



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) 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 2014

STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT & DINNER

**Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick
Friday 7th November, Dinner 6pm - Show 8pm**

Headlining the evening is Paul Ego, more popularly recognised as team captain on TV3's hit panel show, 7 Days. Come and enjoy his razor-sharp, cutting and very quick witted, left-field observations. Also starring comedians James Roque, Tevita Manukia and Arun Mohanbhai. Show starts at 8pm. Dinner beforehand at Italian restaurant, La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park. Meet at 6pm.

Cost: \$20.00 plus dinner at your cost (BYO)

Pay by: Visa or MasterCard when booking direct by phone 09 535 6467

Confirm by: This show sells out fast and if you want a ticket you must book direct with Uxbridge Theatre by 15th October or risk missing out. Dinner confirmation required by 31st October

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



HIKING WEEKEND AWAY

**The Pinnacles-Kauaeranga Trail, Kauaeranga Valley, Thames
15th November 2014**

Details: Contact DoC kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz. Ph: 07 867 9095

Make individual contact giving info

Accommodation \$15 – Bunks to sleep approx 80 – Cooking facilities provided

Great walk 4-5 hours walk both ways. Medium to steep

Bring: Good walking shoes, waterproof jacket, camera, sleeping bag.

Food for evening meal plus breakfast, food to munch along the track

Bottle of wine to share with evening meal

Meet at Commerce Club 7.30am to arrange sharing car transport

Cost: \$15 for accommodation plus petrol share

Pay by: Pay DoC ASAP - your responsibility

Contact: Gerry - 520 5795 or gerry181@xtra.co.nz



WESTERN SPRINGS LAKESIDE AND MEOLA REEF WALK

Saturday 8th November at 10am

Park in the Zoo carpark or Motions Road and meet at the back entrance to Western Springs lakeside. This walk has a diverse botanical variety in a compact area.

From here we will do a circle walk around Western Springs, walk past MOTAT across Meola Road and walk around the new pathway on Meola Reef.

At the end of the reef there are wonderful views of the inner harbour, from here a walk up Meola Road for brunch at one of the cafes in Westmere, then return to the Zoo carpark via Jagers Bush.

Mostly level walking. Estimate about 2 to 2½ hours walking.

Mike used to be Head Gardener at Western Springs and he will explain about some of the unique botanical and environmental features of the park.

Bring: Comfortable shoes, water, snacks.

Cost: The cost of brunch

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



CAR RALLY

CT Club, Oninewai Road, Remuera

Saturday 22nd November at 1pm

Bring enthusiasm, imagination and be prepared to go on an adventure and have fun. We will meet at the Remuera CT Club and finish somewhere we can have prize giving and dinner.

Further info: Car pooling will be organised once we get some numbers, preferably 3 to 4 per car

Refreshments along the way, dinner and drinks

Cost: On the day

Confirm By: 1st November

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



HOMES & GARDENS TOUR – MATAKANA/POINT WELLS

Sunday 9th November, 9.30am – 4pm

Take a tour of some very special homes and gardens in Matakana and Point Wells. Enjoy a fabulous day out in a very special part of Auckland, with shopping opportunities, raffles, and refreshments available.

Funds raised are for Warkworth Wellsford Hospice who provide services for terminally ill patients to help make each day their best day possible.

Cost: \$45 discounted to \$40 when you buy 4 tickets in one booking

Tickets on sale now or on the day at Point Wells Hall

Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or sjenks@clear.net.nz



MANGAWHAI WALKING WEEKEND

40a Lincoln St. Mangawhai

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November 2014

Join in a springtime weekend of walking and having fun
Saturday - Tanekaha Falls track, onto the Brenderwyn trig and then returning via the Tanekaha Forest Track - 4 hrs
Sunday - Logues Bush or walk of your choice

Bring: All camping and tramping gear
Food - breakfasts, lunches AND DRINKING WATER
Friday night, BBQ provided
Saturday night, dinner at 'The Club'

Cost: Nil - Free camping

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



TONGARIRO NORTHERN CIRCUIT

Tongariro National Park

28th December - 31st December 2014

The Tongariro Northern Circuit Great Walk is 43 kms, 4 days and 3 nights in huts/campsites. See www.doc.govt.nz - Tongariro National Park

Details: 28th December stay Waiohonu Hut, 29th stay Oturere Hut, 30th stay Waiohonu Hut
Places to stay before and after the tramp will be discussed once the huts are booked

We will have a meeting in November/December for the people on this Tramp.

