



**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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**For internet banking - state the event you are paying for. If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques 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 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.**

**November 2018 – December 2018**

**QUIZ NIGHT AT MAUNGAKIEKIE GOLF CLUB**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm



Freer Street off Richardson Road

Keep your brain stimulated by testing yourself on 8 different topics, each with 10 questions. Form our own TUAC team. The quiz night is a professionally organised event which includes prizes of travel vouchers, 24 Pils of wine and chocolates. I attended the one held last year and it was a well-organised event. The quiz night should be completed by 8.30. Dinner available from the club caterers, range between \$10- \$15.

**Cost:** \$10 per person. Pay on the night  
**Confirm:** 1 week prior so we have indication of numbers.  
**Contact:** Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or [mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)

**CANCELLED**

**NZ SCULPTURE ONSHORE**  
70 Vauxhall Rd, Narrow Neck  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

Following the overwhelming popularity of the last NZ Sculpture Onshore, this iconic North Shore event is returning to Devonport for an extended three-week exhibition in November 2018. The stunning Devonport clifftop site will once again be transformed into NZ's largest sculpture park, featuring over 100 sculptures by artists from across Aotearoa. Followed by lunch at Devonport.

**Cost:** Adults \$20.00 / Seniors 65+ \$15.00. Lunch your cost  
**Pay by:** <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/nov/nz-sculpture-onsshore/#/buy-tickets>

**Confirm by:** When you have booked your ticket  
**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)

**PINK RIBBON WALK**



Auckland Domain  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm

5km walk. Don't be shy... Dress in pink or a crazy outfit... Bring your walking legs and a huge smile..... Loads of fun. Ready for a great night filled with fun and laughter!! Not just for the females, men also At 4.50pm - Be at the corner of the Winter garden Road and Football Road. Left side on the grass edge where the two roads meet. Carpool where at all possible. At 3.50pm cars will be leaving from Botany, Buckland's Beach area. If you would like to carpool please contact me so I don't leave you behind.

**Bring:** Your smile and walking legs  
**Pay by:** Book direct on line. Catch the early bird special.  
<https://supporter.nzbcf.org.nz/register/>  
**Confirm:** Text me once you have confirmed  
**Contact:** Sandi Kerr - 027 418 8421

**AUTHENTIC SOUTH THAILAND**  
SURAT THANI - KRABI



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2018  
8 days cycling - 384 kms

Southern Thailand has more to offer than turquoise waters, white sand and lush jungles - it's also home to a fascinating mixture of cultures. Thai Buddhists mingle with Muslim seafarers to produce a colourful people steeped in history and tradition. Priding themselves on their openness and hospitality, the people of the south, or Khon Dai, are always ready to show "farang" (foreigners) their country. info: <https://www.spiceroads.com/tours/souththailand/itinerary>

**Bring:** Option your bike  
**Cost:** Tour and Air flights  
Book direct to Spice Roads and Air flights. We are flying Thai Air direct. Please call me if you would like more information. Come join Sandra and myself  
**Contact:** Sandi Kerr – 027 418 8421

**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALLACE ART AWARDS 2018**

Pah Homestead, Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Meet at 11am followed by lunch early afternoon  
[www.tsbankwallaceartcentre.org.nz](http://www.tsbankwallaceartcentre.org.nz)

While the 45 galleries who participated this year were mainly from New Zealand, 12 came from Australia, and one each from Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, China, the Cook Islands and Chile. Lunch Optional – at your cost

**Confirm by:** 26th October – to book table for lunch  
**Cost:** Nil  
**Contact:** - Ann Melrose 021 157 6005 or [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)

## KARANGAHAKE TRACK WALK PLUS TE PUNA QUARRY FESTIVAL

### Karangahake Gorge

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Choice of attending both events or either one, with an overnight stay in Omokoroa. A reasonable level of fitness is required for the walk.

