



**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 2020 – October 2020

Hello all TUAC members

Unfortunately, we are back in a disruptive scenario again with lockdown procedures now in place.

Hopefully, these may be temporary, however it is with the uncertainty of everything that at present we will just have to put everything on hold.

The committee decided to not have a meeting for this month, so once again some events will have to be cancelled or postponed.

Already one of our larger events the Mid-year Christmas party has had to be cancelled, hopefully, we can reschedule this to another date. I know it was a big disappointment for Ann and the others who were looking forward to attending. If you have any doubts whether a scheduled event will proceed or not, please contact the event organiser directly. Also, if you want to send out a bulk email to all the members, please direct this now to Libby or Helene and not to the newsletter editor.

Meanwhile keep warm and stay safe.

President Mike Maran.

### ELTON JOHN – YOUR SONG

Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa  
Saturday 29th August 2020 – show starts 8pm

Following the success of last year's performance of ABBA, Centre stage is now presenting Elton John – Your Song in an intimate Cabaret setting.

Bookings are now open - first in, first served

Optional dinner before the show Thai Orewa at 5.15pm

Cost: \$25 pay into TUAC a/c 12-3014-0118011-00

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



### MOVIE AT RIALTO, NEWMARKET

Saturday 12th September 2020

A get together in Newmarket. A film followed by dinner.

Choice of movie to be announced on Thursday 10th September.

Contact Mary to register your interest

<https://www.rialto.co.nz/Cinema/Newmarket>

Cost: Movie ticket and dinner

Pay: On the night

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



### GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October

Explore Great Barrier Island with local guide. 2 night's accommodation at Whangaparapara. Explore Great Barrier Island with visits to the famous 'Milk, Honey & Grain Museum' and the Community Arts Village. Enjoy a coastal cruise aboard 'Sundancer' the Kauri Sawmill and the Whaling station sites, Broken Isles and the Man O War Passage. Discover Tryphena and Okupu Harbour along with Pigeon Post.

Option to extend after to do Aotea Track 3 day tramp

Cost: \$955 per person share twin - Deposit \$200 by 31st July.

Short flight, or the ferry ride from Auckland is additional.

Flight cost ex AKL Domestic airport is \$210 return.

Contact Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz) or 021 477 714

### HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL SECTIONS D & E

Paeroa-Te Aroha-Matamata

Saturday 24th to Monday 26th October 2020

Ride the newly formed section of this trail from Te Aroha to Matamata, basing ourselves in Te Aroha for 2 nights. Saturday, we will ride from Te Aroha to Paeroa and return, distance 46 kms. Sunday ride from Te Aroha to Matamata and return, distance 74 kms. Mainly flat riding. Monday we will explore Te Aroha. Further info to follow in next newsletter. Carpooling can be arranged.

Check out the trails on the Hauraki Trails website

[https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail\\_SecD\\_Paeroa\\_TeAroha\\_v2s.pdf](https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail_SecD_Paeroa_TeAroha_v2s.pdf)

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Bring: Bike and suitable bike clothing, water

Cost: Rides are free, accommodation and meals at your cost

Pay by: To be advised once accommodation is arranged

Confirm by: As soon as possible to arrange accommodation

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



### CHATHAM ISLANDS

29th October - 5th November 2020

Enjoy a week on New Zealand's Chatham Island.

This is similar to the very popular tour done in 2018, but this time as well as the regular attractions we will also be on Chatham Island for their 'House and Gardens...the bountiful table' week.

Other attractions include the early Moriori culture, relics from colonial settlements including the early German missionaries, whalers and fishing settlements, tree and cliff carvings, plus relics from pre human settlement. The islands are also famous for their abundant seafood including crayfish.

For those of you that haven't been to the Chatham Islands before, they are in the Pacific Ocean about 800 kilometers' east of the South Island and while part of NZ, the flora and fauna are different due to its isolation.

This is an 8 day (7 nights) trip and includes transfers, accommodation at the Waitangi Hotel, meals, transport, fishing, guided tours, entrances and attractions.

