



## 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](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 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 organizer, 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 organizer immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend

## October-November 2013

### COME DINE WITH ME

Held at various members' homes

Choice of dates: 10<sup>th</sup> August, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September

An evening of social fun and conversation, enjoying a meal with other club members in a personal environment. (The evening can be themed or not).

A show of interest in either being the host or participating as a guest required by 10<sup>th</sup> July. Numbers are limited to 6 at any one venue, but there may be more than one venue per night.

**Bring:** BYO drinks

**Cost:** \$20.00 goes to the host/chefs on the night

**Pay by:** Payable in cash (do not pay into the club account)

**Confirm by:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

**Contact:** Raywyn Brinsden 021 455 863 or [raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz](mailto:raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz)



### VILLAGE MARKET, FARMER'S MARKET AND WALK

Clevedon

Sunday 8th September

Clevedon Village Market is in the Clevedon Community Centre, north end of the main Street, (1 Papakura-Clevedon Road) at the roundabout. Hours 9am - 2pm. Farmers market is located at Clevedon Showgrounds, Monument Road. They are open 8.30am - 12.00. There are lots of things you can pick up for lunch here. Check out their websites [www.clevedonfarmersmarket.co.nz/](http://www.clevedonfarmersmarket.co.nz/) and [www.villagemarkets.co.nz](http://www.villagemarkets.co.nz)

Those wanting to walk, meet at the entrance to the Clevedon Scenic Reserve off Thorps Road at 1pm. The walk involves lots of steps through native bush to a lookout with lovely views of the area. We pass through a Kauri grove and finish at a waterfall. Takes about an hour.

**Bring:** Clothing appropriate to the weather on the day. Water bottle if walking and camera.

**Cost:** Only what you choose to buy

**Contact:** Alison Philcox 021 257 6741 or [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)

**Car pooling can be arranged. I suggest we leave Auckland at 8:30 am**

### TEN PIN BOWLING

Level 6, 2 York St, Newmarket

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Meet at the Centre at 5.30pm for a 2 hour game (depending on numbers)

Will walk to Cock and Bull for a meal afterwards.

**Bring:** Socks as we hire their shoes. Wear suitable clothing

**Cost:** \$12 for game includes shoe hire. Dinner at your cost

**Pay by:** On the night

**Confirm by:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 2013

**Contact:** [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com) - 021 258 4186 or 520 5844

### POT LUCK DINNER WATCH ABS V ARGENTINA

Saturday 7th September-5.30pm to late

29 Onslow Avenue, Epsom

Start at David Verrall's house for drinks, nibbles and main course,

go next store to Carols to watch the game and have dessert.

Bring along a pot luck contribution to the meal and your own drinks.

Confirm with David if interested, and if you are bringing a main or dessert

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** Interest by Friday 6th September

**Contact:** David 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)



### SCALLOP FESTIVAL, Whitianga

Fri 13th, Sat 14th, Sun 15th September

It's the 9th year of the Festival

**Arrive** Whitianga around 3.30 - 4pm. Get ready to take the ferry across around 6pm for a night out at Eggsentric Cafe.

If you can't leave till late on Friday or wish to come down early Saturday, that's ok. Just let me know when booking and what time you expect to make it. The backpackers require a minimum of 2 nights to book but said casual one nighters can take pot luck if there's any room left in the dorms. If only staying the Saturday night please book yourself into accommodation.

**Sunday** - Loads of things to do around the Coromandel. There are some lovely walks around so both hikes & cycling are options.

**Car pooling** will be organised for all those who require it. Please let Irene know who is taking their car and who has room for more.

**Bring:** All weather situations. There is a kitchen in the unit. If you don't want to eat out, bring food for Sat & Sun brekkie. Excellent supermarket close by.

**Cost:** BUY YOUR OWN TICKETS FOR THE SCALLOP FESTIVAL. \$40.00 online now or \$50.00 if you leave it for later.

**Ferry** Friday night: \$5.00 return

**Accommodation:** I have a unit booked that sleeps 8.

<http://www.onthebeachbackpackers.co.nz> At this stage I can also book a 13p or a 8p dorm for us if the numbers warrant it so let me know asap please.

Pay directly into TUAC bank account stating WHAT EVENT THE PAYMENT IS FOR.

