



Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.

www.tuac.co.nz

"The Thumbs Up Adventure Club is a social and active group of people who enjoy living life to the fullest"

President:	Mike Maran	846 5350	Committee:	
Treasurer:	Libby Lyver	021 137 1488	David Verrall	027 203 5508
Secretary:	Helene Harper	021 921 068	Joy Jordan	021 679 301
Newsletter:	Janice Calvert	027 460 5704	Annie Melrose	021 157 6005

April 2023 to May 2023

FOOTBALL GOLF

**Ellerslie Racecourse infield, 68 Ascot Ave, Ellerslie
Sunday 26th March 2023 at 10am**

Drive through to the infields. Plenty of parking onsite. Come and practice your football skills by kicking and aiming a soccer ball on a 9-hole golf course into a purposely sized hole on a golf green. Much like playing golf but without the actual skills and experience needed. Anyone can play this new variety of golf. We will be following the same route as the other golfers and tee off in groups of 4. The inner fields of Ellerslie racecourse are level, so the game will be reasonably fluent without the need to look for lost balls. The game should take about 2 to 2½ hours.

Bring: Recommend that you bring strong shoes, thick socks or shoes that have a good toe cap, that can absorb the impact of hitting a soccer ball.

Cost: Green fees \$10 + Hire of soccer ball \$5 Total \$15pp.

Pay by: Pay direct to Ellerslie Golf Course or the Golfing Warehouse who operate the facility on site.

Confirm by: Friday 24th March

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 4350, 0274 784 779
or mikemaran10@gmail.com



AUCKLAND JAZZ AND BLUES - PIANOWOMEN

Point Chevalier RSA. 1136 Gt North Rd. Pt Chevalier

Tuesday 11th April 2023 - Dinner 6pm, show starts 7.30pm

PIANOWOMEN -Julie Mason, Caitlin Smith, Linn Lorking and Jane Horder. Great team of singers. Julie Mason has performed all over the globe. The Julie Mason Quintet was the featured group for Bill Clinton and the Apec dinner. Caitlin Smith is one of Auckland's best known and loved jazz vocalist/musician and songwriter. Linn Lorkin singer-songwriter entertained in the Auckland club scene, jazz club in London and 8 years in New York. Her jazz musical: "Hey, Piano Bar Lady" won Best Cabaret in New York in 2013. Jane Horder is a singing coach, performer, and musical director. Jane was musical director for the production of "Chicago" and vocal director for "Chess". Jane works as a freelance vocal coach/singing teacher, choir director, music director and performer. An amazing group of entertainers.

Cost: \$25 for non-members, \$10 for members.

Prices have gone up by \$5 since last year. Please bring cash as they do not have Epos. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonable. The seating has changed to the front area as the back is being pulled apart getting ready for the rebuild. A new restaurant set up as well. The restaurant now has fixed meals only and a new chef. The meals are very good and reasonable.

Confirm by: Sunday 9th April.

The seating area is now smaller so important we get some seats early.

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



EASTER GETAWAY OMOKOROA

Friday 7th April to Monday 10th April 2023

A weekend away out of Auckland. Bring your bike and walking shoes, as activities will be planned to cater for both. Optional trips to Tauranga Art Gallery and Historic Village. Walks and bike rides will be arranged according to demand.

Friday – lunch at Omokoroa and local ride/walk

Saturday – ride to Mt Maunganui /walkers explore Te Puna Quarry gardens.

Sunday – Downtown Carnival (music and entertainment)

Further info: As accommodation is getting very tight, please let us know ASAP if you want to come along. There are still cabins and motel rooms available at Omokoroa Holiday Park. Please confirm if you would like a single unit or are happy to share. Carpooling can be arranged.

Check out <https://omokoroa.co.nz/room-rates/>

Bring: Walking shoes, bike and cycling gear

Costs: Attractions - free or gold coin donation
Accommodation your cost

Pay by: When accommodation is arranged.

Confirm by: ASAP so accommodation can be arranged.

Pay by: When accommodation is arranged.

Contact: Annie Melrose - 021 157 6005,

annmelrose@gmail.com

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



BURGER AND BOWLS

Royal Oak Bowling Club, Selwyn St, Royal Oak

Friday 14th April 2023 at 6pm

A game of bowls followed by burgers for dinner. We are booked on the new covered bowling green, so weather is no issue. You don't need any previous experience to try this game, as a bowling club member will be available to advise us how to play and score.

Dinner at 7.45pm. Burger choices - prime beef, chicken or veggie including fries. Reasonably priced drinks at the bar.

