



## 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](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 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**

## November – December 2013

### LABOUR WEEKEND GETAWAY, Pureora Forest, King Country

**Saturday 26th to Monday 28th October**

**Saturday** - 5 short local walks through the Pureora Forest viewing the buried forest and historic sites.

**Sunday** - Walk Mt Titiraupenga Track - Pureora Forest Park or mountain bike part of the Timber Trail from Waimiha to Ongarue.

**Monday** - Short walks planned then return to Auckland.

**Accommodation: Blackfern Lodge, Waimiha Valley.**

**Bring:** Food for 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, snacks and own food for dinner. Kitchen available to use with tea, coffee, milk and sugar provided. Bring warm clothing, wet weather gear and hiking boots/shoes.

Optional mountain biking available, bring own bikes or hire them on site.

**Cost:** \$58.00 twin share or backpackers \$38.00 per night.

**Contact:** David Verrall - 027 203 5508 [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz) or Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



### CHATSWOOD WALK

**Sunday 3rd November - 1.30pm.**

Up hill and down dale, visit the beach and the bush, charge your fitness battery with friends and have fun at the same time. Meet at Chelsea School, Onetaunga Rd, Birkenhead.

**Bring:** Water, snacks, money for coffee later if desired. Tramping boots if wet.

**Contact:** Leonie - 480 2800, 021 222 8982 or [leoniecas@gmail.com](mailto:leoniecas@gmail.com)



### ROTORUA GETAWAY WEEKEND

**Saturday 9th November – Sunday 10th November**

**Options:** 42km Bike the Lake cycle ride or enjoy walking tracks/tourist attractions. Mountain bike the Redwoods. All ability levels catered for.

Group dinner on Saturday night. Carpooling can be organised.

**Riders:** The GIANT Social Ride (42km - 1 lap of the lake). Due to road congestion a time limit of 3 hours has been put on this event. Registration is at the Novotel Hotel: 3.00pm - 6.00pm Saturday 9th of November or 6.30am - 7.00am Sunday 10th of November. Ride starts 7.30 am Sunday. Prizegiving at 1pm afterwards.

**Walkers:** There are walks planned in the Redwood Forest or you can plan your own activities. Check out Grab One specials from time to time for discounted activities.

Register online for the bike ride at [www.bikethelake.com](http://www.bikethelake.com)

**Bring:** Own bike, helmet and riding gear (bikes for hire from Alpin Motel)

**Costs:** Bike the Lake entry fee \$65.00.

**Accommodation:** Alpin Motel Saturday \$62.50 per person twin share (shared unit) – or \$125 for your own double unit

**Pay by:** Accommodation by 15th September so it can be confirmed

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



### MICHAEL JACKSON THE IMMORTAL – Cirque du Soleil

**Vector Arena, Mahuhu Cres. Downtown Auckland**

**Friday 1st November - 8pm**

A riveting fusion of visuals, dance, music and fantasy that immerses audiences in Michael's creative world, *Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour* unfolds his artistry before the eyes of the audience

**Cost:** \$156.00 per person

**Pay by:** Immediately please. **ONLY ONE TICKET LEFT**

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 021 236 9422 or 09 415 9605

### WAIHEKE WALKING FESTIVAL

**Saturday 2nd November**

Two walks to do. If you only want to do one of the walks, include the bus return option when booking yourself on line. Ferry departure times are after each option.

**Medicinal plants in the wild** - Let Helen Elscot, medicinal herbalist and naturopath, lead you on a healing journey through Te Atawhai Whenua, then on to some herbal distilling.

Matiatia 10am. Duration 2.5 hrs. Grade Medium. Catch 9am ferry.

**Madame-Rouge** – This is a walk through private land in the heart of Waiheke's wine country with spectacular views and informative guides. Finish with a glass of something tasty at Casit a Miro.

Onetangi 2pm. Duration 2 hrs. Grade medium including hills. Catch 12pm ferry. Catch bus to 7th Ave, Onetangi then it's a 20 min walk up the hill.

**Further info:** [www.waihekewalkingfestival.org](http://www.waihekewalkingfestival.org)

**Cost:** Ferry and bus. Buy tickets online or buy on the day. Book places on walks **NOW** so you don't miss out. Additional cost if doing both walks as we will need a taxi to get to the second walk.

**Contact:** Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)



### WAIHEKE ISLAND GARDEN SAFARI

**Saturday 9th November**

The Garden Safari raises funds to support sick children in the community. This year, 13 gardens will be open and a car is needed to get round the gardens so we would travel to Waiheke via the Sealink car ferry from Half Moon Bay, Pakuranga.

**Bring:** Walking shoes, water, hat, sun block etc - it's always hotter on Waiheke!

**Cost:** \$70.00 based on four people carpooling. Includes ferry for car and participants and garden entry.

Petrol contribution to the driver and lunch your cost.

**Pay by:** Confirm your place immediately and pay by **28th September** so I can book the early bird ferry special deal.