Cost: At present pay for huts or camp-sites

Contact: Alan - 027 493 6850 or alangrigg11@gmail.com



**HUTS FULLY BOOKED
CAMP SITES ONLY**

DINNER, MOVIE, DRINKS

Event Cinema or Rialto Cinema, Newmarket

Saturday 6th December

Out and about early dinner at Rialto Food Court.

Movie chosen for the night, drinks and music at the local hotel.

Further info: Online aa.co.nz/eventcinemas

Check out AA member 41% discount for Event Cinemas and Rialto Cinemas

Note conditions apply

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you like

Cost: Dinner, Movie, Drinks

Pay by: Cost on the night

Contact: Raywyn - 021 455 863 or raywynbrinsden@gmail.com



XMAS PARTY/CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Sunday 7th December at 10am

Save the date for the TUAC Annual Xmas Party. This year it will be held in Cornwall Park.

Bring: Deck chair, wine glass and a \$5 Secret Santa present

Cost: To be advised

Confirm by: 15th November

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



XMAS IN THE PARK REHEARSAL IN THE DOMAIN, AUCKLAND

Friday 12th December

Join us once again for a great night of entertainment under the stars without the crowds.

Meet in front of the stage from 5.30pm onwards

Bring: A chair, dinner and liquid refreshment

Cost: Nil

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



KOHIMARAMA BEACH BBQ

Kohimarama Beach

Saturday 13th December 2014 from 5pm

Finish off the year with what is fast becoming an annual event. Try beach volleyball, frisbee, go swimming if you want to, or just sit with a glass of wine and catch up with other club members.

Meet at the far end of Kohimarama Beach by the yacht club. Look out for TUAC banner. Plenty of parking close by. Please let me know if you are coming by "confirm by" date as I need to organise extra BBQ if needed.

Bring: Own cutlery, plates, drinks and meat and a plate to share (with serving utensils). Can either be a main or a dessert.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Friday 12th December

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



AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS, PUHINUI STREAM

TRAIL, TOTARA PARK

Saturday 20th December at 10am

Meet at the main entrance at the Auckland Botanic Gardens, Hill Road, Manurewa at 10am. Walk through part of the Botanic Gardens to start our walk through the Puhinui Stream Forest Trail. The track links up the native forest walking tracks between Totara Park and the Botanic Gardens. The trail winds around Puhinui stream and through one of the best examples of lowland native forest. It's a gentle 4kms and will take about 2 - 2½ hours. We will return via another part of the Botanical Gardens in time for lunch at Café Miko which overlooks the gardens. Mike will also explain about some of the botanical features in the gardens.

Bring: Comfortable shoes, water, snacks

Cost: The cost of lunch

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



MOIRS HILL BUSH WALK TO PUHOI (PIRIKI WALKWAY)

Saturday 10th January 2015 at 10am

Meet at Puhoi Hotel carpark at 10am.

Carpool to Moirs Hill Rd 7km North of Puhoi. Turn left into Moirs Hill Rd and travel another 6.5kms to a sign on the left saying Piriki Walkway. It is about 10kms walk back down hill through bush to Puhoi Hotel

Bring: Walking shoes or boots, drink, raincoat and snack (track may be a little damp in places).

Cost: Money for food and drink at Puhoi Hotel.

Contact: David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or

gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



LIGHT SHOW

Auckland Art Gallery, Cnr Kitchener & Wellesley Streets

Sunday 11th January 2015 at 10am

Following its sell out season at the Hayward Gallery in London, the spectacular Light Show comes to Auckland Art Gallery. Spilling out across two floors, this is the first major exhibition of international light based art to be seen in NZ. From atmospheric installations to intangible sculptures you can move around and even through, you'll be dazzled by some of the world's most brilliant artworks and experience light in all its spatial and sensory forms. Lunch afterwards (optional)

Cost: \$15 (friends of the Gallery \$12)

Lunch at your cost

Pay: On the day

Confirm by: 8th January 2015

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

BURGER, BOWLS & BEVERAGES

Onehunga Bowling Club, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

Friday 16th January 2015

Come along for a fun evening with music, burgers, bowls and beverages.