Bring: Flat shoes

Cost: \$45

Pay/confirm by: 7th April into the TUAC bank a/c
12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Annie Melrose - 021 157 6005 or

annmelrose@gmail.com



AUCKLAND CITY HERITAGE BUILDING WALK

Saturday 15th April 2023 at 10.30am

Come explore the city of Auckland with Sue O'Neill. We will wander round several streets in downtown Auckland looking at various buildings and amazing architecture that gets lost amongst the very tall new buildings. If you're interested in the history of Auckland, come for a wander. We will have lunch around 12.30pm at the Occidental or Vulture pubs in Vulcan Lane



Further details: Meet at 10.30am at the Guardian Life Assurance building, 103 Queen Street. This is towards the bottom of Queen Street opposite the BNZ Bank. There is parking at the Downtown carpark. Buses 18 and 195 stop almost outside the Guardian building. Or if you're taking the train, from the station just come up Queen St.

Cost: Free, lunch your cost

Bring: Water and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Confirm by: Wednesday 12th April.

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

TEN PIN BOWLING – AT THE PINS

199 Lincoln Rd, Henderson - opposite Mitre 10 & Z

Saturday 22nd April 2023 at 6.30pm

Come have some fun 10 pin bowling. We will bowl 2 games and then go for dinner at La Porchetta which is next to the bowling alley. La Porchetta is licensed. Their menu is available online. Plenty of parking for the bowling and restaurant.



Cost: \$24 pp for 2 games or \$22 pp (60 & over) for 2 games

Confirm by: 13th April

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

ONE TREE HILL/CORNWALL PARK WALK

Sunday 23rd April 2023

Meet at 9.30am at the car park (same one where our Xmas lunch is held, entrance from Campbell/Rawhiti Roads, or meet at my house at 9am and walk to the carpark.



The walk will include the summit and we will stop at the Cornwall Park Café for coffee. Continue the walk over the stiles back to the car park. Approx 8 kms or 10 kms from my house.

Cost: Free, coffee your own expense

Confirm by: Friday 22nd April.

Text me if you are meeting at my house and I will supply the address.

Contact: Annie Melrose - 021 157 6005 or annmelrose@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT "MY NEIGHBOUR ADOLF"

Rialto Cinema, 167 Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 30th April 2023

Colombia, May 1960 - just a few days after the abduction of fugitive Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann by Mossad agents in Argentina. Polsky (70), a lonely, misanthropic, grumbling Holocaust survivor lives in one of a couple of isolated houses on a hill on the outskirts of a Brazilian suburb. One day his neighbor dies and a mysterious old German man wearing a wig, sunglasses, and fake beard moves in. Polsky isn't crazy about Germans in general, but he particularly loathes Herzog, the new neighbor, even before he meets him. Once he does and finds out he emigrated from Argentina, all it takes is one good look in the eyes to realize his new neighbor is none other than the infamous Adolf Hitler.



Further info: Meet in the upstairs foyer at 5.30pm. Movie time TBC. Optional dinner afterwards

Cost: Adults \$20.50 / Seniors \$14

Pay by: On the night.

Confirm by: Wednesday 26th April.

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

BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland

Friday 5th May 2023 at 8pm

Because this film has such amazing scenery, stories, and footage, it is not just for people who enjoy cycling. These short films are a great reminder of why we love to ride our bike; with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all stories that inspire us to get out and ride. Because club members have been attending this event for the past 9 years, we have reserved seating saved for us. Optional dinner at 5.30 pm before the movie at Elliott St Stables food court.

Anticipated cost: \$23.50 per person - to be confirmed by Brett (dinner at your cost)

Confirm by: 1st April and let me know if coming for dinner.

Pay by: Latest 28th April into the TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00

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



RANGITOTO ISLAND BACH TOUR

Sunday 7th May 2023

This guided walk led by John Walsh (a bach owner) takes 2½ hours and covers approximately 2kms. 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), Māori history, DOC's successful pest eradication program 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 trialled on the island. The walk 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.



Further info: Catch the 9.15am ferry from Downtown. The 9.15am ferry goes via Devonport at 9.25am. Returning either on the 2.20pm 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, lunch and snacks, good sturdy walking shoes/boots that can cope with the rugged lava surfaces, sunhat, sunscreen, swimsuit, towel (optional). Morning tea provided on arrival. BYO flask of tea or coffee.

Cost: \$43 (no seniors fare) return for the ferry and \$7 for the bach tour. Please pay cash on the day to me for the bach tour portion. Buy your ferry ticket either online or on the day.

<https://www.fullers.co.nz/destinations-and-experiences/destinations/rangitoto-island/>

Confirm by: Monday 1st May.

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

ONEHUNGA WALKING RALLY

Onehunga Public Library, Church Street, Onehunga

Saturday 13th May 2023 at 10.30am

We will meet by the large seating area in front of the Onehunga Library.

Learn about the historical, commercial, and botanical aspects surrounding the Onehunga Mall.

Enjoy a 1-2 hour walk around Onehunga finding clues and answering the questions.

There is the probability that we will be joined by members of the Outdoor Activity Club, so there will be a competitive aspect to the rally. Stay for marking and prizes after.

