



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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September 2019 – October 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all TUAC members.

This is the second of my occasional updates in the newsletter and informing members on the latest committee meeting decisions.

It can be challenging to get motivated to attend some events during Auckland's winter months. Hopefully with the warmer weather just round the corner we should be more supportive to attend events. Some of the upcoming events that the committee have scheduled involve quite a bit of prior organising such as the Mystery bus trip and the Labour weekend cycling event in Omokoroa. I would like to encourage as many members as possible to support and attend these events as it is good feedback from the organisers that their good work in organising such events has been appreciated by the members in the way of support in attendance.

The committee has done an exceptional job in scheduling our future events. In fact, we nearly have a full calendar of a variety of events between now and Christmas. It is also pleasing to see some of our newer members organising events and if that event is suitable for you, I urge you to support them in the way of participation.

We have also purchased 3 comprehensive first aid kits and these will be carried by the trip leader in any event that may involve risk of an accident or medical incident, such as cycle rides, walks or other outdoor activities. The first aid kits will be returned to the committee meetings to be given to the next trip leader on an outdoor or similar event. If there is an accident on any outdoor event the participants can be reassured that there is first aid kit available to reduce any further risk.

Also, there have been two previous events that have involved lunch and dinner at a cafe or restaurant that for some unknown reason 1 or 2 of the members of the group had not paid or forgotten to pay for part of their meals. The committee have discussed and agreed that in future if there are large numbers of members eating or drinking at the designated cafe or restaurant would you please leave your name with the cashier or ask for a receipt. That way if there are any problems with non-payment, it can be quickly settled.

Social meet ups after an event is a TUAC tradition and a good way to get to know and socialise with each other.

I look forward to seeing more you at some of the amazing upcoming events. These events which are scheduled for the next 3-4 months are planned so that the members are encouraged to plan ahead and book early with the trip leader instead of leaving it to the last minute.

Mike Maran
President

AUCKLAND HERITAGE FORESHORE WALK - PART 2

Sunday 1st September at 10am

Meet and park at Fred Ambler Memorial Lookout carpark, Gladstone Road, Parnell

A continuation of part 1 completed earlier this year. A circular level will walk down Quay St, Beach Rd, and The Strand to Judges Bay. Mike will give a brief historical commentary at each of the interpretative signs 16 to 25. Allow 2½ to 3 hours.

We will return to the carpark via Tamaki Drive. There is no convenient cafe nearby, so those wanting a coffee after will have to decide to drive and meet at another cafe or finish up at the carpark. I am open to suggestions for alternative cafe after.

Cost: Nil
Bring: Comfortable walking shoes. Usual water and jacket.
Contact: Mike Maran - 846-5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



RANGITOTO SUMMIT WALK

Hauraki Gulf
Sunday 8th September at 9am

An easy climb through Pohutukawa forest and lava fields gives way to panoramic views of Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf.

Meet at the Ferry buildings by 9am to catch the 9.15 ferry to Devonport and Rangitoto.

Walk to the summit for lunch and the views. Return the same way, stopping at the lava caves, or take the scenic route that circumnavigates the island.

Return ferries are at 2.30pm (not stopping at Devonport) and 4pm, stopping at Devonport.

Bring: Lunch, water, warm clothing
Cost: Ferry Adult return \$36
Pay by: On the day
Confirm by: Friday 30th August
Contact: Gary - 021 117 0716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



THE HILLSBOROUGH WALK

Saturday 14th September at 10.30am

Meet at Beachcroft Road carpark Onehunga. Please bring lunch as we will have a picnic along the way. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a raincoat. The walk will take approximately three and a half hours.

Contact: - Felicity 021 0257 3847 or Rob 027 473 3589 for more details



MYSTERY BUS ADVENTURE

Saturday 21st September at 8am

This event is being subsidised by the Club

Meet at 8am at Smales Farm, 72 Taharoto Road, Takapuna. There is parking by the entrance off Northcote Road.

We will board our bus there. Be prepared for a day of mystery, adventure and fun. Lunch will be somewhere along the way.

