



## 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"*

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## August 2022 – September 2022

### JULY

*The All Blacks v Ireland Pot Luck Dinner at David Verralls was a success, apart from the result, but I don't think we can attribute the ALL Blacks loss of form to Dave's pot luck dinner.*

#### AUCKLAND JAZZ N' BLUES

##### THE HIPSTAMATICS

Point Chevalier RSA - 1136 Gt North Rd

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Show Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

The Hipstamatics have made a name for themselves over the last decade playing their unique energetic Reinterpretation of classic funk and soul throughout New Zealand from local bars to large scale festivals. Delivering both

Inspired reworkings of modern hits, and faithful execution of established classics, the Hipstamatics bring together their Diverse interests and styles as individual practitioners into a tight 8 piece band with visceral passion.

Cost: \$20 for non-members, \$5 for members Please bring cash as no Eftpos is available. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

Advise by: Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> so I can reserve a table

Contact: Helene Harper – [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz) or 021 921068



#### AUCKLAND JAZZ N' BLUES

Kim Carr

Point Chevalier RSA - 1136 Gt North Rd

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Show Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

Kim Carr is a Taranaki based jazz singer who is quickly establishing herself as a "singer with sass". Classically trained, she's built up a diverse repertoire and vocal range- from foot stomping swinging jazz standards to smooth, soft ballads.

Kim has been singing most of her life in a range of roles- from schoolteacher, in musicals and shows to friends' celebrations. She has Performed on the big stage at the age of 19 in the 1987 World Expo in Brisbane. With her lifelong love of singing and a move to Taranaki she became the Resident Jazz singer at the New Plymouth Novotel. Since then, Kim has collaborated with numerous local and international musicians. During an extended trip to Puerto Rico she lived her dream singing with local musicians in colourful Caribbean bars. A Candlelight Jazz event she organised and performed at in New Plymouth's Little Theatre last month was sold out. Kim's striking vocals were beautifully supported and enhanced by her talented four piece band.

Kim may be new to the Auckland music scene, but she's already had a hugely successful Auckland debut concert this year. At the Pah Homestead in April she Joined forces with some of Auckland's finest jazz musicians, Ben Fernandez-Piano, Steve Sherriff-Saxophone, Nick Taylor-Bass and Hannah de Koster- Drums. Together these super talented Auckland musicians will take the audience on a 'Journey of Jazz.'

Cost: \$20 for non-members, \$5 for members

Please bring cash as no Eftpos is available. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary.

Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

Advise by: Monday August 1, so I can reserve a table

Contact: Helene Harper – [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz) or 021 921068



### AUGUST

*The talk by James Duncan at the AGM was so interesting he inspired Dave to organize a visit to MOTAT*

*Also a reminder that tickets for Motown Music Review are selling fast, Dave does have a couple spare so get in touch please*

#### MOTAT MUSEUM

200-208 Meola Road, Western Springs.

Sunday 7th August at 10am

Come and experience New Zealand's Multi Award Winner Display Hall

A large collection of top Aircraft, Military, Commercial, Top Dressing and pioneers like Jean Batten and the Walsh Brothers and many more displays.

Afterwards follow-up at a cafe there or nearby.

Cost: Free to Super Gold Card Holders or otherwise \$19 per adult

Confirm by: Saturday 6th August

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



#### MUSIC REVUE OF THE MOTOWN ERA

Centrestage Theatre, 60 Centreway Road Orewa

Saturday 13th August 2022 - Show starts 8pm.

Following the success of ABBA and Elton John Centrestage now presents, Motown Era of Music. Dianna Ross, The Commodores and many others in an intimate Cabaret setting. Come along and enjoy a great night of music. Bookings are opening soon - first in-first served.

We have some beds for those wishing to stay the night.

Optional dinner before the show at Thai Orewa 5.15pm

Cost: Show \$30

Confirm: ASAP 30th July so we can get the tickets

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



## AUCKLAND JAZZ N' BLUES TONI SWAIN AND ROY PAYNE

Point Chevalier RSA - 1136 Gt North Rd

Date: Tuesday, August 9th, 2022

Show Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

Toni's live performances are stylish, sophisticated and powerful.

Touted as "Australia's best blues singer" Toni's voice is a natural gift, swelling with warmth

And depth. Gritty blues ballads, latin dance rhythms, heart wrenching soul destroyers and R & B toe tappers. Toni's eclectic style "defies categorization" Offering something for everyone in the crowd. The true art in Toni's music lies in her live performance, where humility and subtlety bridle at odds with an unstoppable force of nature – that voice, clarion-rising. Toni takes it all to a higher place, its rightful place and suddenly all is well in the world for that one perfect and unforgettable moment in song.

