



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.

October 2017 - November 2017

TEXAS HOLDEM POKER NIGHT

The Claddagh Irish Pub, Broadway, Newmarket
Saturday 30th September start at 6.30pm

Even if you have never played poker before, this is a fun version of the game and very easy to learn. Rules and scoring supplied. To make it more exciting we will have a \$5 kitty and on the very last hand, winner takes all.

Pub food available and full bar (No BYO)

Cost: \$5.00 - pay cash on the night

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



PENROSE TO ONEHUNGA GUIDED HERITAGE WALK WITH LOCAL HISTORIAN PHIL-SAI-LOUIE

Sunday 15th October at 10am

Meet and park at the Onehunga Railway Station, at 10am (corner Princess and Onehunga Mall) in time to catch the 10.15 train to Penrose.

From Penrose Station we will walk back to Onehunga and look at some interesting heritage, history and geology in this area.

We are very fortunate to have as our guide local historian Phil Sai-Louie who will explain the some of the unique history and heritage of this area.

You will be amazed when Phil explains a bit about his own family history outside the hard to find bookshop in the Onehunga Mall.

This educational and notable walk is mainly level will take about 2½ hours. Lunch after at one of the numerous cafes in Onehunga.

Cost: Train fare to Penrose or bring your hop card.

Bring: Usual outdoor walking gear, water, snacks.

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



PINK STAR WALK

The Auckland Domain
Saturday 7th October at 5pm

Join me in (my annual event) under the stars for a night to remember filled with laughter, sharing experiences starting and finishing in Auckland Domain. The Pink Star Walk will be like no other so dig out your pinkest and brightest outfit as we get fit, increase awareness of breast cancer and raise money to support NZ women. Options are half marathon, 10km or 5km.

I'm doing 5km or if demand is the 10km then I will do that. Doesn't matter the distance. Just doing it does. So how about get off the couch, start moving your legs and join me.

Please book online direct <https://pinkstarwalk.co.nz/auckland>

Bring: Sense of humour, water, walking shoes, pink clothes are an option.

Cost: \$35 – 5km, \$40 – 10km

Pay by: 1st September

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



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.

Cost: To be advised

Pay by: To be advised

Confirm by: 31st July 2017

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

GLOW (ART WEEK AT DEVONPORT)

Windsor Reserve, Devonport
Friday 13th October 2017. 5.30pm to late

Devonport celebrates ARTWEEK with a Friday night special evening of light installations – prefabricated light pavilions in and around Windsor Reserve. Music, great food and drink.

Drive or take the Ferry to Devonport. Meet at Windsor Park and look for the TUAC banner. Some seating is provided, but you could bring your own or a rug.

Cost: Reliant on your choice of food and drink

Confirm by: 1st October 2017

Contact: Mary Donald – 021 486 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz

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.

The duration of the 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.

I will be away overseas for all of September and may not be able to receive phone calls. Best to either text or email me.

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

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



STEAM PUNK FESTIVAL, 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 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. Normal casual street wear is fine but this is an opportunity to pull out that steam punk apparel hidden in your wardrobe or head for the costume hire!

Some of you 'do it' for Napier – this is a tad more gothic but just as much fun.

Check out the website for ideas.

More info at <https://www.steampunkthethames.org/>

Bring: Wear your regular clothes or dress for the occasion

Cost: Incidental costs on the day including lunch and dinner

Car pool costs

Confirm by: 1st October 2017

Contact: Mary Donald – 021 486 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz



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://docedqe.nz/docedqe-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 – SAVE THE DATE

Location: Cornwall Park

Date: Saturday 2nd December 2017

Further info to follow in next newsletter



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 kms 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 Kohi 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 garden and 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 – 021 486 066 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 jcalvert@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 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.kcg2008.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

N.B: There is only one flight a week

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 Mori culture, early European whaling and mission ruins, tree carvings and enjoy the friendly island hospitality.

This is organised by TUAC's own 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.

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

Contact: Carol McBride - 021 0275 8744 or

carolmcbride@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

A blonde & her husband are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbours' dog.

It has been in the backyard barking for hours and hours.

The blonde jumps up out of bed and says, "I've had enough of this".

She goes downstairs.

The blonde finally comes back up to bed and her husband says, "The dog is still barking, what have you been doing?"

The blonde says,

"I put the dog in our backyard... let's see how THEY like it!"

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."