Bring Water, snack in case you get the munchies, raincoat, wear comfortable clothes and shoes
Cost: \$45. Lunch and refreshments at your cost
Pay/Confirm: 1st September into the TUAC account
ASB 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz email preferred



PRIMA SWING RIOT

Point Chev RSA, 1136 Great North Road. Point Chevalier
Tuesday 24th September 2019

The show starts at 7.30pm and runs until 10pm

Prima Swing Riot is a 7 piece swing band performing a tribute to Louis Prima plus Swing music led by Peter McGregor including some of NZ's best known and finest musicians such as Adrian Keeling and Jane Horder on vocals.

Featuring a special tribute to Lous Prima and Keely Smith plus modern Neo Bands like Cherry Poppin daddies plus some of the great older swing music from the Andrew Sisters, Sinatra and Louis Jordan. A rare opportunity to see and hear this great fun party band.

Cost: Tickets \$15. Pay at the door on the night. Bring cash as they do not have credit card facilities at the event entrance
Dinner and drinks at your cost on the night.

Confirm by: 2nd September

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



KAURI POINT DOMAIN/CENTENNIAL PARK WALK

Cnr Balmain and Onetaunga Roads, Chatswood

Saturday 28th September - 9.45am for a 10am start

Meet at the entrance to Chelsea School, Onetaunga Road.

Either walk or carpool to the end of Balmain Road (limited parking here) for the start of this walk. We will take the bush loop walk that brings us to the coastline at Soldiers Bay then return to our cars. This walk can be a little muddy so good footwear and poles recommended.

We now drive a short distance down Onetaunga Road to the entrance to Centennial Park. We take a loop walk to Kendall Bay. We can either branch out and take the track to the Chelsea Sugar Works and coffee or take the route back to our parking and drive to Verrans café for coffee. Decision on the day. Total walking approx. 2 hours. I can provide maps.

Cost: Coffee/Lunch at your cost

Confirm by: 25th September

Contact: Gary - 021 117 0716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



HAVE A GO! AT AVANTIDROME

15 Hanlin Road, Cambridge

Sunday 29th September at 11.30am

Meet at 9am 27 Ohinearu Street, Remuera, to carpool.

A one-hour group introductory session with a coach to give basic knowledge on how to ride a track bike, and the opportunity to experience riding on the velodrome. All equipment provided.

Lunch at the nearby Bikery Cafe.

Cost: \$22.50 for session, lunch at own cost

Confirm by: 9th September

Pay by: 10th September.

Contact: Christine Troy-West - 0221 575 965 or christine@troywest.com



PLAY - "DISORDERLY CONDUCT"

Howick Little Theatre Studio

Sir Lloyd Drive, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga

Saturday 5th October at 8pm

Disorderly Conduct follows two best friends who washed out of the army for disorderly conduct. Thrust into the world of crime to support a sick son, the pair decide to rob banks. It turns out their particular set of skills create a very successful run, but when they are forced to take on a new person in their crew, things start to unravel. Finding themselves stuck in a hostage situation, they have to battle for their freedom and their lives. *Adult content.*

Cost: \$19 for adults \$15 seniors

Confirm by: Saturday 21st September Please buy your own tickets either online at www.iticket.co.nz or from the office on 09 361 1000
Optional dinner beforehand - to be advised closer to the time.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605n704 or jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



CARRIED AWAY: BAGS UNPACKED

Auckland War Memorial Museum, Domain Drive, Parnell Auckland

Saturday 12th October 2019 at 10am

Come along to this extraordinary exhibition. Bags Unpacked 'unpacks' over 150 bags, exploring the stories associated with their creation, and the people who made and used them. <https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/exhibitions/carried-away-bags-unpacked>

Bring: Money for lunch at the museum café, afterwards.

Cost: Free with museum entry.

Free if you have an Auckland museum card (AM card)

Confirm by: 1st October 2019

Contact: Hillary Scott 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND

Date to be advised

Mystery location – about 2 hours from Auckland

By popular demand, Detectives Alibi and Adlib are back. We need your help to solve the mystery of "Who Dun It".

Further information: Meet at Remuera Club, 33 Ohinearu St.

Remuera at 10am when full details of the mystery location will be given out.

Mystery Sunday activity also planned. Carpooling can be arranged.

Accommodation: Motel accommodation. Register your interest ASAP as to what sort of accommodation you want e.g. double room, twin room, single etc and if you are happy to share. Space for bus/campervans also. Details to follow once you register.

Bring: Own food for breakfast. Dinner will be pub meal.