**Roy Payne** – the sizzling strings of Big Daddy Roy on his custom twin neck guitar from retro rockers and sophisticated swings to jumping blues and reverb soaked surf n'safari's. Roy's juke joint guitar style drives you along the Americana roots music highway, combining the steel guitar twang neck with the blues bopping standard guitar neck. Roy has developed his own guitar sound which feature on his original recordings and live shows.

**Cost:** \$20 for non-members, \$5 for members. Please bring cash as no Eftpos is available. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary.

Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

**Advise by:** Monday August 8, so I can reserve a table

**Contact:** Helene Harper – [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz) or 021 921068



## COMBINED QUIZ AND FOOT RALLY, TUAC- v- OAC

Sunday 21st August 2022

Meet at Blockhouse, Jellicoe Park, cnr Grey St & Quadrant Rd,

Onehunga at 11.30am

Originally planned for 6th March but postponed to 21st August.

This is a combined activity between Outdoor Activity Club and Thumbs Up Adventure Club.

Mike is holding a Foot Rally, where groups will do a local walk and treasure hunt. Then after lunch, Phil is running a Fun Quiz with groups from the above clubs.

This event has been organised by both Mike Maran and Phil Sai-Louie.

Please let Mike & Phil know, at least one week prior, if you are planning to come to either one or both events, so we can arrange the teams.

**Contact:** Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or [mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)



## SOUTH ISLAND TRAVEL TALK

Saturday 20th August 2022

The McMonagle's, Hobsonville

After touring the South Island recently, we would love to share our information and photos at a travel talk photo evening. We will also have a special guest, Jen Myers, a work colleague of Jeanette's sharing her experience climbing Mt Cook back in the 1970s in her 20s. The evening will include walks at Mt Cook, Wanaka, Ben Lomond & Moke Lake in Queenstown, various walks in Glenorchy followed by details of tramping the 4 day Caples Greenstone track completed by Jeanette & Gerard. The evening will include info on cycling the Newcastle Track & Upper Clutha Trail at Wanaka & the Lake Dunstan Trail at Cromwell.

Start time 7:30pm. Street address advised when you confirm your attendance.

**Bring:** Wine/beer. Nibbles provided

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** 13th August 2022 - limited to 12 people

**Contact:** Gerard - 021 979 941 or Jeanette McMonagle [jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com](mailto:jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com)



## SUNDAY ROAST DINNER

Zoo Keepers Inn, 715 Mt Albert Road Royal Oak

Sunday August 28th Meet at 6.30 pm

Pieces of mouth watering meat, paired with crispy potatoes, seasonal vegs, and Yorkshire Pudding

I am happy to book as soon as I know how many are coming

Please let me know ASAP

PAY; on the night

**Confirm by:** ASAP

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Contact:** Annie Melrose 021 157 6005 or email [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)

## SEPTEMBER

### HOTEL CALIFORNIA – THE EAGLES EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Theatre, 1 The Promenade, Takapuna

Saturday 17th September 2022 at 8pm

(Rescheduled from 2021)

Get in quick for the captivating live concert and stage show saluting the extraordinary talent and timeless catalogue of The Eagles! With a stage full of show-stopping voices and musicians, relive the beautiful country harmonies, the rockin' guitar solos and the masterful song writing in all its glory, performed live on stage. Hear all the classic tracks that topped the charts and tested the boundaries of Rock and Country including Hotel California, Desperado, Take It Easy, One of These Nights, Tequila Sunrise, Heartache Tonight, Life in the Fast Lane, Take it to the Limit, Witchy Woman, New Kid In Town, Lyin' Eyes, Get Over It, Love will Keep Us Alive, Best of My Love and more. A carefully crafted tribute that music fans will truly appreciate. Check out [www.facebook.com/eaglesexperience](https://www.facebook.com/eaglesexperience) for further details on the tribute band members.

**Further info:** If you want to book your own tickets, book through [www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240059638A1D163D](https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240059638A1D163D) but if you would like to sit together with other TUAC members, I can book online for the group.

Optional dinner beforehand at a restaurant to be chosen closer to the date.

**Cost:** \$62.10 each, dinner your cost

**Pay by:** If you would like to sit with other TUAC members, please let me know **ASAP** as tickets are already selling fast and I can buy tickets as a group to get the best seating. Ticket price payable immediately into the club bank account 12-3014-0118011-00 if booked with me.

