



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.

September - October 2016

ALL BLACKS -v- AUSTRALIA & BBQ

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Saturday 27th August at 5pm

Come along for BBQ and drinks first, then watch the All Blacks game.

Bring: Food for BBQ, a plate to share and BYO
Please advise if you are bringing nibbles, salad or dessert.

Cost: Nil

Confirm by: Friday 26th August

Contact: David Verrall - 09 426 9588, 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



MOVIE OPERA AUSTRALIA TURANDOT

Rialto Theatre, Broadway, Newmarket

Saturday 3rd September - Starts at 4pm meet at 3.45pm

Piccini's classic love story

The climax of an exotic adventure captured perfectly in music on Sydney Harbour

see trailer www.rialto.co.nz/movie/opera-australia-turandot

Book online. I have booked my ticket row D1.

Optional dinner after movie at Danny Doolans Khyber Pass or a wine without a meal.

Cost: \$20 senior or \$25 adult

(Please confirm that you have booked theatre tickets)

Confirm: 20th August if you wish to have dinner

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or

annmelrose@gmail.com

Don't delay it is only on for ONE DAY



PRIVATE GARDEN WALK / TOUR OF ARYLIES GARDEN

Potts Road, Whitford.

Saturday 10th September at 10am

Take the Whitford - Maraetai Road, turn off at Clifton Road, which then connects to Potts Road. Arylies carpark is on the right hand side with a gate and sign Welcome to Arylies garden. Drive through the gate and meet in the carpark.

For those that have not visited the private garden of Bev McConnell in the spring time you are in for a treat. The NZ Gardens Trust has rated Arylies garden of one of International significance and has been featured many times in international TV garden shows and numerous magazines. There's a huge variety of botanic plants and landscapes, water features to suit all garden and plant lovers with botanic interests.

The garden walk will be personally guided by Mike, who has visited Arylies garden numerous times. He has guided and explained the features and plants to tour groups and tourists many times. The walk is an easy 1 1/2 hours. There are a few steps but nothing too steep. We can have morning tea at one of the cafes in Whitford on the way back.

Bring: Good walking shoes, water, hat and comfortable outdoor clothing

Cost: Garden entry fees are \$20 per person, payable direct to the garden owner. Please bring cash as there is no eftpos or credit card facilities on site.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com.

Early indication of numbers would be helpful as to notify the garden owner of the numbers on the property in advance.



WALKING WITH THE FANTAILS, WENDERHOLM

Saturday 3rd - 4th September 2016

Saturday night staying at the Wenderholm beach house

Access to the house 2pm Saturday vacate 10am Sunday

If weather is bad you can go to Puhio Pub, Waiwera Hot Pools or sit and relax in the house. Plenty of walks or visit Cauldray House 1-4pm also a bit of cycling

Bring: Own bedding (sleeping bags) pillows supplied, food, wet weather gear

Cost: House for 6 people \$168 (\$28 each). Campervans for 1 night \$8 pp. Tent sites also available

Pay by: Contact Rob first before paying

Confirm by: ASAP as availability of house is dependant of a quick response

Contact: Rob Arnett - 022 644 7886 or gyporob@yahoo.co.uk

WALK TAKAPUNA - TO MILFORD

Start from the Takapuna Public Boat Ramp

Sunday, 18th September at 1pm

A casual easy Sunday afternoon social activity. Walk from Takapuna to Milford via Thorne Bay on the level public walkway, a relaxing way to exercise and breathe in the fresh shoreline air while viewing the front grounds of the expensive coastal residential properties. We will return via the same way after having an afternoon tea stop at one of the cafes in Milford.

The walk is 1 hour each way. If there is no parking on the promenade you may have to find parking in the nearby surrounding streets or boat ramp area, or try the public parking at Westfield Shopping Centre at the nearby Takapuna shops.

Bring: Sunhat, water, walking shoes

Cost: Nil. The cost of afternoon tea.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com



OREWA CYCLE RIDE

Incorporating the Te Ara Tahuna Pathway
Saturday 24th September at 10am

A 20 km mainly flat ride with only one hill! Starting from the surf club we wind our way round the Orewa Estuary on a shared path, then explore Millwater and back onto the pathway to explore the back streets of Orewa. The one hill climb leads to amazing views over Orewa and on a good day you can see as far as Coromandel and Great Barrier Island. We continue on through Kensington Park through quiet streets and along the beachfront, back to the surf club.

