



**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 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

## September - October 2014

### SHOP TILL U DROP & LUNCH, GLEN INNES

**Saturday 30th August at 10am**

Recycling at its best. There are 3 Op shops in Glen Innes where you can bag a bargain and help do your bit in not only recycling/reusing, but supporting SPCA and Hospice charities at the same time. All are within a few minutes' walk of each other. Followed by a delicious lunch at Nosh Café, Apirana Avenue. Meet at 10am at the Dove Hospice Shop, Apirana Avenue, Glen Innes (opposite PakNSave). Plenty of parking on site.

**Cost:** Lunch at your cost.

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



### THE JOHN DENVER STORY

**Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna**

**13th September 2014**

On a group booking of 10 the price of the seats becomes \$59 instead of \$69. If members would like to be part of a block booking they are welcome to contact Susan Leaver at [susanleaver19@yahoo.com](mailto:susanleaver19@yahoo.com) or phone 09 948 3461.

### IT'LL BE OVER BY CHRISTMAS: WORLD WAR 1914-1918

**Sunday 14th September at 10.30am**

**Auckland Central Library**

This is for all those history buffs. From posters and photographs to campaign maps and personal items, these treasures from the Sir George Grey Special Collections look at New Zealand's contribution to the 1914-1918 war, both at the front and at home. Among the items on display are a programme of the first Anzac Day service in 1916, rare campaign maps of the Gallipoli Peninsula and letters written by soldiers from the front. Photographs of Auckland soldiers taken by Herman Schmidt and a timeline of the war illustrated by photographs from the Auckland Weekly News are included in the exhibition.

Followed by lunch in the city, Café/food hall to be determined on the day.

**Info:** Meet at 10:30am Sir George Grey Special Collections Exhibition Room, Level 2, Central City Library, 44-46 Lorne Street, Auckland Central  
Parking available at Aotea Square.

**Cost:** Free. Lunch at your cost

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



### FAWLTY TOWERS, LOPDELL THEATRE,

**Cnr Titirangi Road & South Titirangi Road, Titirangi**

**Saturday 6th September at 7.30pm**

Join in a hilarious evening of entertainment with Basil and his crew. This is the first production in the newly renovated theatre at Lopdell House.

Meet at the Theatre at 7.30pm as the seats are not allocated. If you wish to have dinner before we will meet at 'Hindi' in the village for a reasonably priced meal at 6pm. Please let me know if you wish to have a meal.

**Cost:** \$20

**Pay by:** 12th August. Bookings open 3 weeks before the opening night. I would like to know how many are coming as I don't want to be left with spare tickets

**Contact:** June - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or [fiveofsix48@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



### POT LUCK DINNER & WATCH AB'S VERSUS SOUTH AFRICA

**Saturday 13th September 5.30pm - late**

**29 Onslow Avenue, Epsom**

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

Go next door to watch the game and have dessert.

**Bring:** A pot luck contribution to the meal and your own drinks. Please advise if you are bringing nibbles, a main or dessert.

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** Interest by 1st September

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



### ANDREW LONDON TRIO

**Uxbridge Arts Centre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick**

**Friday 19th September at 7.30pm**

Musical comedy and satire that stylistically hovers around the jazz, swing, country and blues genres. Bass, sax, clarinet and flute.

**Info:** The show starts at 7.30pm. Dinner beforehand at La Padella Italian Restaurant, Shop 30 Highland Park Shopping Centre, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park. Meet 6.00pm

**Cost:** Visa or Mastercard when booking direct by phone 09 535 6467  
Book ASAP as tickets will sell fast.

**Confirm:** Dinner confirmation by 5th September

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



## WATER, WHEELS AND WAIHEKE

Saturday 20th September

### Waiheke Island

Bring your bicycle (the wheels), catch the ferry (the water) from downtown and head over to Waiheke to have a day out exploring the island by bike. There is a lovely scenic coastal road to cycle round and we can end up at Onetangi Beach for lunch. Must be confident cycling on the road.

Meet at 10.45am at the Downtown Ferry terminal for the 11am ferry. All day parking is available for \$7 at the Downtown car park. This ferry goes via Devonport so North Shore people can connect from there. Return ferries run via Devonport from the island at 2pm, 4pm and 6pm. Auckland ferries run direct on the hour between these times.

