



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 2017 – December 2017

WALK OR CYCLE KINLOCH TRAILS

Kinloch

Friday 20th to Monday 23rd October

Expressions of interest are called for a weekend away based in Kinloch.

Either walk or mountain bike the trails around Kinloch.

Leave Auckland to be in Kinloch by Friday night, returning Monday.

Will need an indication of how many would like to come, as I am looking at Book a Bach options. Will also look at options for campervan parking.

Further info: To follow once numbers are known

Confirm by: 31st July 2017

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

THE 26TH ANNUAL ART AWARDS

Pah Homestead, 72 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough

Sunday 29th October at 11am

An exhibition of finalists for NZ's largest Annual Contemporary Art Awards – Free

Followed by lunch at Pah Café

Please confirm so I can book a table - ASAP

Contact: Ann Melrose - Phone 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or

annmelrose@gmail.com

RAIL CARTING AT DARGAVILLE

Saturday 4th November

Departs from Station Rd, Dargaville at 11am

Carpooling leaves Auckland 7.45am

A new adventure of self-driving converted golf carts along the unused railway line between Dargaville and Tangowahine

Return trip is 2½ hours and takes you along 28km section through the historic Northern Wairoa river area and through farmland.

Each cart carries 4 adults. I suggest that we car pool and meet at 7.45am at the back of Pt Chevalier shops carpark to drive on to the NW motorway for our day trip to Dargaville.

Please confirm and book with me by 4th October as I need to book the rail carts one month prior to the event. Please let me know if you are going to drive to Dargaville direct, or if you prefer to carpool or be a driver.

Cost: \$70pp for 4 adults per rail cart. Gold Card holders \$65pp

Pay direct to the Dargaville Rail & River Company on the day.

Plus \$\$ for carpooling and lunch after.

Bring: Drivers' license, warm clothing, enclosed footwear, jacket and camera.

ONLY 3 SPARE SEATS AVAILABLE. OPERATOR HAS LIMITED TUAC TO 15 PERSONS. PLEASE ADVISE MIKE ASAP

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



THE BOOTLEG BEATLES

ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre

Wednesday 8th November at 8pm

Get ready to reminisce the timeless songs of the Beatles.

I went to their concert last time they were here.

This tribute Beatles band were authentic and fantastic.

Everyone was up singing and dancing in the aisles.

Please let myself or Libby know as soon as possible as we can book a group allocated seats. I suggest that we all meet at 6.30pm beside the ticket office at the Aotea Centre, then proceed for dinner at the Food Court inside the Civic Cinema Complex next door.

Please direct payment and booking inquiries to Libby as I will be away overseas until 2nd October.

Cost: Ticket prices range from \$59 to \$69 + 2.3% Ticket Master payment processing fees. Price can vary if we decide on seating in the Stall, Circle or Balcony.

Pay by: Please pay \$69 into the TUAC account by Wed 11th October

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com or

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



STEAMPUNK

Thames

Saturday 11th November 2017.

A day trip to Thames for the fourth Steampunk Festival.

Includes a street parade with 'Punk my ride' display; Steampunk market; afternoon Carnival. Steampunk is a genre of retro science fiction that has a historical setting (usually Victorian) and typically features steam-powered machinery rather than modern technology and steampunk followers tend to wear Victorian styled dress. Check out the website for further info <https://www.steampunkthethames.org/>

Bring: Wear your regular clothes

Cost: Incidental costs on the day including lunch and dinner.

Car pool costs.

Confirm by: 1st October 2017

Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or mary.don4a@gmail.com



KAYAK THE HOTELO RIVER

Mangakura, Kaipara

Saturday 18th November 2017 at 10am

Take a day out for some relaxation and kayak the peaceful and scenic Hoteo River.



Meet at 10am at the Mangakura Boat Club, Kaipara Coast Highway Limited to 11 spaces. There are choices of 3 single kayaks, 2 double kayaks and one triple Canadian canoe (one person does not have to paddle if they don't want to). If you have your own kayak, bring it along and join us (no charge).

Kayaking duration 4 hours. Refreshments at Kaukapakapa Pub afterwards. Carpooling can be arranged.

Bring: Change of clothes and a towel (just in case!). Lifejacket etc. supplied.
Packed lunch and drink - we will stop up the river for a break

Cost: \$33 each for kayak hire

Pay by: 30th October 2017 to TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

Confirm by: 15th October 2017

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

SKECHERS PERFORMANCE WOMENS 6K + 12K

The Cloud, Auckland Wharf

Sunday 19th November at 8am

Join me in this fun event. Both the 6k and 12k suit all levels of fitness - walk or run. Courses are flat which makes it easy to talk and exercise at the same time. Start moving your legs and join in the fun.

Bring: Laughter, can do spirit, water

Cost: \$53 - 6km, \$68 - 12km

Pay by: 10th November

Confirm by: <http://www.skechers6k.co.nz>

Contact: Sandi - 0274 188 421 or dstress@xtra.co.nz



THE SOUND OF HER GUITAR

Auckland Art Gallery, Kitchener Street, Auckland

Saturday 25th November 2017 at 2pm

A 75 minute documentary by Bill Morris. Best NZ editing 2016.