Cost: Normal trip price is \$3,795, but if we can get a group of 10 or more, we can get 10% off making the price \$3,416 per person share twin, and no compulsory single supplement!

Airfares Auckland - Chatham Islands are additional. Flexi Saver airfare is currently \$898 return

Last spaces available - this trip closes off 28th July

For more information or to book:

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

## WHANGATEAU HOLIDAY PARK – MATAKANA COAST

559 Leigh Road, Matakana  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Whangateau Holiday Park is a waterfront campground with several choices of accommodation, camp, cabin, family rooms and caravans, see <https://www.whangateauholidaypark.co.nz/accommodation>

**Friday** – BYO dinner – kitchen and BBQs available

**Saturday:**

2 hour walk in Tawharanui on one of the tracks or cycle the 2hr challenging mountain bike trail or for the not so energetic, visit Matakana market, Morris & James or Sculptureum, with its three gardens bursting with sculptures, prehistoric rocks, 'live' animals and reflective quotes, all surrounded by beautiful plantings and 6 stunning art galleries

Meet at Matakana Country Park for lunch and carpool to your chosen afternoon event.

I have booked to visit Omaio, Liz Morrow's stunning 6 star garden of International Significance, Sculptureum, or drive back to the Holiday Park and hire a kayak or SUP on Whangateau Harbour.

Shared BBQ Saturday – BYO meat, drink and a plate to share

**Sunday**

Leave the Park at 10am and walk the Leigh Coastal Walkway, lunch at Leigh Sawmill

Please book your chosen accommodation at the Whangateau Holiday Park – 09 422 6305 and advise me when booked

**Cost:** Power site \$23pp per night, cabins, caravans, various prices to share  
Sculptureum - Adults \$29, Gold Card \$20  
Omaio \$10 entry, cash only (bookings essential)  
Lunch at Leigh Sawmill

**Bring:** Own breakfasts, food for BBQ, camping gear, own plate, glass, cutlery and cooking utensils

**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 [sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com) or Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or [alangrigg11@gmail.com](mailto:alangrigg11@gmail.com)

## WAIHEKE COASTAL WALK – ONEROA BEACH TO PALM BEACH

Saturday 21st November 2020 (catching the 9am ferry)

We will take the 9am ferry to Waiheke. The coastal walk starts at Oneroa Beach, finishing at Palm Beach. The walk takes us along beaches and up tracks over the ridges with stunning coastal views. We will also walk through residential streets with cute old baches and new architecturally designed houses. Approx. 2.5 hours. Lunch at the Archadia, Palm Beach. Return by bus to Matiatia.

**Cost:** Ferry (Gold Card free), lunch.

**Bring:** Snacks, water.

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## WEST COAST WILDERNESS CYCLE TRAIL/TRANZALPINE RAIL RETURN

Saturday 26th to Thursday 31st December 2020

A 4-day, self-guided cycle tour of the West Coast of the South Island, starting from Greymouth, through spectacular coastal scenery, rugged shorelines, surging rivers, ancient forests and areas steeped in history and finishing at Ross.

Our journey begins from Christchurch then coach to Greymouth to start our ride. From the end of the ride at Ross we shuttle back to Greymouth to catch the spectacular Transalpine Railway back to Christchurch.

**Options:** To visit Arthurs Pass and explore the abundance of walking tracks etc.

**More info:** [www.westcoastwildernessstrail.co.nz](http://www.westcoastwildernessstrail.co.nz)

**Cost:** Dependent on accommodation choices etc.

**Contact:** Gary Anstiss - 021 117 0716 or [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com)

## AROUND THE MOUNTAINS TRAIL

29th December 2020 to 31st January 2021

Trip limited to 12 people only  
Email me and I will send you all the details

**Cost:** approx. \$1100

**Contact:** Tony Orr - [pacexp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pacexp@xtra.co.nz)

## PUHOI WOODCHOPPING CARNIVAL

Saturday 9th January 2021 from 9am

Spend a day exploring the Puhoi area and see the top woodsmen and axemen at the Puhoi Wood chopping Carnival. It's the largest wood chopping event in the upper North Island and is held in association with The Puhoi Hotel and Stables.