**Bring:** Your own bike, helmet, water, hi vis clothing is preferable.

**Cost:** \$36.00 return on Fullers Ferry, free for the over 65's  
Lunch at your cost.

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



## TE ATATU PENINSULA CYCLE RIDE

Saturday 27th September 2014

Park and meet at 10 am at Harbourview Peoples Park, Te Atatu Road

Plenty of parking

A very flat scenic ride following the walkway to the very end of Te Atatu Peninsula riding beside the water most of the way, with wonderful harbour views back towards the city, returning to the Servo Cafe on Gloria Ave (opposite ride finish) for lunch. 90% bike path using quiet suburban streets to connect back onto the walkway. I will make a decision if the ride will go ahead by 8.30am, after I check weather. If weather looking doubtful, please phone or text me after that time to check if ride going ahead.

**Bring:** Own bike, water bottle, helmet and suitable clothing for cycling

**Cost:** Ride is free - lunch at your cost

**Confirm:** Friday 26th September by email or phone mobile on the day

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



## BILLFISH RESTAURANT & BAR

Pier 3/31 Westhaven Drive, St Marys Bay

Sunday 28th September at 1pm

Booked 2 tables - 16 people on the water at 1pm

The best seafood in Auckland - Full music all afternoon

Purchase your drinks from the Restaurant or BYO. Auckland's best kept secret.

**Bring:** Casual wear

**Cost:** Pay your own food and alcohol - no cover charge for Music

**Contact:** Gerry - 09 520 5795



## THAI BUFFET LUNCH & INDOOR MINI GOLF

Jungle World Mini Golf and Nana Thai, South Botany

Saturday 4th October

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](mailto:jaynebeacham@gmail.com) or 021 0295 3214 by 1st October please



## CURLING - GIVE IT A GO

Paradice 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](mailto:hillary.scott.54@gmail.com)



## KOWHAI FESTIVAL - WARKWORTH

Saturday 11th October - Carpool, Meet at 10am

Meeting place advised closer to date

The Huge Day Out will start at 9am and festivities and stalls are set amongst gorgeous scenery, with delicious food and wine, talented artists and musicians.

**Cost:** Entry by gold coin

**Info:** Google [www.kowhaifestival.co.nz](http://www.kowhaifestival.co.nz) to read more

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

## 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.

Further info: [www.hoteldebrett.com](http://www.hoteldebrett.com)

**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](mailto:raywynbrinsden@gmail.com)



## TARANAKI RHODODENRON FESTIVAL

Friday 31st October - Sunday 2nd November

Expressions of interest are sought

**Itinerary:** Depart Auckland 8.00am.

Friday: Viewing 3 country gardens.

Saturday: Morning trip to Pukeki. 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](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## WESTERN SPRINGS LAKESIDE AND MEOLA REEF WALK

Saturday 8th November

Park in the Zoo carpark or Motions Rd 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, then walk past MOTAT across Meola Rd 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 Rd for brunch at one the cafes in Westmere. Then return to the Zoo carpark via Jaggers Bush.

Mostly level walking. Estimate about 2 to 2 1/2 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](mailto: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 will go on sale in September

**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or [sjenks@clear.net.nz](mailto:sjenks@clear.net.nz)



## 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](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## JOKE

A Scotsman and his wife walked past a swanky new restaurant

"Did you smell that food" she asked, "Incredible"

Being a kind-hearted Scotsman, he thought - what the heck I will treat

her!

So they walked past it again.....

## 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](http://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](mailto:raywynbrinsden@gmail.com)



## XMAS PARTY/CHAMPA GNE BRUNCH

Sunday 7th December at 10am

Save the date for the TUAC Annual Xmas Party. This year it will be held in Comwall 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 [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@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](mailto:fiveofsix48@hotmail.com)



## TONGARIRO NORTHERN CIRCUIT

Tongariro National Park  
28th December – 31st December 2014

The Tongariro Northern Circuit Great Walk is 43.1 kms, 4 days and 3 nights in huts/campsites. See [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) – Tongariro National Park  
**Details:** 28th December stay Mangatepopo Hut, 29th stay Oturere Hut, 30th stay Waihohonu Hut

**Book your huts ASAP as there were only 12 places left when I last looked. Please advise me when you have booked.**

Sheila and I will be camping in a tent, if anyone else wants to join us.

If you are finding it difficult to book the huts, get in touch with me and I will try to help.

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](mailto:alangrigg11@gmail.com)



## RANGITOTO ISLAND BACH TOUR

Rangitoto Island

Saturday 17th January 2015

This guided walk takes 2½ hours, and covers approximately 2 kms. 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](http://www.fullers.co.nz) or on the day.

**Confirm by:** 12th January 2015

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



## 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, fashion 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](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## EASTER AT WHITE ISLAND & WHAKATANE

Whakatane, East Coast

3rd to 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](mailto: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

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