



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.

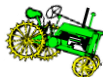
If accommodation has been made for you by the organiser, it is your responsibility to either pay the whole amount, or find someone else to take your place. If you cannot attend on the day, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend.

November - December 2016

TARANAKI GARDEN FESTIVAL NEW PLYMOUTH

Gardens for the Girls - Vintage Machinery Museums - for the Guys
Friday 28th October to Sunday 30th October

Leaving Auckland at 8am, we will carpool to New Plymouth. We intend to visit 9-10 private gardens and 2-3 vintage farm machinery museums. Return Auckland approx 5pm Sunday. The schedule is to visit 3 private gardens on Friday afternoon in the Waitara area. Check into our accommodation.



Saturday: Visit a mixture of country gardens and museums.

Sunday: Visit city gardens in the New-Plymouth area and another museum. Itinerary can be flexible.

Further info: Intend to stay in Studio ensuite cabins at the Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park. These have a kitchenette, bathroom and sleep 6. Cost \$55 pp per night.

Bring: Small sports bag, walking shoes, raincoat, hat or other light personal needs

Cost: \$230 per person. The cost is based on \$110, for 2 nights accommodation, \$60 pp garden entry fees, car pool share costs \$35 pp, Museum entry fees \$20 pp. Meals extra. Payment of \$110 for accommodation should be credited into the TUAC bank account. Payment of the entry fees, car pool and museum direct to the garden owner or driver. Mike has a 'people mover' that can seat 6

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com or

Mary Donald – 846 4429, 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz

HAMILTON GARDENS WITH GUIDED TOUR

Cobham Drive, Hamilton
Sunday 6th November at 10.30am

Meet at Hamilton Gardens at 10.30am (Please let Mary know if you wish to car pool)

Hamilton Gardens is set amongst 54 hectares made up of over 18 beautifully landscaped gardens fitting into five different collections: Paradise, Productive, Fantasy, Cultivar and Landscape. It is the Waikato's most visited attraction with approximately one million visitors each year. Visitors are guided on a journey of discovery along paths delivering mysterious surprises: step from a peaceful Sung Dynasty Chinese Scholar's garden into an Italian Renaissance Garden, before being enthralled by the grandeur of the Indian Char Bagh ('four quartered') Garden. Hamilton Gardens invites you to step into another place and time as you stroll from one garden to the next.



Bring: Good walking shoes, water, sunscreen, sunglasses etc. A friend if you wish.

Cost: \$15 per person for guided tour
Lunch at your cost at Hamilton Garden's cafe

Pay by: 15th October to the TUAC account with your name and HamGar in details

Confirm by: 15th October

Contact Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz

OMOKOROA ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

8G Gane Place, Omokoroa, Bay of Plenty
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November 2016

Come and explore the sunny Bay of Plenty

Friday - For those who can make it to Omokoroa by midday, walk the Omokoroa Peninsula. Afternoon tea half way around. Dinner 6.30pm. \$5 per head hosted by Guy and Maureen. Late arrivals from Auckland catered for as well. MUST confirm if attending dinner.

Saturday - Walk or bike day. Start time for both 9am. Walkers - Kaimai walk organised. Take packed lunch, water.

Cyclists - bike to Tauranga from the closest cycle way. Cafe lunch en route.

Pot luck BBQ dinner 6.30pm. BYO meat, drinks and a plate to share.

Sunday - Te Puna Quarry Fest. A great day out in park like gardens (huge variety of themed gardens), arts and craft on show as well as music and entertainment. Gold coin donation. Start time to be advised. Depart for home at your leisure.

Further info: Cabins available at Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park. Various prices with lots of choice of configurations. Must book direct either online www.omokoroa.co.nz or email stay@omokoroa.co.nz. You must pay for your cabin when you book otherwise they won't hold your booking. Ask me for further info on cabins available and I can email you these.

Other alternatives are Book a Bach <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-andholiday-homes/search/.../omokoroa-beach> and search for Omokoroa Beach. Carpooling arranged.

Bring: Tramping/walking shoes, sunscreen, day pack, bike, helmet & cycling gear, togs & towel (hot thermal pools at holiday park). Fold up chair for pot luck BBQ.

Costs: Te Puna Gardens gold coin donation.

Friday Pot luck BBQ dinner \$5 cash

Pay by: Accommodation - by credit card when you book.

Other costs pay on the day.

Confirm by: Accommodation - must confirm direct with holiday park ASAP to secure your cabin as they book up fast.

Please confirm your attendance for this weekend by 4th November and if you are biking or walking.

Contact: Guy Phillips - 0276 035 549 or icbm@xtra.co.nz

ROCK MUSICAL - HAIR

Pumphouse Theatre Takapuna

Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm

The granddaddy of all rock musicals, HAIR is at once both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America.