Meet at the Orewa Surf Club carpark, Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa at 10am. Lunch afterwards at one of the many cafes. You can check out the route on <http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/fullscreen/1147483111/>

Bring: Bike (can be either road or mountain bike), helmet, water, wet weather gear just in case.

Cost: Free. Lunch at your cost.

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Thursday 22nd September

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



MURIWAI BEACH HORSE RIDING

Horse Park Road, Murawai, Auckland 0881
Sunday 25th September at 10am

The 2 hour ride will give us the opportunity to trot or canter our mounts along the beach and through the forest. All the relevant and necessary information needed for those interested in participating is on the website.

muriwaibeachhorsetreks.co.nz All levels of riding ability will be catered for.

Bring: Warm clothing

Confirm by: Sunday 11th September

Cost: \$115 per rider

Contact: Peter - 0276 964 997 or p.gerrard29@gmail.com



WORLD OF WEARABLE ARTS, WELLINGTON

Friday 30th September to 2nd October 2016

Show is Saturday 1st October at 8pm

Cost: Ticket for show \$170 - for premium plus seating.

Airfare and accommodation extra.

Pay for ticket by 1st January 2016 to secure your place.

Please remember if you book this event, and find yourself unable to go, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement, and honour your accommodation booking.

Contact: June Bell - 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com or Libby Lyver - 021-137-1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



FESTIVAL OPENING - UXBRIDGE THEATRE HOWICK

35 Uxbridge Road Howick

Friday 7th October - Dinner 6pm / Show 7.30pm

Dinner La Padella 503 Pakuranga Road Highland Park

After its long-awaited refurbishment and to celebrate this momentous occasion we have a two-week festival showcasing local and internationally-acclaimed acts. The festival kicks off with a great opening night.

See the curtains rise with a special cabaret night of great music, dance, and a few surprising but spectacular acts all hosted by our very own 'Indian Guy' Tarun Mohanbhai!

Bring: A friend if you wish

Cost: \$45 Pay Visa/MasterCard when booking by phone

Admission includes wine and canapés on arrival

Confirm by: ASAP for a group booking

Please let me know when you have bought your ticket

Contact: Raywyn Brinsden - 021 455 863 or

raywynbrinsden@gmail.com



ARCHERY

28-32 Disraeli St, Mt Eden (at Nicholson Park South)

Saturday 8th October 10.30am to 12 midday

This will be 1.5 hours of archery run by a qualified and experienced archery instructor progressing from the basics of archery and safety protocols through to a team competition. Each participant is fitted with his/her own appropriate equipment and will be fully involved the entire event. The challenge level is graduated as participants' proficiency level increases. Emphasis is on fun, challenge, variety, inclusiveness and competition. The event is continued in all but dangerous weather conditions (rain or shine). When finished we can have lunch at one of the many cafes in Mt Eden.

Cost: \$52.33 per person. (For a group of up to 12 people \$628 including GST).
For a group of between 13 - 15 people the rate will alter very slightly to \$52 per person).

Confirm/Pay by: Sat 20th August into the TUAC ASB Bank A/c 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Janice Calvert - 527 4407, 0274 605 704 or icalvert@slingshot.co.nz



PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT – THE MUSICAL

Civic Theatre, Queen Street

Sunday 16th October 1pm

Eight years and several thousand kilometres later – and looking more fabulous than ever – the pink bus makes a triumphant return to Auckland. Based on the Oscar-winning hit movie, this is the story of three drag artists who hop aboard a battered old bus named Priscilla, searching for love and friendship. The best "feel good" show since Mamma-Mia! If you love glamour and glitz, this is the show for you. Great music and insane costumes. As seats are selling out fast you would have to confirm and pay for your tickets when I buy them. At this stage I have looked at seats in the stalls which means you are more up close to the music and the action.

Cost: \$129.95 plus booking fee or if 8 or more \$99.95 each.

Cheaper seats can be found if you don't mind sitting apart and further back.