Donna Dean is one of New Zealand's most respected songwriters - twice winner of New Zealand Country Music Album of the Year - an artist who has recorded and toured all over the world to critical acclaim.

Further info: <https://www.elsewhere.co.nz/film/7430/the-sound-of-her-guitar-a-doco-by-bill-morris/> and <http://docedqz.co.nz/docedqz-presents/>

Cost: \$7 adult

Confirm by: ASAP - according to the staff at Art Gallery these Docos are popular so I need to book soon.

Pay by: 14th November - TUAC account

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park, Saturday 2nd December at 11am

Look for the TUAC Banner

Arrive at 11am, lunch at 12pm. Xmas lunch will be a lovely selection of ham on the bone, cold meats and salads, Xmas cake, fresh fruit platter and strawberries. Wine and juice provided.

Anyone with special dietary requirements please let me know.

A map will be sent for those attending.

Bring: \$5 Secret Santa, chair and wineglass

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



GOURMET BURGER AND BOWLS

Royal Oak Bowling Club, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

Friday 8th December at 6.15 pm

Cost: \$20.00 includes gourmet burger, chips a round of lawn bowls, plus a coach to get us started.

Learners welcome

Bring: Flat shoes

Confirm by: 1st December 2017

Payment: Prior to TUAC account

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or annmelrose@gmail.com



MT ROSKILL TO TE ATATU PENINSULA BIKE RIDE

Winstone Park, 1129 Dominion Rd, Mt Roskill

Sunday 10th December 2017 at 10am

Meet at Winstone Park at 10am.

We will be riding the new Southwestern shared path from Mt Roskill to Waterview, then join the North-Western shared path, to ride to Te Atatu and around the Peninsula. Distance around 40 km return with a stop in the middle of the ride. Some gravel patches with quiet residential roads around the peninsula.

Will stop at a bike friendly café for lunch in Te Atatu where they give a cyclist's discount.

Bring: Bike and all cycling gear including water

Cost: Free - lunch your cost

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Wednesday 6th December

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



POT LUCK BEACH BBQ

Kohimarama Beach

Sunday 17th December 2017 from 5pm onwards

Want to take a break from the hectic rush of Xmas shopping?

Come along for what has now become an annual event for a pot luck beach BBQ. Meet at the yacht club end of Kofi Beach on Tamaki Drive (look for the TUAC banner). Plenty of parking available. Join in the fun of beach Frisbee, swim or just relax with a glass of wine in your beach chair. Will be held (unless raining too heavily).

Bring: Your own meat, alcohol, plate to share, own cutlery, glass, plate & chair. Please indicate what type of plate you are bringing so I can co-ordinate food so we don't double up.
Please bring serving utensils for your shared dish.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Tuesday 12th December

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



EXPLORE NELSON BY BIKE, FOOT & KAYAK

Nelson, South Island

27th December 2017 to 7th January 2018

Expressions of interest for a trip to the Nelson region starting 27th December with the return date flexible. Fly into Nelson or take the ferry from Wellington.

Based in Nelson and exploring the region by mountain bike, on foot and by kayak. Rides include the Dun Trail and the Great Taste Trail in various sections. Walkers catered for as well with walks on the same trails as the riders, Rabbit Island and a walk through the Kahurangi National Park. Would need to have an idea of numbers very quickly to arrange accommodation in Nelson.

Shared rental car for those flying in. Can take own bike.

Cost: To be advised when numbers are decided. Extra costs would be mountain bike hire and kayaking.

Confirm by: 9th June

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

ABEL TASMAN

Thursday 25th January to Saturday 27th January 2018

Walk the Abel Tasman on a 3 day package which includes all transfers to and from the track, 2 nights' accommodations, all luggage transfers - you carry just a daypack with your supplied pack lunch etc, all food except dinner and breakfast at Awaroa Lodge, a personalised itinerary, maps and other information. See www.abeltasmanguides.co.nz

Cost: \$785 pp share twin - single supplement applies
\$200 deposit pp is required when booking with the balance due one month before the trip. Limited spaces available so you will need to book ASAP

Contact: Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com



AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO TARANAKI NEW PLYMOUTH

26th to 29th January 2018

Expressions of interest are called for this trip. Planned activities are easy bike ride along coastal walk/cycle way, Mt Taranaki bush walk, evening walk through Pukekura Park illuminations, Len Lye kinetic sculptures in Govett Brewster Art Gallery, explore a Taranaki gallery, visit the beaches.

Proposed accommodation at Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park, Standard units with ensuite - approx. cost \$115 per night for 3-4 people. Camp sites \$44 per night, mobile home/campervan sites also available.

Further details <http://fitzroybeach.co>.