This exuberant musical about a group of teenagers searching for truth, peace and love in a Vietnam War era, has struck a resonant chord with audiences of all ages. HAIR features an eclectic score filled with classics, including "Aquarius," "Let the Sun Shine In," "Hair," and "Easy To Be Hard." The themes and struggles in HAIR remain vital and relevant to the times we live in today.

North Shore Music Theatre are proud to present this fantastic show. This is a rock experience you won't want to miss.

Content warning: THIS SHOW CONTAINS NUDITY, DRUG USE AND LANGUAGE

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: \$35 plus \$2 booking fee

For 10 or more the price will be \$28 plus \$2 booking fee

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



CHRISTMAS IN THE VINES SOL3 MIO

Villa Maria Winery, 118 Montgomery Road, Mangere

Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm

Get in quick if you want tickets for Sol3 Mio. They will be singing opera, arias, traditional songs from their 2 albums and everyone's favourite Christmas carols. Let me know when you have bought your tickets. We will meet up on site.

Buy tickets from Ticketmaster website or phone 970 9700

Bring: Low chair to sit on. Picnic food etc

Cost: General admission field (standing) \$85.00 (plus processing fee of \$1.96 plus \$8.00 if ordering on line or by phone)

Buy your own tickets

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



WHENUAPAI/HERALD ISLAND AND RETURN BIKE RIDE

Saturday 14th January 2017 at 9.30am

Limited numbers – first 10 to reply.

Meet at Hobsonville Countdown carpark, 124 Hobsonville Road at 9.30am

Link for map – Hobsonville Countdown googlemap location

Approx 23km ride, mostly with a choice of road or footpath riding with a variety of flat and gentle(ish) hills. Route takes you over the yellow bridge across motorway then heads for the new development at Whenuapai which is past the Airforce Base, leading around to Totara Road to Herald Island. We will come back basically the same way. Good ride to explore the area for those who don't venture out west. Lunch at a café nearby.

Bring: Water, cycling gear, own bike, helmet, etc

Cost: Free, lunch/snacks at your cost

Confirm by: Thursday 12th January 2017

Contact: Jeanette - txt 021 0222 3891 or jeanette@orcon.net.nz



GREY LYNN PARK FESTIVAL

Saturday 26th November 9am to 5pm

Stall Number 758

Entry from Elgin Street. When entering Elgin Street onto Grey Lynn Park turn left, then right. We are situated on the row that is in front of the circus and above the main toilet block facing the field below. We will have our banners and a sign. If you cannot locate it, please phone Mike on 0274 784 779.

Details: This free event is for all members of TUAC. We welcome all members who can offer any assistance during the day. If you cannot help out, then we welcome you to come in to stall 758 and say hello. There will be a roster for those who are volunteering on our site. We require 3-4 members to be on site at any one time. Other members who attend, just arrive. No need to register or sign in. This is a promotion for the club to have a visual presence to promote our club activities and encourage new membership. There are numerous food and craft stalls, plus lots of free entertainment. Parking may be a problem. You will have to park on one of the side streets and walk. There are numerous entry points around the park. I envisage that it would be between 5 to 15 minutes walk, to the entry points depending on your parking location. The festival has been operating for 25 years and attracts 100,000 visitors. The quiet times are between 9-11. Rush hour 11-4. The festival is on regardless of the weather. There is no rain date.

Cost: Free entry. Bring \$\$\$ if you want to have lunch or snacks from any of the numerous food stalls.

Free parking for stall holders who arrive to assist with the set up.

Contact: - Mike Maran will be on site from 7am to 5.30pm. If you can assist please phone 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com

TUAC CHRISTMAS PARTY – CORNWALL PARK

Saturday 3rd December at 11am

Come and join in the fun at our Annual Event. A map will be sent later.

A plated meal will be served between 12 noon and 12.30pm. Fruit juice and wine will be provided and all crockery and cutlery is supplied.

This will be delivered by A Hot Roast Spit Co. Fruit platters and Xmas cake will follow.

Please advise me if you have any special dietary requirements.

Bring: Chair and please bring a Secret Santa gift to the value of \$5.

Cost: Members \$10 - Non members \$20

Pay by: 12th November into TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: June Bell – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or

fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



CYCLE RIDE FROM HENDERSON RAIL STATION TO BRITOMART CITY - RETURN VIA METRO TRAIN.

Saturday 10th December at 10am

Transport your bike and park at the Smythe Rd carpark which is off Henderson Valley Rd. Turn left at the 1st set off traffic lights at Henderson Valley Road and park in the carpark at the end. There is all day parking for \$3. Do not park at the Auckland Council office carpark or you may get towed away. There may be some free street parking on Smythe Road.