Bring a pen and your intuition. A clipboard will be provided.

Cost: Free. Lunch after at your own expense.

Confirm by: At least 3 days prior to May 13 so I know how many photocopies are needed.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 027 478 4779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



MOVIE NIGHT - "THE BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER"

Rialto Cinema, 167 Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 14th May 2023

Book Club 2 – The Next Chapter, the highly anticipated sequel, follows our four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure. Starring film legends Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, and Mary Steenburgen starring alongside Andy Garcia, Don Johnson, and Craig T. Nelson.

Further info: Meet in the upstairs foyer at 5.30pm. Movie time TBC.

Optional dinner afterwards

Cost: Adults \$20.50 / Seniors \$14

Pay by: On the night.

Confirm by: Wednesday 10th May.

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



NZ SCULPTURE ON SHORE

Fort Takapuna, Vauxhall Rd, Devonport

Sunday 5th November 2023

After a 3-year hiatus due to Covid, New Zealand's largest sculpture exhibition returns this year. Ticket sales support Women's Refuge.

Further info: Meeting time to be determined and costs will be advised once they have been published. Lunch either at the event or will choose a nice café in Devonport.

Cost: Previous year's price has been around \$20 but would expect it to be more this year.

Pay: On the day

Confirm by: Date will be set when pricing is notified.

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



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remuera Club, Ohinerau Road, Remuera

Wednesday 17th May 2023 5pm to 9pm

Buffet dinner at 6pm, AGM at 7pm. Guest Speaker from 7.30pm

This year's guest speaker will be Shaun Lee who is a trustee of the Mussel Reef Restoration Trust. He is a designer, photographer, and science communicator who has been working to restore the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park for the last 10 years. He will be talking about his work with decoys to help restore endangered shorebirds and revitalizing the Gulf and protecting the sea floor. He will have plenty of fascinating photos to accompany his talk.

Cost: Buffet dinner \$30pp. The club has subsidised the meal by \$10pp.

Confirm: All members will be contacted by the committee for the purpose of informing the caterer.

Pay: Dinner – pay direct to the caterer on the night

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

LILLIPUTT MINI GOLF/AROUND THE WORLD

Shop 75, Sylvia Park, 286 Mt Wellington Highway

(refer to Sylvia Park map)

Sunday 28th May 2023 at 11am

See the world in 18 holes. Visit global icons like Arc de Triomphe, Leaning Tower of Pisa, and Mt Rushmore.

Afterwards we can have lunch at Filly, 286 Mt Wellington Highway.

Entrance on exterior of Sylvia Park, on ground floor by new terrace entrance. (Refer Sylvia Park map)

Cost: \$16 adults. Seniors \$13

Confirm by: Wednesday 24th May.

Pay by: On the day.

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



THE BOSS – BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna

Friday 25th August 2023 at 7.30pm

A show not to be missed. The Boss - Bruce Springsteen Experience is an international level show honoring the timeless music of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. With a full nine-piece line-up, The Boss presents Bruce's music at a captivating level of visual and audio excitement. This show has wowed audiences at every performance, with standing ovations being the norm.

Optional dinner at a restaurant nearby before the show at your cost.

Cost: Senior \$55 / Adult \$75 plus a share of the booking fee.

Confirm by: ASAP. Have already booked some seats will now take late bookings. Please advise if you are coming for dinner.

Pay by: Please confirm with David prior to putting money into TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00

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



EVENTS

And while we are talking about events, if there is something that you would like to suggest as an event, or even think you would like to organise yourself, speak to one of the committee. They would love to hear your idea and even help you get it into the newsletter. The club exists because there are people who want to socialise with others and have adventures.

PHOTOS FOR THE WEBSITE

If you have any photos from any TUAC events, we would love to see them on our website in our photo galleries. You can email these to Ian Ashurst ashurst.family@xtra.co.nz who will upload them onto the website gallery. You will need to let him know what event they relate to and if you can give each photo a title, this can be loaded onto the website to accompany the photo. You will also need to send him a short, written version of what the event was about. For ideas on what this looks like, check out previous galleries. It does not have to be too involved as there is limited space for this. It should just be a precis of how much fun you all had!

COVID – 19 POLICY

Now that the Covid vaccination mandates have been relaxed by the Government and a vaccination is no longer required, Thumbs Up Adventure Club no longer requires that members be vaccinated to attend events, meetings, or any other activities. Thank you so much for your co-operation and patience during that difficult period. Thankfully normality can now prevail.

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

If paying your subs, enter invoice number in payment details. You do not need to put your name in the details fields, as this is automatically displayed when using internet banking. Deposit cheques into the club's bank A/c 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby (libby.lyver@gmail.com) the same information.

BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT FOR ANY EVENT, CHECK WITH THE EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

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 prepaid 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 as this is not monitored frequently.