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 021 236 9422 or 415 9607



### JOKE: Paddy says to Mick "I found this pen, is it yours?"

Mick replies "Don't know give it here." He then tries it and says, "Yes it is"

Paddy asks "How do you know?"

Mick replies, "Well that's my handwriting"

## KINGDOM OF ZION/GUIDED BIG CAT SANCTUARY TOUR

Gray Rd, Kamo, north of Whangarei,  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Come and see lions, cheetahs, tigers and more. We need to leave early enough for the guided tour starting 12.30pm. Cold drinks ice creams available, but no hot drinks. Picnic area. Take packed lunch for before the tour. Those who want to can meet at Warkworth Pub for a meal afterwards. Car pool if possible.

See their website [www.kingdomofzion.co.nz](http://www.kingdomofzion.co.nz)

**Bring:** Snacks, packed lunch to have before the tour, suitable gear (gumboots) money for meal afterwards.

**Cost:** Adults \$60, Seniors \$50. We have 4 Adult Grab One vouchers for \$30 – first come first served. Dinner at your cost.

**Pay by:** ASAP if you get a Grab One ticket. Otherwise pay on the day at Zion if paying full price

**Confirm by:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013

**Contact:** [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com) - 520 5844 or 021 258 4186

## "WICKED" CIVIC THEATRE REVISED DATE

28<sup>th</sup> September

Extremely successful stage show focusing on the events in Oz pre-Dorothy. +

**Cost:** No group discounts for Fridays or Saturdays,  
A Reserve seats - \$109.90

**Book & pay by:** Now!

**Contact:** Pauline Sommerville - [paulinesommerville@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinesommerville@hotmail.com)



## AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLIMB

Westhaven Reserve, Westhaven Marina, Curran St, Herne Bay  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Meet on site at 2pm (Climb starts 2.30pm). Free parking

There is a free shuttle from the Viaduct to Westhaven

**Reserve bookings needed.** Phone 360 7748

See the Auckland Bridge Climb website. Allow 90 minutes for the climb.

Go for a meal at Swashbucklers afterwards, (23b Westhaven Drive)

**Bring:** Wet/windy weather gear

**Cost:** With Entertainment Book Voucher – Adults \$90 (Usual price \$120)

Keep a look out for any Grab One offers.

**Pay by:** On the day - present your own voucher.

**Confirm by:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Contact:** [hillary.scott.54@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com) - 021 258 4186 or 520 5844

## GREENHITHE RAMBLE

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Wander the streets, pathways and reserves of peaceful Greenhithe and Wainoni Park. 7 kms/2 hours approx of an easily negotiable route, followed by coffee/lunch at the Pallett Café, opposite Collins Park, Greenhithe Road. All welcome for the walk or just join us for lunch 12.00 – 12.30pm

Meet at 10.00am – Collins Park, Greenhithe Road, Greenhithe

**Bring:** Walking shoes (may be a little damp in places), water, wet weather coat (just in case).

**Cost:** Free – bring money for lunch

**Contact:** Betty – 444 0174, 021 117 3050 or [bettyr67@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:bettyr67@vodafone.co.nz)

## MATAKANA BUS TRIP

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Enjoy Omaio, a tranquil coastal garden set in native bush, some of which is hundreds of years old. The garden is part of the NZ Gardens Trust and open by appointment only. Explore buzzy Matakana Market, famous for gourmet food products. Have lunch in Matakana. Get teamed up and compete for the title of "Archer of the Day" and "Axe Person of the Day" Sample award winning wines at a Tuscan style vineyard. Wrap up the day with dinner at the iconic Puhoi Pub. Rob will be our driver for this great day out.

Bus departs CT Club Remuera at 8.45am sharp. Also a pickup on the Shore.

**Bring:** A sense of humour and a go with the flow attitude

**Cost:** \$70.00 inc morning tea, garden visit, archery & axe throwing, wine tasting and dinner. Lunch and drinks your cost. Numbers are limited and this event is for club members only.