Axemen will come from around the country and Australia to compete at this major annual event, so come grab a beer, a Savvy or Pinot Gris and watch the free show from 9am.

Good range of pub food available on site

Just down the road from the pub are the Puhoi Cheese Factory and the Puhoi Organic Distillery

**Bring:** A folding chair

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

## ABEL TASMAN GREAT WALK

Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th January 2021

Walk the coastal Abel Tasman track on a 3-day self-guided adventure. Starting from Marahau and walking to Totoranui, a distance of 31km, along beaches and through forests. This walk is described as the easiest of the Great Walks.

2 nights' accommodation on board Aqua packers floating backpackers, which includes BBQ dinners and packed lunches. Carry a daypack with your supplied lunches, change of clothes etc. or have your bags transferred

**More info:** [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

**Bring:** Daypack, tramping boots, spare clothing etc.

**Contact:** Gary - [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com) or 021 1170716



## ROTORUA LONG WEEKEND WITH TROUT FISHING OPTION Waitangi Weekend, Saturday 6th to Monday 8th February 2021

Accommodation at Waiteti Trout Stream Holiday Park set in 2 acres of mature trees and gardens on the riverbank of the famous Waiteti Stream. Close to Rotorua's main tourist attractions. Only 10 minutes from town, without the sulphur smell.

Good base for cyclists and others wanting to explore Rotorua over this long weekend, fish from the banks, or enjoy a stream-side stroll to Lake Rotorua. One and two room cabins. Powered and unpowered campsites for tent, caravans and motorhomes.

**Optional:** Learn how to fly fish for trout with the "Trout Man". Trout fishing guide Harvey can coach maximum of three groups of two each over the three mornings (in four-hour fly-casting tuition courses).

**Cost:** Trout fishing lesson incl license is \$115 pp (minimum 2)  
Three nights (Fri, Sat & Sun) twin share cabin accommodation from \$143 pp.

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## ART DECO NAPIER

Friday 19th February – Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Enjoy the 1930s atmosphere, glitz and glamour in the heart of Napier city - New Zealand's Art Deco capital.

Dress up in your best flapper dress or 1930's outfit and join in the fun.

Celebrate the annual festival in Napier with events including entertainment experiences, outdoor concerts, vintage car parade and more.

**Either do your own arrangements and meet up in Napier, or cruise from Auckland on Pacific Explorer.**

Cruise departs Auckland in the evening of Friday 19th February 2021

There is a full day in Napier to enjoy the Art Deco Festival, then we cruise back to Auckland. Arrive back in Auckland 7am on Tuesday 23rd February  
Includes return cruise, twin share accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board.

On board entertainment includes circus acts and cabaret show

**Cost:** Cruise \$597 per person share twin for inside cabin. Add \$97 pp for outside cabin.

Deposit \$150 due on booking, balance due 30th November.

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## PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car rally - Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Trip to Rotorua Island, Sept 2020 – Felicity Corne
- Round the Bays Fun Run, 28 Feb 2021 – Helene Harper/Gary Anstiss



FULLY BOOKED

## **JOKE**

Einstein had recently developed his theory of relativity and was on a speaking tour of the USA.

After 3 weeks non-stop he was tiring and expressed this to his driver.

"I could give your lecture, Sir, I've heard it so many times.

Nobody knows what you look like. You rest, I'll get up and give the talk."

Dubious, but relieved, Einstein sat incognito in the audience.

The chauffeur gave the speech word for word to the delight of Dr Einstein and the audience, but then a famous professor stood and asked a long, complicated question

Unfazed, the chauffeur said, "That is a very simple question Sir, in fact, to show you how simple, I'm going to ask my chauffeur to answer it..."

## **EXTRA JOKE — Contributed by Ann Melrose**

An elderly man goes into a brothel and tells the madam he would like a young girl for the night

Surprised, she looks at the ancient man and asks how old he is

"I'm 90 years old," he says.

"90?" Replies the woman, "don't you realise that you've had it?"

"Oh, sorry," says the old man, "how much do I owe you?"

## **EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 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 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**