



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

October - November 2014

THAI BUFFET LUNCH & INDOOR MINI GOLF

Jungle World Mini Golf and Nana Thai, South Botany

Saturday 4th October at 11am

Let's start with a game of mini golf at 11am. It's indoors so no excuses for the weather.

Afterwards we can head across the road for an excellent Thai buffet for \$16.50, huge selection of really yummy food.

Further info: Meet at the mini golf site at 79 Ormiston Rd, East Tamaki at 10.45am for a prompt start at 11am, then we will move to the Nana Thai restaurant on the junction of Ormiston Rd and Te Irirangi for a 12.00 lunch

Bring: Competitive spirit for the golf

Cost: \$10.50 for the golf (less if you are a 'senior') and \$16.50 for lunch plus extra for drinks

Pay by: On the day

Contact: Jayne - jaynebeacham@gmail.com or 021 0295 3214 by 1st October please



KOWHAI FESTIVAL – WARKWORTH

Saturday 11th October - Carpool, Meet at 10am

Meeting place advised closer to date

The Huge Day Out starts at 9am. Festivities and stalls are set amongst gorgeous scenery, with delicious food and wine, talented artists and musicians. www.kowhaifestival.co.nz to read more.

Cost: Entry by gold coin

Info: **Contact:** David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



CURLING - GIVE IT A GO

Paradise Ice Rink, 150 Lansford Crescent, Avondale

Sunday 5th October 5 - 7pm

Limited spaces available

Dinner afterwards at Doolan Brothers, 570 Hillsborough Road, Lynfield

Bring: Wear warm clothing

Cost: \$25 for Curling – fee covers equipment and instruction
Pay for own dinner

Pay by: 1st September

Confirm: Names ASAP. Dinner confirmation by 7th September

Contact: Hillary 021 258 4186, 520 5844 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

MORRIS DANCING

St Lukes Church Hall, 704 New North Rd, St Lukes

Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm

Morris dancing is an Olde English traditional street dance. If you can skip, hop and wave, you can Morris dance. The City of Auckland Morris Dancers of which TUAC member Sue Porritt is part of, will be teaching you how to Morris dance to live music which is a big part of the dance tradition. Come along and join in the fun. This is part of the Auckland Heritage Festival programme.

Bring: Your dancing shoes!

Cost: Free

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

DINNER AND JAZZ

2 High Street, City

Sunday 12th October - Meet at 6pm

Come wine and dine while being entertained. Listen to great music in a super location. www.hoteldebrett.com for further info

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you like.

Cost: Food and drink, no cost for music

Pay by: On the night

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



MANUKAU COASTAL WALK

Waikowhai Park

Saturday 18th October at 10am

Meet in the Waikowhai car park at the bottom of Waikowhai Road. Most of the walk is on tracks but road walking between the tracks ending up at Sandy Bay. Some steep bits and some stairs. 2-3 hours one way. Lunch at the Block in Blockhouse Bay.

Bring: Wear tramping boots/trainers. Bring water and dress for the weather

Cost: Walk free, lunch at your own expense

Confirm by: 14th October so I can arrange transport back. Also let me know if you want lunch so I can book accordingly.

Contact: Alison Philcox – 021 257 6741 or alison.philcox@clear.net.nz



AUCKLAND CITY ADVENTURE

Mystery Bus Tour Auckland City

Sunday 19th October at 10am

Enjoy the sights of Auckland City whilst taking one of Link Buses and finding answers to clues along the way.

We will also be stopping for morning/afternoon tea and lunch.

Further Info: Will be advised on confirmation of your attendance

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you like

Cost: The City Bus and Lunch

Pay: On the day

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



EDEN GARDEN, 24 OMANA AVENUE, EPSOM

Saturday 25th October at 10.30am

Let's walk around this beautiful 2 hectare garden. You can spend an hour, half a day or more at Eden Garden. Start at the bottom of the old quarry and wend your way up the meandering paths to the heights overlooking the garden and harbour, or just stroll on the level paths near the cafe. It is close to the city with free parking at the front gate. We will get a bite to eat afterwards at the cafe in the grounds.

Bring: Wear walking shoes, rain jacket

Cost: Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for NZ seniors.

Groups of over 15 people \$6 each.
Cost of lunch at the cafe.

Contact: Suzanne - 828 8506, 021 175 6994 or suzannecrn@yahoo.com

TARANAKI RHODODENRON FESTIVAL

Friday 31st October - Sunday 2nd November

Depart Auckland 8.00am.

Friday: Viewing 3 country gardens.

Saturday: Morning trip to Pukeiti. Afternoon free - choice of walking the famous New Plymouth coastal walkway, shopping or visit Pukekura Park.

Sunday: Visit 3 or 4 City gardens. Depart back to Auckland 1.00pm

Envisage staying at the YMCA Hostel. Rooms \$37 pp double or \$75 pp single

Envisage hiring a 10 seat mini coach share rental and petrol costs.

Garden entry fees vary between \$5 to \$8 per person per garden, tickets prepaid.

Meals: Own cost.

Estimate cost \$260 includes accommodation, entry fees and mini coach

Minimum of 10 members required. Deposit of \$100 to be paid to Mike Maran by 1st October.

Contact: Mike Maran - 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



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



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 the cafes in Westmere, then return to the Zoo carpark via Jaggers 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



HOMES & GARDENS TOUR - MATAKANA/POINT WELLS

Sunday 9th November, 10am - 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

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



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



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

Pay By: On the day

Confirm By: 1st November

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



WORLD OF WEARABLE ART EXHIBITION

Auckland Museum

Sunday 23rd November at 11am

Art and fashion collide in what is arguably NZ's most creative exhibition. This is your first and only chance to experience this magic close-up before it embarks on a worldwide tour. This exhibition showcases some of the most amazing WOW garments selected from previous year's winners.

Meet at 11am. at the back entrance to the museum. Lunch afterwards at either Museum Café or Winter Garden

Cost: Free with museum card or proof of Auckland residency.

Lunch at your cost.

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: 19th November

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

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



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. Further details will be revealed next month.

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

Cost: To be advised

Confirm by: 15th November

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundeseverrall@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 be a main or a dessert.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Friday 12th December

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.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 in the Oturere Hut, 29th stay Oturere Hut, 30th stay Waihohonu 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



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



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

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."

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



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

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

A couple were married and, following the wedding, the husband laid down some rules.

"I'll be home when I want, if I want, and at what time I want," he insisted. "And, I don't expect any hassle from you.

Also, I expect a decent meal to be on the table every evening, unless I tell you otherwise.

I'll go hunting, fishing, boozing, and card-playing with my buddies whenever I want.

Those are my rules," he said. "Any comments?"

His new bride replied, "No, that's fine with me.

But, just understand that there'll be sex here at seven o'clock every night... whether you're here or not."