**Pay by:** 28<sup>th</sup> September. Confirm your place immediately.

**Contact:** Jackie Humphrey - [jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com) or 021 167 4353, 525 1164



## CALUZZI'S BAR & CABARET, 461 Karangahape Rd, Auckland

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Enjoy New Zealand's most awarded Drag Artistes in an interactive cabaret show with fabulous food, dazzling costumes, DJ and disco

**WARNING:** Caluzzi is no ordinary night out!! It's fun, it's loud & it's raunchy Price includes Dinner & show. Pay for your drinks. See website for menu, [www.caluzzi.co.nz](http://www.caluzzi.co.nz). We meet at the bar at 7pm. Dinner starts around 7.30pm. Show starts 8pm. Limited seating so first in with their deposit get the tickets.

**Cost:** \$65 per person.

**Pay by:** A deposit of \$20.00 is required to book a seat. Please pay your deposit immediately into the TUAC bank account stating WHAT EVENT THE PAYMENT IS FOR. I have to let Caluzzi know by 1<sup>st</sup> August what the numbers are..

**Final payment of \$45.00 is required no later than Fri 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 021 236 9422 or 415 9607

## LABOUR WEEKEND GETAWAY, Pureora Forest, King Country.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Saturday** - 5 short local walks through the Pureora Forest viewing the buried forest and historic sites.

**Sunday** - Walk Mt Titiraupenga Track - Pureora Forest Park or mountain bike part of the Timber Trail from Waimiha to Ongarue.

**Monday** - Short walks planned then return to Auckland.

**Accommodation:** Blackfern Lodge, Waimiha Valley.

**Bring:** Food for 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, snacks and own food for dinner, kitchen available to use. Tea, coffee, milk and sugar provided.

Bring warm clothing, wet weather gear and hiking boots/shoes.

Optional mountain biking available, bring own bikes or hire them on site.

**Cost:** \$58.00 twin share or backpackers \$38.00 per night.

**Confirm:** By 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Contact:** David Verrall 027 203 5508 [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz) or Libby Lyver 021 137 1488 [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## MICHAEL JACKSON THE IMMORTAL – Cirque du Soleil

Vector Arena, Mahuhu Cres. Down town AKL.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 8pm

Michael's creative world, *Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour*.

Meet at 'Brew On Quay', 102 Quay St, 6.30pm, for drinks & dinner before the show. Just let Irene know so she can book.

Once tickets have been paid for I will contact everyone.

**Cost: \$156.00 per person – Show only.**

**Pay by:** Immediately I have personally bought 10 tickets for TUAC members and would like to be reimbursed ASAP

Pay into the TUAC bank account stating the event you are paying for.

First in get the tickets.

**Contact:** [irenepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:irenepalmer@gmail.com) - 021 236 9422 or 415 9607

## ROTORUA GETAWAY WEEKEND

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Options:** 42km Bike the Lake cycle ride or enjoy walking tracks or tourist attractions. Mountain bike the Redwoods. All ability levels catered for.

Group dinner on Saturday night. Carpooling can be organised.

**Riders:** The GIANT Social Ride (42km - 1 lap of the lake). Due to road congestion a time limit of 3 hours has been put on this event. Registration is at the Novotel Hotel: 3.00pm - 6.00pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of November or 6.30am - 7.00am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Ride starts 7.30 am Sunday. Prizegiving at 1pm afterwards.

**Walkers:** There are walks planned in the Redwood Forest or you can plan your own activities. Check out Grab One specials from time to time for discounted activities. Register online for the bike ride at [www.bikethelake.com](http://www.bikethelake.com)

**Bring:** Own bike, helmet and riding gear (bikes for hire from Alpin Motel)

**Costs:** Bike the Lake entry fee \$65.00. Late entries will be accepted up to 6.00pm on 9<sup>th</sup> of November at the event registration.

**Accommodation:** Alpin Motel Saturday \$62.50 per person twin share (shared unit – own room with queen bed).

**Pay by:** Accommodation by 15<sup>th</sup> September so it can be confirmed. Costs are based on 2 people per unit or \$125.00 for your own double unit.

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



## WAIHEKE ISLAND GARDEN SAFARI

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

The Garden Safari raises funds to support sick children in the community. This year, 13 gardens will be open and a car is needed to get round the gardens so we would travel to Waiheke via the Sealink car ferry from Half Moon Bay, Pakuranga.

**Bring:** Walking shoes, water, hat, sun block etc - it's always hotter on Waiheke!

**Cost:** \$70.00 based on four people car pooling. Includes ferry for car and participants and garden entry. Petrol contribution to the driver and lunch your cost.