**Saturday:** The walk will take you up to the windows tunnel, transgresses out the other side and then we walk the Crown Track sighting numerous mining remnants, waterfalls and through another long tunnel. After 2 to 2½ hrs we cross over a swing bridge and lunch will be close to this point. For those not up to continuing on the steeper part of the walk, you can return back to the carpark the same way. For those wanting the longer walk, we will continue over the other side of the swing bridge and transgress the Dubbo 96 track. We return via the Karangahake Walkway for some stunning views, detouring through Scotsman Gully and coming out at the main carpark via the swing bridge. This walk is expected to take around 5 to 6 hours, including stops. After the walk, for those wanting to attend the Quarry Festival on Sunday, continue onto Omokoroa or return to Auckland if just doing the Saturday walk.

Free camping options available around the house or choose an Air BnB option or the Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park, 165 Omokoroa Rd, Omokoroa Phone 0508 438 468

**Sunday:** Quarry Festival starts at 10am. and runs to 5pm. 108 Te Puna Quarry Road, Te Puna. This is held in an old quarry which has been turned into gardens with world country themes, walkways, stalls, food and music shows/bands on the agenda.

**Further info:** For those doing the Saturday walk, meet at 10.30am at the main carpark in the Karangahake Gorge.

**Bring:** Walkers – packed lunch, water, snacks, raincoat, walking pole, boots, and torch

**Overnight option:** there will be a BBQ on the Saturday night. BYO drinks, and meat. Bring tent and camping gear if camping.

**Cost:** Walk free,  
\$5 per head for BBQ sides,  
Quarry Festival gold coin entry fee.

**Pay by:** On the day to Guy for BBQ and cash for the festival at the gate

**Confirm by:** 5<sup>th</sup> November and advise me which events you are attending

Address for camping given when you confirm

**Contact:** Guy Phillips - 027 603 5549 or [icbm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icbm@xtra.co.nz)



## ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

**Cornwall Park, Saturday 1st 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 platters and strawberries. Wine and juice provided.

Anyone with special dietary requirements please let us know.

A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent for those who have confirmed they are attending.

This year in an effort to reduce NZ's waste problem and keep NZ clean and green, there will be no plastic or disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to provide their own and to take all your rubbish home with you.

**Bring:** \$5 Secret Santa present, chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

**Cost:** This event is free for financial members

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

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



## NELL GWYNN (AN HISTORICAL COMEDY)

**A Play by Jessica Swale, Directed by Syd Mannion**

**Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring St, Onehunga**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm**

The play opens in a 1660s playhouse in Drury Lane, London, where Nell Gwynn is an 'orange hawkker' whose wit and beauty soon get her noticed. She becomes an actress, causing merry havoc in a traditionally male world, and wins the heart of King Charles II. Can her charm and spirit protect her from the dangers of the Court? First performed in 2015 at The Globe, London.

See: <http://dolphintheatre.org.nz/#season-1>

Option to have dinner beforehand at The Landing, Onehunga. Please let me know if you would like to come to dinner as well.

**Cost:** Senior \$24, Adult \$28

**Confirm by:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

**Pay:** TUAC account for show only

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



## PRIVATE GARDEN VISITS - EAST AUCKLAND

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.**

Meet at the corner of Whitford-Maraetai Road and Clifton Road, we will then drive from there direct to the gardens. Mid November is the best time of year to visit gardens. I have selected 2 lesser known gardens that the club has not visited before.

One country garden, Huntington Gardens 346 Clifton Rd, Whitford and 1 city garden Photinia Gardens at 9 Photinia Place, Howick.

Both offer a contrast with each other. Please let me know 1 week in advance if you are coming so I can inform the garden owners.

**Cost:** Huntington Gardens \$12pp and Photinia Gardens \$8pp  
Pay direct to garden owner.

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846-5350, 0274 784 779 or [mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## CHURCH BAY ROCK HOPPING WALK WITH SIR GRAHAM & LADY RAEWYN HENRY

**Blackpool Beach, Waiheke Island**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November - 2pm to 5 pm**

**STRICTLY LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE – BE IN QUICK**

Led by Waiheke Walking Festival founder, Gary Wilton, alongside Festival Ambassadors Sir Graham and Lady Raewyn Henry, this will be an afternoon of fun coastal rock hopping and great bush tracks with BYO drinks back on the Henry's lawn to finish – what more could you ask for. The walk is 5.7kms and takes around 3 hours. Reasonable level of fitness needed.