Pay by: When confirming

Confirm by: Sunday 24th July

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



MIHO'S JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick

Thursday 20th October - Dinner 6.30pm / Show 8pm

Dinner La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park

Japanese-born New Zealander, Miho Wada, leads her pocket-sized jazz orchestra on flute and saxophone, performing her unique style of music described in the media as "Afro-Cuban flute meets J-Pop". Miho seamlessly blends stylish contemporary jazz with her unique Pan-Pacific flavour.

Bring: A friend if you wish

Cost: General \$26, Table \$29

Pay Visa/MasterCard when booking by phone

Dinner own cost, pay on the night BYO and Licensed

Please let me know when you have bought your ticket.

Confirm by: ASAP for group booking

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



ALL BLACKS -v- AUSTRALIA - 3rd BLEDISLOE CUP GAME

Eden Park

Saturday 22nd October 2016

Expressions of interest are sought for a group booking for the 3rd Bledisloe Cup game at Eden Park.

Cost: To be advised when tickets become available

Confirm: ASAP so tickets can be booked when bookings open

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xttra.co.nz



TARANAKI GARDEN FESTIVAL NEW PLYMOUTH

Gardens for the Girls - Vintage Machinery Museums -for the Guys

Friday 28th October to Sunday 30th October

Leaving Auckland at 8am, we will carpool to New Plymouth.

We intend to visit 9-10 private gardens and 2-3 vintage farm machinery museums. Return Auckland approx 5pm Sunday.

The schedule is to visit 3 private gardens on Friday afternoon in the Waitara area. Check into our accommodation.

Saturday: Visit a mixture of country gardens and museums.

Sunday: Visit city gardens in the New-Plymouth area and another museum. Itinerary can be flexible.

Further info: Intend to stay in Studio ensuite cabins at the Fitzroy

Beach Holiday Park. These have a kitchenette, bathroom and sleep

6. Cost \$55 pp per night.

Bring: Small sports bag, walking shoes, raincoat, hat or other light personal needs

Cost: \$230 per person. The cost is based on \$110, for 2 nights accommodation, \$60 pp garden entry fees, car pool share costs \$35 pp, Museum entry fees \$20 pp. Meals extra.

Payment of \$110 for accommodation should be credited into the TUAC bank account. Payment of the entry fees, car pool and museum direct to the garden owner or driver.

Pay by: Confirmation of numbers would be required by 30th September so we can confirm and book our accommodation with advance notice.

We are hoping to get 10 -15 members travelling via car pool, using 2-3 cars.

Mike has a 'people mover' that can seat 6

Confirm by: We are asking for expressions of interest before we book the accommodation.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com or

Mary Donald - 846 4429, 021 846 066 or mary.don@xttra.co.nz



OMOKOROA ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

8G Gane Place, Omokoroa, Bay of Plenty

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November 2016

Come and explore the sunny Bay of Plenty

Friday - For those who can make it to Omokoroa by midday, walk the Omokoroa Peninsula. Afternoon tea half way round. Dinner 6.30pm. \$5 per head hosted by Guy and Maureen. Late arrivals from Auckland catered for as well. MUST confirm if attending dinner.

Saturday - Walk or bike day. Start time for both 9am. Walkers - Kaimai walk organised. Take packed lunch, water.

Cyclists - bike to Tauranga from the closest cycle way. Cafe lunch en route.

Pot luck BBQ dinner 6.30pm. BYO meat, drinks and a plate to share.

Sunday - Te Puna Quarry Fest. A great day out in park like gardens (huge variety of themed gardens), arts and craft on show as well as music and entertainment. Gold coin donation. Start time to be advised. Depart for home at your leisure.

Further info: Cabins available at Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park. Various prices with lots of choice of configurations. Must book direct either online www.omokoroa.co.nz

or email stay@omokoroa.co.nz. You must pay for your cabin when you book otherwise they won't hold your booking. Ask me for further info on cabins available and I can email you these.

Other alternatives are Book a Bach <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-and-holiday-homes/search/.../omokoroa-beach> and search for Omokoroa Beach. Carpooling arranged.

Bring: Tramping/walking shoes, sunscreen, day pack, bike, helmet & cycling gear, togs & towel (hot thermal pools at holiday park). Fold up chair for pot luck BBQ.