**Pay by:** Confirm your place immediately and pay by 28<sup>th</sup> September so I can book the early bird ferry special deal.

**Contact:** Jackie Humphrey 021 167 4253, 525 1164 or [jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com)

## DOLPHIN THEATRE - CALENDAR GIRLS COMEDY

12 Spring St, Onehunga

16<sup>th</sup> November

We will meet at the Library Café in Onehunga for dinner before the show

**Cost:** \$26 for the show

**Pay by:** 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Contact:** Helene Harper – [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz)

## TUAC CHRISTMAS CRUISE

My Hogwash . Pier z Westhaven

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 8pm-12am

Join us on our Christmas outing. Finger food provided.

Bar open, cash only please. No BYO.

Boarding 20mins prior to departure

**50 PLACES ONLY - BOOK NOW – FILLING FAST**

**Bring:** A sense of fun, be ready to enjoy yourself. Ladies no slimline heels

**Parking:** \$14 for 24hrs. Coins only.

**Cost:** \$22

**Pay by:** 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Contact:** June Bell - 817 3093 or 021 258 3013



## HEAPHY TRACK, KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK

27th to 30th December

Bus out of Nelson on the 26th December, and stay at Browns Hut. Stay at Perry Saddle Hut on the 27th, James Mackay Hut on 28th and the Heaphy Hut on the 29th. Finish tramp on the 30th and stay at Rongo Backpackers at Karamea that night.

Bus back to Nelson YHA on the 31st and have New Year in Nelson. You have to make your own arrangements for flights and book your accommodation. (Due to the fact that some people may want to stay at other places). I will book the buses and transport.

**Bring:** To be in the best of health.  
**Cost:** Nelson Hut \$32-\$35 a night  
Rongo Backpackers \$30-\$35

**Contact:** Alan - 027 493 6850 or [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)

## WAIKAREMOANA GREAT WALK

27th to 31st December

Leave Auckland 27th December, travel to Lake Waikaremoana 6 hours by car, stay at either Big Bush Holiday Park or Waikaremoana Motor Camp, Opourau Bay (backpackers, camping, motel options). Start the walk on the 28th reaching Panekire Hut that night (5 Hours). 29th Waiopaoa Hut (4 hours). Third day walk 4/5 hours to Marauiti Hut. Last day 31st, 4 to 5 hours walking to the water taxi which will return you to start point/cars. It's your choice to stay or go on New Year's Eve.

THIS TRACK IS VERY POPULAR, SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK IMMEDIATELY ON THE DOC SITE OR CONTACT DAVID ASAP.

**Cost:** 3 nights x \$32 per hut. Water taxi fee to be advised.  
Accommodation depends on your option \$30 upwards per night. Plus car pooling/petrol costs.

**Contact:** David [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz) - 630 2588 or 027 203 5508



## TAPAPAKANGA REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Auckland Regional Park, Firth of Thames

Friday 28th Feb to 2nd March 2014

Sea view campsite at Tapapakanga looks out to the sea views of the Firth of Thames. Toilets, tables, water outdoor shower. 5 mins walk down through bush to the beach side and historic farm house. Walking and mountain bike tracks. Fishing. Shared meal on Saturday night. Safe, sandy swimming and canoeing beach- tidal. See web site <http://www.arc.govt.nz/>

Top sea view camp site is available for campervans and tents. Water side sites for tents only.

**Bring:** All camping gear/ tents/ gas stove or BBQ. Swimming togs, walking shoes bikes and helmets. Own food and drink. Nearest shop Orere Point Camp ground.

**Location:** 60 minutes 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.

**Cost:** \$13 per night per person. Campsite takes 40 people

**Pay by:** Sept 1st 2013

**Contact:** David Verrall 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)



## Peak Caps & Visors with TUAC logo For Sale

Available in black, white and cream.  
\$10 each - Contact: Alan [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)



## TUAC T Shirts for Sale

Ladies shaped or straight (as shown in photos)  
Small, Medium and Large - V or Round neck and a good choice of colors  
Logos are embroidered on the t shirt  
only \$32.50 each - Contact: Alan [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)



## 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

## WATCH THIS SPACE FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS:

- > Matamata Walk/Cycle - mid winter - David
- > Pirongia Walk - David
- > Port Waikato weekend Oct/Nov - Raywyn

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