**Further info:** Catch the downtown Waiheke ferry to Matiatia (either 12pm or 1pm ferry time still to be determined). Catch the Onetangi bus and get off at the Tui Street bus stop closest to Blackpool Beach. Walk starts at Blackpool Beach in front of Piritahi Marae

*Note: We could catch the 12pm ferry and have lunch at Oneroa first.*

**Bring:** Please be sure to wear sturdy footwear, layered clothing and don't forget your water, snacks, sunscreen, hat and any necessary medication.

**Cost:** NIL for the walk (sponsored by TUAC).  
Ferry free for +65's or adults under 65 \$38 return  
BYO drinks for after the walk

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Immediately as there are only 10 spaces available.  
Possibility of further tickets becoming available on 1<sup>st</sup> October but these will be limited also.

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

## OTAGO RAIL TRAIL

**Clyde to Middlemarch**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Starting from Queenstown with a transfer to the start of the Rail Trail at Clyde and finishing at Dunedin. Luggage transferred each day to our accommodation. This accommodation includes continental breakfast each morning and is based on twin share. Single supplement is available at extra cost. Finishing with a ride on the Taieri Gorge Train to Dunedin. Ride runs from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Feb with the last night in Dunedin. Additional days in Dunedin to explore the area can be arranged.

**Further info:** Inclusions: shuttle included from Queenstown to Clyde, bike hire (with helmets, puncture repair kit & 2 x 15L day panniers), accommodation (staying at Tisler Hut, Edge Omakau, Wedderburn Cottages & Hyde Hotel, which is a point on the rail trail), transfer from Queenstown to Clyde, daily luggage transfers, train trip from Middlemarch to Dunedin.

**Bring:** Own cycling gear suitable for all weather.  
Can take own mountain bike.

**Cost:** \$640.00 for accommodation, luggage transfers, bike hire, transfers, train ride to Dunedin.  
Airfares additional.

**Pay by:** To be advised once numbers are known.

**Confirm by:** ASAP so I can confirm accommodation  
Airfares to be arranged by you.

**Contact:** Gary Anstiss - 021 117 0716 or [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com)



## WHANGANUI RIVER TRIP

**February 2019**

Anyone interested in joining Felicity and I on a 4 day trip down the Whanganui River with Canoe Safaris

[www.canoesafaris.co.nz](http://www.canoesafaris.co.nz)

This 4 day trip takes in the best scenery at a comfortable pace.

It is a fully inclusive trip with a guide, camping for 3 nights. Camping gear and food is provided, all you need to bring are your clothes and a sleeping bag. Standard price is \$995 per person, but Canoe Safaris have offered a 10% discount to TUAC if booking as a group.

In addition, for a group of 8 or more they can run an exclusive trip.

Standard trips start on a Tuesday, I'm suggesting Tues 19 Feb – Fri 22 Feb, however an exclusive trip could start a different day (eg to span a weekend).

**Contact:** Rob - [robcorne@hotmail.com](mailto:robcorne@hotmail.com) or 0274 733 589



## WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

Friday & Saturday Nights 1<sup>st</sup>& 2nd March 2019

Wenderholm Campground Located alongside the Puhoi River in the new Schischka Campground, which is a short walk to the front beach. Kayaking, swimming, sunbathing, and many walks in the area.

The camp site is flat and has all new facilities.

**Bring:** All camping gear tent / gas cooker/ swimming togs /walking shoes & kayak if you wish.  
Saturday night shared meal. Club BBQ will be there

**Cost:** \$15.50 per night per person

**Pay by:** ASAP to TUAC as there are a limited number of places

**Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508**



**JOKE** (submitted by Ron James)

**An old man is walking in Amsterdam and passes a hooker standing at her door.**

**She asks him: "Granddad, why don't we give it a try?"**

**He says: "no girl that is no longer possible for me."**

**Says the hooker: "Come on, what we have got to lose, we can give it a try!?"**

**They both go inside. They undress and then he acts like the young man he used to be and gives it to her 5 times in a row.**

**"Oh my goodness", says the hooker, breathless "and you said that it was no longer possible for you?!"**

**Says the old man: "oh, screwing is still going well, it's the paying that is no longer possible!"**

**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.