**Contact:** Jackie Humphrey - 021 167 4253, 525 1164 or [jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com)



## DOLPHIN THEATRE - CALENDAR GIRLS COMEDY

12 Spring St, Onehunga  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

We will meet at the Library Café in Onehunga for dinner before the show

**Cost:** \$26 for the show

**Pay by:** 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Contact:** Helene Harper – [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)



## DINNER AND MOVIE: THE GREAT GATSBY

Westwind Theatre, 177 Riversdale Rd, Avondale  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - 5.30pm

Dress up, have fun, bring your friends and family

**Bring:** Your own drinks

**Cost:** \$25

**Pay by:** 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Contact:** June Bell - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## BRUNCH, PETANQUE AND FARMERS' MARKET

### CATALINA CAFE

Corner of Buckley Avenue and Hastings Crescent, Hobsonville Point  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November - 10 am **DATE CHANGE**

Take a trip out to the old Hobsonville Airbase and visit the friendly Catalina Café for brunch followed by a game of petanque. There are four courts available. Afterwards check out the farmers' market next door, and/or there is a 4 km walk around Hobsonville Point. Confirmation would be helpful for booking a table.

**Bring:** A petanque set if you have one.

**Cost:** What you choose to buy

**Contact:** Sue Underwood - 09 528 8810, 021 160 7678 or [sueunderwood@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sueunderwood@xtra.co.nz)

## TUAC CHRISTMAS CRUISE

My Hogwash, Pier 2, Westhaven

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - 8pm-12am

Join us on our Christmas outing. Finger food provided.

Bar open, cash only please. No BYO.

Boarding 20mins prior to departure

**50 PLACES ONLY - BOOK NOW - FILLING FAST**

**Bring:** A sense of fun, be ready to enjoy yourself. Ladies no slimline heels

**Parking:** \$14 for 24hrs. Coins only.

**Cost:** \$22

**Pay by:** 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Contact:** June Bell - 09 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## SHAKESPEAR PARK WALK

Meet at the first car park on the left at Army Bay at end of Whangaparaoa Road

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 10.30am

The walk starts in bush with a path along a stream. The remainder of the walk is essentially over rolling parkland with views north to Kawau, east to Barrier and Coromandel and south to Rangitoto and the city. After 2 hours arrive at the bay. Return via another track which ends walking back along the bush walk. Alternatively walk back along the road or leave a car at the bay before the start of the walk for a shorter walk. 3 hour walk including time for lunch.

**Bring:** Boots or sturdy footwear, light back pack, suitable wet weather gear if the forecast is damp, sun block and a picnic lunch and water.

**Contact:** Keith Edwards - 09 528 8696 or [keyted@xtra.co.nz](mailto:keyted@xtra.co.nz)



## OKATAINA WALK/MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

Lake Okataina near Rotoiti

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Mountain Bike Ride is a Grade 3.

Bikers do a return trip 2 x 22.5 = 45km.

Walkers do one way – 22.5km. Will have transport at end point Lake Okareka to get walkers home.

**Further info:** This is the Western Okataina Trail see

[www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) – Rotorua Recreation Walks and [www.riderotorua.com](http://www.riderotorua.com)

**Bring:** Sleeping bag, camping beds, mobile home (sleeps 4) and bach (sleeps 4+) Food for breakfast/lunch. We can eat out in the evenings

**Cost:** Meals

**Contact:** Hillary Scott - [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com) 021 258 4186 or 09 520 5844

Expressions of interest by 15<sup>th</sup> November.



## JOKE....

I was visiting my son last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century dad", he said. "We don't waste money on newspapers, here, you can use my iPad."

Well I can tell you that bloody fly never knew what hit him.

## POT LUCK BEACH BBQ, KOHIMARAMA BEACH

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 5pm onwards

Want to take a break from the hectic rush of Xmas shopping? Come along for a pot luck beach bbq at the yacht club end of Kohi beach on Tamaki Drive. Plenty of parking available. Join in the fun of beach volleyball, frisbee, swim or just relax with a glass of wine in your beach chair.

**Bring:** Your own meat, salad to share, own cutlery, glass, plate, alcohol and chair

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Contact:** David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or email [gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz)



## HEAPHY TRACK, KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK

27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December

Bus out of Nelson on the 26<sup>th</sup> December, and stay at Browns Hut. Stay at Perry Saddle Hut on the 27<sup>th</sup>, James Mackay Hut on 28<sup>th</sup> and the Heaphy Hut on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Finish tramp on the 30<sup>th</sup> and stay at Rongo Backpackers at Karamea that night.

Bus back to Nelson YHA on the 31<sup>st</sup> and have New Year in Nelson.

You have to make your own arrangement for flights and book your accommodation. (Due to the fact that some people may want to stay at other places). I will book the buses and transport.