Costs: Te Puna Gardens gold coin donation.

Friday Pot luck BBQ dinner \$5 cash

Pay by: Accommodation - by credit card when you book.

Other costs pay on the day.

Confirm by: Accommodation - must confirm direct with holiday park ASAP to secure your cabin as they book up fast.

Please confirm your attendance for this weekend by 4th November and if you are biking or walking.

Contact: Guy Phillips - 0276 035 549 or icbm@xtra.co.nz

ROCK MUSICAL - HAIR

Pumphouse Theatre Takapuna

Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm

The granddaddy of all rock musicals, HAIR is at once both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America.

This exuberant musical about a group of teenagers searching for truth, peace and love in a Vietnam War era, has struck a resonant chord with audiences of all ages. HAIR features an eclectic score filled with classics, including "Aquarius," "Let the Sun Shine In," "Hair," and "Easy To Be Hard." The themes and struggles in HAIR remain vital and relevant to the times we live in today.

North Shore Music Theatre are proud to present this fantastic show. With Direction by Alexandra McKellar, Musical Direction by Kerry Priestly and Choreography by Gemma Boswell and a stunning cast, this is a rock experience you won't want to miss.

Content warning: THIS SHOW CONTAINS NUDITY, DRUG USE AND LANGUAGE I saw the show in the USA and it was superb

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: \$35 plus \$2 booking fee

For 10 or more the price will be \$28 plus \$2 booking fee

Pay / Confirm by: 17th October

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

We can organise dinner before in Takapuna once we know the numbers



TUAC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Lunch - Cornwall Park

Saturday 5th December

Full details in next newsletter. Please mark this date on your calendar



2017 ART DECO FESTIVAL

Napier

Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th February 2017

Expressions of interest wanted. The largest of all Art Deco events is the Tremains Art Deco Festival held annually in February. It includes over 250 events, hundreds of 1920s and 30s cars, aerobatic flying displays, railcar rides, great Gatsby picnics, dinner dance extravaganzas and free outdoor concerts to name a few. Many thousands of guests and locals alike dress in Deco style bringing glamour to the city streets. You too can feel the atmosphere, live the era of mystique, if only for a few days.

Cost: To be advised closer to programme being published

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



ALPS TO OCEAN BIKING TOUR - 6 DAYS

Starts in Christchurch and finishes Christchurch or Queenstown

Looking at 3rd to 8th March 2017 or 15th to 20th March 2017

Expressions of interest are wanted - see all information on this website

www.puretrailsnewzealand.co.nz

Cost: Around \$2000 excluding air fares to Christchurch \$400 per person deposit paid on booking.

Contact: Ann Melrose - 636 5417, 021 157 6005 or annmelrose@gmail.com



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

The other day, Mary my wife and I went into town and visited a shop.

We were only in there for about 5 minutes.

When we came out there was a traffic warden writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him a daft arse. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tyres.

So Mary called him a dick head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first.

Then he started writing a third ticket.

This went on for about 20 minutes.

The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired.

It's important at our age.

FLASH IN THE PAST 22 YEARS AGO

1994

HORSE TREKKING

Sunday 21st August

PARADISE VALLEY RANCH (Helensville) here we come Lydia and Neal are rounding up 20 of their trusty steeds for a cowboy/girl adventure over Farm Forestry and Beach trails. We've negotiated a special deal for the 3-3 1/2 hour Trek with an option of a special deal at Palm Springs Hot Pools (Parakai) afterwards where we can soak and barbecue!

Cost: \$37.00

TEN PIN BOWLING

Saturday 27th August 8:30pm

Last time we had a great night with a few members bowling a mean ball though some had never bowled before! This time some of us are meeting at 8:00 pm for pre-bowl drinks and snacks. PRIZES for the best and worst!! (bowling smart guy).

Cost: \$14.60 (2 x games including shoe hire)

Max: 36 people (NO FAN CLUB LIMIT)

FOUR WHEELIN'

September 11 (tentative)

If bouncing through the bush or across the beach revs your motor, be sure to call or sign up early! We need to know who is interested, who has a 4WD vehicle and how many wild riders we have, so call or sign up by the August meeting!

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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