Cost: Accommodation depending on where we stay, will be from \$30 per person (shared cabin & shared toilet/shower) to \$70 approximately per person for 2 people in a unit. Prices can be determined once we know numbers attending and what type of accommodation you would like. Optional mystery Sunday event \$39 or \$35 seniors.

Depending on numbers, we may get a group rate off these figures.

Confirm by:

Because of accommodation bookings, we would need you to respond by this date, also indicating if you want to book for the mystery tour and if you want to carpool.

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or alison.philcox3@gmail.com
or Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 libby.lyver@gmail.com



PART OF THE AUCKLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL - LOCAL GRAPHOLOGIST & FORENSIC HANDWRITING

Pt Chevalier Homestead & Community Church, Cnr Pt Chevalier Road & Alberta Street

Saturday 19th October 2pm - 3pm

Park nearby on streets. Limited parking.

Examiner and Pt Chevalier local, Mike Maran will be lecturing with two talks on the personalities of Auckland's previous mayors through the legacy of their handwriting and signatures and how their personalities have affected Auckland's current heritage and policies.

The talks are free and open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to bring in any old manuscripts from their family ancestors for a character assessment. Koha appreciated.

As the talk is open to the public there may be limited seating. If you advise Mike beforehand, he could reserve some seats for TUAC members.

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



HOLLYFORD TRACK 3 DAY GUIDED WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

Labour Weekend 2019 – Sat 26th October to Mon 28th October

A 3-day guided walk on the Hollyford Track. You will need to be reasonably fit as the first day is 19.5km and the second day 15km. All meals are included on the guided walk and you will stay in lodge accommodation. <https://www.hollyfordtrack.com/three-day-guided-wilderness-experience>

Cost: \$2050 incl gst for guided walk only

Additional costs: 2 extra night's accommodation in Queenstown/Te Anau as well as cost of flights. Single supplement may apply.

Anyone keen or interested

Contact: Jeanette - jgmcmoanagle86@gmail.com or
Txt 021 0222 3891



OMOKORO CYCLING WEEKEND

Omokoroa, Tauranga and Katikati Bay of Plenty

Saturday 26th to Monday 28th October 2019

PLEASE NOTE: There is no requirement to do all 3 rides; can be split up to attend any single day's event if this suits you better.

Three days of discovering this area by bike around Omokoroa, Tauranga and Katikati

Saturday – Cycle from Bethlehem to Mt Maunganui approximately 33 kms return. Meet at 9am at the northern of Carmichael Rd, Bethlehem (turn left at T intersection of Te Paeroa Rd and park towards the end of Carmichael Rd). Lunch at Mt Maunganui. Saturday evening dinner locally in Omokoroa, at the Boat Club on The Esplanade. Meet at 6pm for drinks and dinner 6.30pm.

Sunday – Cycle from Omokoroa to Te Puna on new cycleway approximately 38 kms return. Meet at 10am at Omokoroa Sports Ground carpark, Western Ave, Omokoroa. Lunch at Te Puna. See link for cycle path route. <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=2b9649569fc0442ab41fc13523fad4da>

Sunday dinner - shared pot luck BBQ 6pm at 8G Gane Place, Omokoroa.

Monday – Katikati cycle trail approximately 27 kms. Meet at 10am at Haikau Park carpark. Directions – travelling from Omokoroa, turn left into lane immediately past Robert Harris Coffee in Katikati, leading to Haiku Park. Lunch afterwards in Katikati.



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. 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. Also Airbnb options.

Bring: Day pack, bike, helmet; cycling gear, togs; towel (optional for hot thermal pools at Omokoroa Holiday Park). Fold up chair for pot luck BBQ. Shared plate for BBQ, BYO meat, drinks and glass. Please contact me for choice of bringing pre-dinner nibbles, main dish or dessert. Main dishes will be green salad, pasta or rice salad, coleslaw.

Cost: Cycle rides free. All lunches and dinner on Saturday, your cost.

Pay by: Accommodation – by credit card when you book. Because of the 9am start on Saturday, it may pay to book your accommodation for Friday night also. Other costs pay on the day.

Confirm by: Accommodation – must confirm direct with Holiday Park as soon as you can to secure your cabin as they book up fast. Please confirm your attendance for this weekend by Friday 4th October.