Expressions of interest by 1st August 2017

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

ABEL TASMAN

29th January to 1st February 2018

Felicity and I are tramping Abel Tasman this summer. It is not an organised TUAC trip but if anyone wants to come along independently at the same time as us, then this is when we're going. First step will be to check hut availability and book on the DOC website as these can sell out fast. Bookings are now open:

Anchorage Hut 29th January

Bark Bay Hut 30th January

Awaroa Hut 31st January

Whariwharangi Hut 1st February

Then organise flights. About 4 hours tramping each day.

We will use a water taxi for the estuary crossing from Awaroa Hut due to difficult tide times.

Contact: Rob - 0274 733 589 or robcorne@hotmail.com



ROTORUA FOREST ZIPLINE CANOPY ADVENTURE

147 Fairy Springs Rd, Fairy Springs, Rotorua
Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th February 2018

Canopy Tours take you on a 3 hour guided tour through a magical place on a 1.2km network of 6 zip lines, 2 x treetop swing bridges and treetop platforms up to 22m high in the canopy of an ancient native forest. The highlight for most being the jaw dropping 220 metre Tui song zip line that departs from 22 metres up a 1000 year old tree.

Depending on the weather, the guides will fit you out with warm clothing e.g. hats and gloves and wet weather gear if needed

I have booked 4 x studio units at the Fairy Springs Motel, Fairy Springs. One single bed and large double bed in each unit. There is a spa pool available.

As I have booked the tour for Sunday morning, we would drive down on the Saturday. Any other activities you may like to do on the Saturday can be organised closer to the time.

Will have dinner at a restaurant on the Saturday night.

Bring: Closed toed shoes a must.

Cost: \$149 per person (maximum tour group 10 people).
\$125 for studio unit for 2 people (\$62.50 per person)

Pay/Confirm by: Saturday 27th January 2018 into TUAC bank account.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704, 527 4407 or icalvert@kinect.co.nz



SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Te Haruhi Bay Campground

Friday 16th March to 18th March 2018

These camping weekends are very popular. 20 sites have been reserved so you will need to book ASAP

Further details to follow.

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

Please do not leave a message on phone



THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TE ARAROA TRAIL

March 2018

The first stage of the Te Araroa trail is from Cape Reinga Lighthouse along 90 mile beach to Ahipara. The tramp will take 4 days

Day 1 12km

Day 2 28km

Day 3 30km - option staying in Lodge (which I will be doing)

Day 4 31km

You will need to carry a tent, sleeping bag, food and water. We need to carry the minimum amount of clothes. Although saying that the weather could be hot, very hot or wet and cold.

Before you agree to do it please know your limitations! The track is flat but you will be tramping on sand. If you are up to the challenge let me know.

Info: Google Cape Reinga to Ahipara.

Contact: Alan - alangrigg11@gmail.com or 0274 936 850



THE TASTE OF MATARANGI 2018 (COROMANDEL) WEEKEND

Accommodation Kuaotunu Campground

33 Bluff Rd, Kuaotunu. (off SH 25 en route to Whitianga)

Friday 6th April to Sunday 8th April 2018

The Event is on Saturday 7th April from 10am to 4.30pm.

See: <http://atasteofmatarangi.co.nz/>

The campground offers sites for campervans, campers or hire of cabins (2 to 4 people). Each campsite - maximum of 4 people. Campers and Caravans \$20 per person per night. Cabins from \$65 per person in a double unit, less if 4 in a unit. Corina (or Louise) the campground managers request that individuals book their sites separately. See <http://www.kc92008.com/>

Intention is to arrive Friday evening, having eaten en route.

Saturday - Attend the Food Festival.

Bring and share BBQ on Saturday night

Sunday - Brunch at Luke's Kitchen - 5 minutes up the road.

Optional: Sunday - 1-2 hour walk in the forest off Waiata Rd - a further 5 minutes up the road

Bring: Camping gear, bedding etc. Food for breakfasts, meat and plate for BBQ.

Other activities: (Bring your own equipment) Kayaking, cycling, walking, swimming, skin diving, fishing.

Cost: \$15 for Food Event - to be paid into TUAC account by Wed. 7th March and I will book the tickets.

Phone Campground for accommodation - 07 866 5628

I will send out details on how to get there nearer the time.

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

CHATHAM ISLANDS

Thursday 12th - 19th April 2018 - Time - 8 days

The Chatham's group of islands have a unique and rich biological heritage. They are home to 20 percent of New Zealand's threatened bird species and 14 percent of our threatened plants. Many rare and beautiful birds and plants await your discovery. In addition, you will learn of the unique Moriori culture, early European whaling and mission ruins, tree carvings and enjoy the friendly island hospitality.

This is organised by Peter Fleming's Travel Company.

Cost: The price for our inclusive packages is just \$3,485 per person twin share, a saving of over \$600.

Any further queries about the trip you can quote his reference CIX18 TUAC

Contact: Carol McBride - 021 0275 8744 or

carolgmcbride@gmail.com,

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

Or Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz

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

JOKE

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that, I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'"

One more!

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool...

After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No," he replied, "Arthritis."

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."