9 plus dinner after the movie

**Pay by:** Thursday 23rd April into the TUAC account and email/txt Mary when paid

**Contact:** - Mary Donald 021 846 066 or [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz)

### BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland

Friday 7th 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)



## MOVIE NIGHT – RIALTO CINEMA

167-169 Broadway, Newmarket  
Sunday 9th May 2021

Movie to be advised closer to the day. For those that are interested, we can have dinner afterwards at one of the many restaurants close by. Please purchase your own tickets.

**Confirm by:** Saturday 8th May

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



## ROCK & ROLL & LINE DANCING

Dairy Flat Community Hall, 6 Postman Road, Dairy Flat  
Friday 14th May 2021 - 8pm to 11.30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of Rock & Roll and Line Dancing.

The Band Shane & Shazam plays Country Rock.

Supper buffet and an Open Bar - cash only

**Bring:** Your dancing feet

**Cost:** \$12.50 pay at the door - No eftpos

**Confirm by:** Thursday 13th May

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



## CANDLELIGHT – CHOPIN'S BEST WORKS CONCERT

St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity Church, Parnell

Friday 14th May 2021 at 6.30pm

Looking for a beautifully unique classical music performance, then this Chopin's Best Works performance is for you. You do not need to know all things Chopin to enjoy the evening—simply sit back and savour the stunning atmosphere and pieces you will hear. Walk into one of Auckland's emblematic buildings where the walls will be flickering by candlelight to create a magical atmosphere. Prepare to be taken into the clouds with Chopin's most treasured masterpieces! Held in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, this concert of Chopin's best music runs for 65 minutes (doors open 30 minutes prior to the start. Late entry not permitted!).

Starts at 6:30pm. Meet at 6:15p.m. at the venue entrance.

**Further info:** Please note that tickets are selling fast and if anyone wants to join me, go online to:

[https://feverup.com/m/88692?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=rmkt\\_search&utm\\_campaign=candlelight\\_aki&utmclid=Cj0KCQjw6-SDBhCMARIsAGbI7Uh\\_2vuS\\_mSv4wBjKELs9ttQVwZ3PCXRis-RNjidyFuTbXO1QPKCfoaAvbzEALw\\_wcB](https://feverup.com/m/88692?utm_source=google&utm_medium=rmkt_search&utm_campaign=candlelight_aki&utmclid=Cj0KCQjw6-SDBhCMARIsAGbI7Uh_2vuS_mSv4wBjKELs9ttQVwZ3PCXRis-RNjidyFuTbXO1QPKCfoaAvbzEALw_wcB) to book your ticket.

Let me know once you have booked. I am in Zone C seating.

Optional after show dinner.

**Cost:** \$45

**Pay by:** When booking

**Confirm by:** Phone or text me when you have purchased your ticket

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



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remuera Club

Wednesday 19th May - 5pm to 9pm

This year the club will subsidise the buffet dinner by \$10pp. Dinner cost to members will be \$20 paid directly to the caterer on the night.

Please let me know if you are attending asap for catering purposes.

We will have our usual AGM general business and formalities, confirmation of committee members and a door prize.

We have also arranged a guest speaker, travel agent extraordinaire, Rachel Williams from Visa Travel who will talk to us about her travels to the Southern Lights of Antarctica or to the southern tip of South America. She previously talked to the club 5 years ago and we will be in for another informative evening.

All members will be contacted by a committee member for a yes/no attendance to confirm the numbers for catering purposes.

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846 350, 0274 784 779 or

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

## NEIL DIAMOND, RSA, VIPONDS ROAD, WHANGAPARAOA

Saturday 22nd May at 7.30pm

Meals available smorgasbord 2 meats. Ladies dress up in your bling.

Come early we can all get seated and go in together.

**Cost:** \$20 pay at door

**Contact:** Rob – 0226 447 886



## MURIWAI BLOKARTING

Muriwai Beach Sunday 23rd May 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 do not 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:** 14th May

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

## HISTORIC & HERITAGE HOUSES WALK AROUND MT ALBERT

Ferndale House, cnr New North Rd and Alexis Ave, Mt Albert

Saturday 29th May 2021 at 10am

Meet at 10am 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)



## NZ OPERA – MARRIAGE OF FIGARO (Amended date and cost)

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre, Auckland

Thursday 10th June at 7.30pm

One of Mozart's most colourful and enduring operas. Dinner before the show at Elliot Stables.

**Cost:** \$91 includes TUAC subsidy and NZ Opera discount for the first 6 members attending

**Confirm/Pay:** 30th April 2021 - payment into TUAC bank account

**Contact:** Helen Wood – 021 0820 8960 or [helen00281@yahoo.com](mailto:helen00281@yahoo.com)

## AUCKLAND MUSEUM HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS TOUR -

'Every corner tells a story'.

Sunday 6th June 2021 at 12.30pm

Previously known as the Double Take Tour, Auckland Museum's Heritage Highlights Tour shares the rich history of the Museum, from the early designs and construction to the building you see today. Hear stories of the architects, see what is inside the wall cavities, and take a closer look at how Auckland Museum has changed over the years and how its structural treasures have been preserved. You will finish up in the Library Reading Room to pore over early plans and photos of the museum over the years, which are not usually accessible to the public.

Meet at 12:30pm at the Atrium entrance. Maximum number of people per tour – 10

<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/whats-on/tours/heritage-highlights-tour>

**Cost:** \$30 per person.

**Pay to:** TUAC bank account by 28th April 2021

**Contact:** Mary Donald 021 846 066 or [mary.don@xtra.co](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co).

## BEE GEES - WORDS & MUSIC

Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa

Saturday 26th June at 8pm

A cabaret revue of the music of the Bee Gees directed by Michael Sanders.

Music we all know and love. Come along and have a great evening.

There is a bar and nibbles are provided on each table. Tables are limited so please contact David asap so he can book tickets.

Optional dinner at 6pm at Orewa Thai, 328 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa

**Cost:** \$25 per Adult (to be verified)

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



## 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 Laura

### DISTINCTION BETWEEN GUTS AND BALLS

To those of you who are nit pickers about the meaning of words:

There is a medical distinction between Guts and Balls.

We have all heard about people having Guts and Balls, but do you really know the difference between them.

In an effort to keep you informed, here are the definitions.

**GUTS** – is arriving home late, after a night out with the boys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to ask, "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

**BALLS** – is coming home late after a night out with the boys, smelling of perfume and beer, with lipstick on your collar, and slapping your wife on the bottom and having the balls to say, "You're next chubby!"

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions.

Medically speaking, there's no difference in the outcome, – both result in death!

## 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
- Cabaret, Centreway Theatre - David

## 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**