Come when you can from 4pm onwards. You can play for 30 minutes or up to 1½ hours until around 8pm. Club supplies bowls and tuition. Beverages at club prices

Bring: Wear comfortable shoes

Cost: \$20 for Burger, bowling, music and tuition

Pay by: 9th January 2015

Confirm by: 2nd January 2015

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005 or annmelrose@gmail.com



RANGITOTO ISLAND BACH TOUR

Saturday 17th January 2015

This guided walk takes 2½ hours, and covers approximately 2kms. It

features the volcanic background of Rangitoto, a look at the different types of lava on the island, the botany (in particular, the iconic Pohutukawa), Maori history, DoC's successful pest eradication programme and introduction of several bird species, the early work of inmates from Auckland Prison, the military history, and some of the "industries" that have been tried on the island. The walk also includes a visit to several of the historic baches. You will be able to step inside two of them and learn something about their fascinating history as well as hearing stories about the unique lifestyle on the island. The group will also meet one or two of the "locals"!

Further info: Catch the 9.15am ferry from Downtown. The 9.15 ferry goes via Devonport at 9.25am. Returning either on the 12.45pm ferry or if you want to do the summit walk or caves visit as well, return on the 4pm ferry. On the day, if the ferry cannot land at the wharf and goes to Islington Bay instead, we cannot do the tour. I will let everyone know early on the day after confirming with Fullers.

Bring: Water/drinks, all food, good sturdy shoes/boots, sunhat, sunscreen, swimsuit, towel (optional). Morning tea provided.

Cost: \$29.00 return for the ferry and \$7.50 for the bach tour.

Please pay the bach tour portion into the TUAC club account.

Buy your ferry ticket either online www.fullers.co.nz or on the day.

Confirm by: 12th January 2015

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



Quote

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body but rather to slide in sideways totally worn out shouting "Holy shit - what a ride".

ART DECO EXTRAVAGANZA – NAPIER

19th to 22nd February 2015

Expressions of interest are sought for this famous Art Deco event. Napier, New Zealand's Art Deco capital, celebrates its annual festival with the whole of the city becoming a stage set, with over 200 events including outdoor concerts, dinner dance extravaganzas, vintage car parades, fashions shows, steam train rides, great Gatsby picnics and more. Dressing up in 1930's style is not compulsory, but will be great fun if you want to do so. The programme of events will be published in October 2014. Accommodation is already reserved (shared motel units) and there is the option of extending your stay for the week, exploring further afield, or by biking around the wineries and going to the Mission Concert the following weekend. No details on the concert are out until later in the year and until this is announced, we do not know if it will follow on from the Art Deco weekend.

Cost: To be advised when programme is published

Pay by: End December 2014

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



EASTER AT WHITE ISLAND & WHAKATANE EAST COAST

Friday 3rd to Sunday 6th April 2015

Expressions of interest for Easter in Whakatane with optional tours to White Island, Whale Island, mountain biking or walking the Motu Trail, local walks in Whakatane and more.

Further info: Will be supplied when to hand

Bring: To be advised

Cost: 3 night's accommodation around \$60 per night twin share.

Exact costs will be worked out when numbers known.

Optional day tour to White Island \$199 or

Whale Island ½ day tour \$99.

Group rates once numbers known should reduce this cost

Pay by: To be advised

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

JOKE

An IT developer arrives at work on a bike.

Another developer asks, "why are you riding a ladies bike?"

The developer on the bike explains "I was walking down the road minding my own business when this drop dead gorgeous gal rode up to me on this bike, got off, stripped off all her kit and said to me – "take anything you want".

Never being one to miss out on a golden opportunity, of course I took the bike and rode off!"

The other developer responds, "excellent choice, her clothes probably wouldn't have fitted you anyhow!"



TAPAPAKANGA REGIONAL PARK CAMPING W/END

Auckland Regional Park, Firth of Thames

Friday 6th March to Sunday 8th March 2015

Campsite at Tapapakanga with views of the Firth of Thames.

Facilities include toilets, tables, water and outdoor shower.

Beachfront campsite.

Walking and mountain bike tracks, fishing, canoeing, safe sandy swimming tidal beach. See web site <http://www.arc.govt.nz>

Takapanga Regional Park is 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.

Bring: All camping gear, tent, gas stove or BBQ. Swimming togs, walking shoes, bikes and helmets, kayak if you want to.

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

Shared meal on Saturday night

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

Pay by: ASAP Only 14 sites available - first in first served.

Contact: David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or

gundesenverrall@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."