We will cycle from Henderson Rail station, join up on the Henderson Creek cycle way and connect onto the new North Western cycle way near Lincoln Road and cycle all the way into the city via the downhill section of Grafton Gully onto Beach Road and end up at the Britomart Rail Station. The cycle way is mostly flat with some minor hills. The cycle ride is longer than usual but very doable for those with moderate cycle fitness.

Some of us have already done parts of this ride before. It will be a good final ride for the end of the year. Allow for 3-4 hours return. Lunch in one of the city cafes then we will return back via Auckland - Waitakere Train. There are bike racks on the last 2 carriages. However, the number of bikes able to be loaded will be at the discretion of the train manager. We may have to divide into 2 groups for the return journey. If we can't load our bikes on the one train, the 2nd group will have to wait for the next train. The Saturday timetable is every 1/2 hour. We will disembark at the Henderson Rail station, walk across the rail bridge and return to our cars.

Cost: Lunch at a city cafe and train fare. Carpark at Smythe Road \$3 all day.

Bring: Usual bike gear, water, snacks

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



WHANGAMOMONA REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Whangamomona Travel time from Auckland 4.5 hours

20th – 22nd January 2017

Join in the celebrations for their 29th year of independence. Country activities such as sheep races, gumboot throwing, gutbuster races, whip cracking, possum skinning, hold ups and shoot outs all take place in the main street. Passports can be purchased at the Hotel to ensure safe passage through the Republic. Whangamomona sought its independence when local government shifted the local district boundaries leaving half of the Whangamomona farms in the Taranaki District and the rest in the Manawatu District. A major decision was made within the four walls of the hotel back in 1988 declaring their independence as a republic. The population swells from 40 to around 3000 people for the celebrations. A new president will be elected. The first president lasted 10 years before taking early retirement. The second president 'Billy the Kid' only survived the position 18 months when he died in active duty - weed eating on the town hillside. Tai the Poodle was elected in 2003, but 12 months later there was an assassination attempt on his life and he had to retire due to this leaving him in a severe nervous condition. Murt Kennard was president next and was in office for 10 years until October 2015 when sadly he passed away.

Head towards Taumararui then to Whangamomona along the 'Forgotten World Highway'. Car pooling is available. Travel down Friday night ready for the day's activities starting about 10am on the Saturday. Take our time coming back on the Sunday.

Accommodation is at the Whangamomona camping grounds and adjacent football field. Tents and campervans \$10.00 per site. Pay cash on arrival. Could be long queues for showers so be prepared to rough it for a night. Bring all your camping requirements and food.

Confirm by: 20th December 2016

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



2017 ART DECO FESTIVAL - NAPIER

Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th February 2017

Expressions of interest wanted. The largest of all Art Deco events is the Tremains Art Deco Festival held annually in February. It includes over 250 events, hundreds of 1920s and 30s cars, aerobatic flying displays, railcar rides, great Gatsby picnics, dinner dance extravaganzas and free outdoor concerts to name a few. Many thousands of guests and locals alike dress in Deco style bringing glamour to the city streets. You too can feel the atmosphere, live the era of mystique, if only for a few days.

Cost: To be advised closer to programme being published

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



SULLIVANS BAY CAMPING WEEKEND - MAHURANGI

Friday & Saturday Nights 17th - 18th February 2017

Sullivans Bay offers white sandy shaded beach front with safe swimming and kayaking.

Drive north on State Highway 1. 12km past Orewa exit, turn right into Mahurangi West Road, after 6km turn right into Ngaewa Drive and 2km more at the end of the road you are there.

Camp site is flat and beachfront. Good walk, the Cudlip Point loop track and my favourite the Te Muri Loop Track

Bring: All Camping gear, tent/gas cooker/swimming togs/walking shoes kayak if you wish. Shared meal on Saturday night

Cost: \$15 per night per person.

Pay by: ASAP to TUAC as there are only 18 places

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



JOKE

Dear Dorothy,
**My husband is a liar and a cheat.
He has cheated on me from the beginning and when I confront him,
he denies everything.
What's worse, everyone knows he cheats on me. It's so humiliating.
Also, since he lost his job 14 years ago, he hasn't even looked for a
new one.
All he does all day is smoke cigars, play golf, cruise around and shoot
ball with his buddies, while I work so hard to pay our bills.
Since our daughter went away to college and then got married, he
doesn't even pretend to like me, and hints that I may be a lesbian.
What should I do?
Signed
Confused**

Answer:

**Dear Confused
Grow up and dump him.
You don't need him anymore!
Good grief woman, you're running for President of the United States!**

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 Rob Bell on trekkerrob48@gmail.com

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."