



**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](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 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 2017 - October 2017

### AONGATETE NATURE TRAIL

Wright Road, Aongatete  
Saturday 26th August 2017 at 11am

A 3 hour loop walk in a beautiful scenic part of the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest followed by a swim at the hot pools at Sapphire Springs Thermal Pools, 274 Hot Springs Rd, Katikati.

Meet at 11am at the Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre on Wright Road (approximately 8 kms, turn right just before the end of the road). Park in parking area in front of the driveway to the Education Centre, next to the fence stile. Lunch half way round about 12.30pm

If interested in staying Saturday night, there are limited beds available at three different venues. First in, first served. Campervans welcome (parking close by)

**Bring:** Packed lunch, water, hiking boots, pole, togs & towel  
Hot pools - Adults \$5.50/Seniors \$4.50

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Sunday 20th August

**Contact:** Guy Phillips - 027 603 5549 or [icbm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icbm@xtra.co.nz)



### ALL BLACKS VERSUS ARGENTINA

Saturday 9th September 2017 at 5pm

Pot Luck Dinner at David's, 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa  
Come dressed in your supporters' colours early for a shared pot luck meal followed by the televised game.

**Bring:** A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO  
Please contact David by 6th September if you are coming and tell him what shared plate you are bringing.

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



### NZ FASHION WEEKEND

Viaduct Event Centre, Halsey Street Early September

There is the WORLD show on Friday 1st September at 8.30 pm or the RESENE DESIGNER RUNWAY SHOW with a matinee at 2pm on Sunday 3rd September.

Take a look at the full line up below and make it a fabulous weekend to remember! BOOK NOW

**Cost:** \$40 Resene Runway Show and \$65 for the WORLD show

**Pay by:** Payment details can be arranged closer to the time

**Confirm:** Monday 31st July

**Contact:** Janice Calvert 0274 605 704 or [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.co.nz)



### BIRTHRIGHTS?

Titirangi Theatre Company, Lopdell House, 420 Titirangi Road, Titirangi,

Saturday 2nd September at 8pm (Final night)

At twenty-nine, Helen has a vital operation that stops her from having what she desperately wants: a child. Her younger sister Claudia gives her a wonderful gift when she agrees to be a surrogate mother. But what happens when, years later, Claudia discovers that she and her husband Martin cannot conceive and that Kelly, the child she gave to her sister, is the only baby she will ever bear?

Optional dinner at 6pm at Deco Eatery, Lopdell House

**Cost:** \$20 adult, \$15 students/unwaged

**Pay/Confirm by:** 31st July 2017

**Contact:** Rob Davies - 021 533 895 or [robertedavies2013@gmail.com](mailto:robertedavies2013@gmail.com)



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



## PINK STAR WALK

The Auckland Domain

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dstress@xtra.co.nz)



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

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## WALK OR CYCLE KINLOCH TRAILS

Kinloch

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)

## RAIL CARTING AT DARGAVILLE

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## SKECHERS PERFORMANCE WOMENS 6K + 12K

The Cloud, Auckland Wharf

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dstress@xtra.co.nz)



## EXPLORE NELSON BY BIKE, FOOT & KAYAK

Nelson, South Island

27<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Expressions of interest for a trip to the Nelson region starting 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Further info:** 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:** 9<sup>th</sup> June

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

## ABEL TASMAN

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com)



## AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO TARANAKI NEW PLYMOUTH 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Kenetic 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.nz>

**Expressions of interest by:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**Contact:** Mary Donald - [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz) or 021 846 066

## ABEL TASMAN

29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:robcorne@hotmail.com)**



## CHATHAM ISLANDS

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Moriori culture, early European whaling and missionary ruins, tree carvings and enjoy the friendly island hospitality.

Our Chatham Islands inclusive tour package includes the following:

This is organised by TUAC's own Peter Fleming's Travel company and has been on my bucket list for ages. I'm keen to go but I would love to do it with other TUAC members - 10 is the ideal number.

**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](mailto:carolmcbride@gmail.com),

David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

Or Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz)

If you are interested contact one of the above before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

### Te Haruhi Bay Campground

Friday 16th March to 18th March 2018

Will let you know more details in a couple of months.

Those who would like to come camping could you let me know as I can book a number of sites.

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or

[gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

Please do not leave a message on phone



### 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](mailto:trekkerrob48@gmail.com)

## JOKE

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things.

During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it!'

Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

**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."