**Bring:** To be determined

**Cost:** Nelson to Karamea \$32-\$35 a night

Rongo Backpackers \$30-\$35

**Contact:** Alan - 027 493 6850 or [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)

## WAIKAREMOANA GREAT WALK

27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December

Leave Auckland 27<sup>th</sup> December, travel to Lake Waikaremoana 6 hours by car. Stay at either Big Bush Holiday Park or Waikaremoana Motor Camp, Opourau Bay (backpackers, camping, motel options). Start the walk on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec reaching Panekire Hut that night (5 hours). 29<sup>th</sup> Dec Waiopaoa Hut (4 hours). Third day walk 4/5 hours to Marauiti Hut. Last day 31<sup>st</sup>, 4 to 5 hours walking to the water taxi which will return you to start point/cars. It's your choice to stay or go on New Year's Eve.

**Cost:** 3 nights x \$32 per hut. Water taxi fee to be advised.

Accommodation depends on your option \$30 upwards per night. Plus car pooling/petrol costs.

**Contact:** David [gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz) - 630 2588 or 027 203 5508



## NORTHLAND EXPLORER GETAWAY, OPONONI

Auckland Anniversary Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014

An expression of interest is sought. Discover the Hokianga over 3 days. Wairere Boulders, Tane Mahuta, Sand canyons, Rawene, Kohukohu, Horoke Mission House, Clendon House and more. I have reserved 2 nights in Opononi with lots of adventures and optional side trips planned. Leaving Auckland after work Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January and staying overnight in Whangarei (you can leave early Friday if you wish).

**Further info:** Contact me for an itinerary of planned events and optional things to do.

**Cost:** TBA

**Pay by:** Would need to pay accommodation for Opononi by end December

**Confirm by:** 15 Dec 2013

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

## PIHA CANYON SCRAMBLE - PIHA

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

**All day trip. Bus will pick us up from the Sky Tower approx. 8.00am**

Traversing a volcanic rock valley with waterfalls, abseiling slots, jumps, caves and natural rock pools complete with sexy guide

**Further info:** [www.awoladventures.co.nz](http://www.awoladventures.co.nz) canyon trips/Piha canyon/full day.

Wetsuits and lunch supplied. Lunch is filled rolls, chocolate and OJ.

**Bring:** Swimsuit, towel, change of warm clothes, hiking boots or trainers plus a dry pair to put on after, snacks, water

**Cost:** \$175 per person

**Pay by:** \$40 deposit to secure your place. Only 20 seats available and will be sold to the public also. Final payment due by 15<sup>th</sup> January

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 021 236 9422 or 09 415 9605



## SAILING ON 'SPITFIRE'

Waitemata Harbour – Depart from Westhaven

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Sail down the inner Hauraki Gulf Islands, share in the helming/sailing of the boat if you want to, climb a volcano or two, swim, drink, eat and get a tan. All activities depend on the weather as to where we go and how many volcanoes we climb, but be assured you will have a great time rain, hail or sunshine.

**Bring:** Togs, towels, snorkel gear and all sun equipment, raincoat if weather looks dodgy (will keep you posted), a packed lunch and refreshments for the day, seasick tablets if so inclined.....keep in mind you are on a boat.....no HUGE picnic hampers unless it will feed all 10 of us.

**Cost:** \$110.00 per person

**Pay by:** \$30 deposit to secure your spot by 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. There is only room for 9 people so be in quick. Final payment by 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 09 415 9605 or 021 236 9422



## TAPAPAKANGA REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Auckland Regional Park, Firth of Thames

Friday 28th Feb to 2nd March 2014



Campsite at Tapapakanga looks out to the sea, with views of the Firth of Thames.

Facilities include toilets, tables, water, outdoor shower. 5 mins walk through bush to the beach side and historic farm house. Walking and mountain bike tracks.

Fishing, canoeing, safe, sandy swimming tidal beach.

See web site <http://www.arc.govt.nz/>

Top sea view sites for campervans and tents. Water side sites for tents only.

**Bring:** All camping gear/ tents/ gas stove or BBQ. Swimming togs, walking shoes, bikes and helmets.

Own food and drink as nearest shop is Orere Point Campground.

Shared meal on Saturday night.

**Location:** 60 minute drive from Auckland CBD. Drive south on SH1. Take the Manurewa off ramp, head for Clevedon. From Clevedon follow the signs to Kawakawa Bay and turn right at the shop. Go 12.5km (past Orere Point) and turn off into Deery Rd to the Tapapakanga Park.

**Cost:** \$13 per night per person. Campsite takes 40 people

**Pay by:** 1st Sept 2013

**Contact:** David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

### WATCH THIS SPACE FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS

➤ Pirongia Walk	David
➤ Port Waikato weekend Oct/Nov	Raywyn
➤ BMW Racing	Irene/Libby
➤ Auckland city events	Gerry
➤ Wanganui River kayaking	Irene
➤ Dance night April	Leonie
➤ Monthly Dance Nights Ponsonby Sailing Club	Helene

### TUAC TEE SHIRTS

Mens and Ladies - shaped or straight - V or Round neck

Small, Medium, Large

A good choice of colours - **only \$32.50 each**



### PEAK CAPS & VISORS WITH TUAC LOGO

Available in black, white and cream - **only \$10 each**



Contact: Alan [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)

### 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."