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

CROQUET

**Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom
Saturday 16th November - 1pm to 4pm**

Please be there by 12.45pm. Parking is available in either Corbett Scott or King George Avenues

Carlton Croquet Club members will go on the lawns with our group to give tuition. Each game lasts 1 hour and can be organised on a round robin basis. There are 4 lawns in total. Equipment is provided at no additional cost. Everyone is welcome to bring along nibbles and your favourite tippie ie. Wine or beer. There are kitchen and bathroom facilities available at the club house.

Cost: \$20 per person (up to 19 players) payable in CASH on the day.

Confirm by: Saturday 9th November.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



WALK AND LEARN - NEWMARKET TO MT EDEN

Sunday 17th November at 12.45pm

Meet at Mt Eden Railway Station at 12.45pm. Park on nearby streets.

Local Historian Phil Sai-Louie was the guest speaker at our AGM and previously led a historic walk for TUAC members around Onehunga. We will catch the 1pm train to Newmarket and walk back to Mt Eden. This approx 1½hour historical and informative walk, with explanations and discovery of the background of the many historical and geographical features, is classed as easy. Afternoon tea afterwards at a cafe near Mt Eden Station

Bring: Your AT Hop card and good walking shoes

Cost: Nil. Cost of afternoon tea after

Enquiries to Philph 09 2671260 or sailouiep@gmail.com

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



TRAMP TO THE WAITAWHETA HUT IN THE KAIMAIS

Saturday 23rd and 24th November 2019

A 3- 4 hour tramp along the Waitewheta Tramway track.

Most weekends are booked out or mostly booked out, but this particular weekend still has 14 spaces. Book with DOC online and let us know if you are coming.

It's not a hard tramp, and the hut is very cosy

Cost: \$15 per night

Contact - Rob 0274 733 589 if you want more details.



ROXBURGH GORGE AND CLUTHA RIVER TRAIL

Central Otago

16th -20th January 2020

A 3-day 4-night cycle trail following the awe-inspiring Roxburgh Gorge and following on to the historic Clutha Gold trail and finishing at Lawrence.

Package includes transport Queenstown to Clyde, 4 nights' accommodation, bike hire and relocation, baggage transfers, jet boat transfer and transport from Lawrence to Dunedin.

There is a range of accommodation options available at each stop. Discuss this when making your booking.

Cost: \$745 but dependent on accommodation choices.

Info and bookings: Call Jo at Trail Journeys, 0800 030 381 or email jo@trailjourneys.co.nz

Confirm/pay by: Book direct with Trail Journeys from 11th June

A deposit of 15% is required 7 days from booking.

Contact: Gary - 021 117 0716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



FELICITY AND ROB ARE PLANNING TO TRAMP LAKE WAIKAREMOANA OVER AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND JANUARY 2020

This is not an official TUAC event but people are welcome to join us.

The draft plan is:

Friday 24th Jan: drive to Waikaremoana Holiday Park and stay overnight.

It's a 6-hour drive from Auckland so we might leave Thursday evening and stay the Thursday night in Rotorua.

Saturday 25th Jan: Catch water taxi to Hopuruahe Landing, then tramp 17 km mostly flat, to Marauiti Hut

Sunday 26th Jan: Tramp 20 km, finishing uphill at Panekire hut

Monday 27th Jan: Tramp 9 km mostly downhill, water taxi back to Lake Waikaremoana Motor Camp and drive home.

Doc hut bookings open 9:30am Friday 14th June 2019 (this week)

We will be booking:

Marauiti hut on 25th January

Panekire Hut on 26th January

Contact: Rob Corne - 0274 733 589 or robcorne@hotmail.com



JOKE

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulls him over.

'So,' says the cop to the driver, 'where have ya been?'

'Why, I've been to the pub of course,' slurs the drunk.

'Well,' says the cop, 'it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening.'

'I did alright,' the drunk says with a smile

'Did you know,' says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, 'that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?'

'OHs, thank heavens,' sighs the drunk.

'For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf.'

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

TUAC Account details: ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00. For internet banking - state the event you are paying for.

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques 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 to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser or accommodation booked, 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, advise the organiser immediately as they may have people wishing to attend.

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.

LIABILITY: "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."

**Any queries regarding an event please get in touch with the event organiser only.
Do not use the Hotmail Account**