**Confirm by:** ASAP so I can book tickets together and confirm if coming to dinner.

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



### ALL BLACKS VS WALLABIES – 1<sup>ST</sup> MATCH BLEDISLOE CUP

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022

If you love watching the All Blacks against Australia, come along and watch on the big screen at Alexandra Park, Greenlane West Road. Dinner 5:30 p.m. at the Alex Bar and Eatery before the game starts at 7.05 p.m. Check out the menu ahead of time <https://www.alexandrapark.co.nz/the-alex/the-alex-menu/>

**Cost:** Dinner and drinks your cost

**Confirm by:** Friday 16th July 2022 as table will be reserved.

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

### AUCKLAND STREET ART WALK

Karangahape Road - at the top of Kevin's Arcade- Auckland

Sunday 25th September 2022 at 10.30am

Meet Sue O'Neil- one of TUAC's lovely members who will be leading this event. We will meet at the top of Kevin's Arcade on K Road at 10.30am.

She will take you on a walk around parts of Auckland to various locations looking at interesting sculptures and some very colourful graffiti and artwork. Auckland has some amazing artwork on buildings which we often don't notice when we are driving around. We will also be going thru Symonds Street cemetery where the ground may be a bit uneven so wear good walking shoes. It's amazing what is around the city.

We will go to a local café for lunch and coffee afterward.

**Cost:** Your lunch, drinks at the café

**Advise by:** Wednesday 21st September

**Contact:** Helene Harper - [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz) or 021 921 068



## EVENING KIWI WATCHING TOUR

### Tawharanui Regional Park

**Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th November 2022**

Not many people get the chance to spot a kiwi in its natural habitat. This unique experience will allow you to get up close with some of Auckland's rarest (and vocal!) birdlife. As a protected, predator-free

sanctuary, a night walk through Tawharanui gives you a rare glimpse into the sights and sounds of the NZ forest, pre-European settlement. The trails are well maintained, and relatively flat with just a few undulations. Total distance walked will vary, but averages about 2km for the whole tour. Limited to 11 people.

**Saturday:** This weekend is combined with visiting the Matakana markets, dinner either at the pub in Matakana before the tour, or possibly a potluck BBQ at Tawharanui Beach before the tour (to be decided closer to the day and weather dependant). If staying at/near Matakana, the tour company will collect us from upstairs at the Cinema complex in Matakana village. Pick up time to be confirmed. Guided tour duration 7.30pm – 10pm. Hot chocolate and cookies are provided by the tour company while learning about the area and awaiting dark to head off into the bush. Red light torch supplied

**Sunday:** An optional mountain bike ride or walk around the headlands with their stunning views back to Auckland and further north. Optional Sculptureum gardens and galleries visit. Open from 10am-2.30pm

**Further info:** Because of the start and finish time of the tour it is suggested you might like to stay overnight. Overnight stay at your own choice of accommodation. Tawharanui Regional Park campground has spaces for tents and campervans. Plenty of motel and Air BnB options around Matakana. Carpooling may also be arranged if required.

<https://kiwinesstours.co.nz/evening-kiwi-walk/>

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/stay-at-park/Pages/accommodation-details.aspx?itemID=79>

<https://www.sculptureum.nz/>

**Bring:** Rain jacket and a warm layer (just in case). Enclosed shoes (sneakers/trainers) (tramping boots not recommended because of the noise – the quieter the better!). Bike and cycling clothes for Sunday.

**Cost:** Kiwi tour – Less than 11 people \$100.00 each / 11 people \$85.00 each

Camping/campervans \$16 per person per night / Air BnB/motels your cost

Sculptureum \$22.00 seniors / \$32.00 adults. Food your cost

**Pay by:** Pay Kiwi tour cost into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00 when numbers are confirmed with tour group

**Confirm by:** 30th July 2022

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



## OCTOBER

### TRAIN & CYCLE TRIP

#### Takanini, Papakura & Karaka Lakes

**Sunday 9th October 2022**

Catch a leisurely train from your choice of train station to travel south to Te Mahia Station. From there we will cycle the Wattle Downs walkway around the Pahurehure Inlet to meet up with the new Takanini-Karaka cycleway. We will pass through Karaka Lakes with a lunch stop at Melba Café. After lunch, we cross the motorway on our own cycle bridge and follow the rest of the inlet through Youngs Beach, Papakura Oaks, and towards Takanini. There are some main roads with cycle lanes but these are only short distances to reach quiet back roads where we head back to Takanini train station for the return journey.

**Further info:** For those who wish to drive to the start instead of catching the train, meet at the carpark outside James Cook High School, Dr Pickering Ave, Manurewa at 11:30 a.m.

**Morning train timetable:**

**Britomart 10:12 / Newmarket 10:20 / Ellerslie 10:27 / Penrose 10:30**

If on the day, the **trains are not running** meet at the carpark outside James Cook High School, Dr Pickering Ave, Manurewa at 10:30 a.m. (including those driving to the starting point)

**Bring:** Own bike and bike gear. Must wear some high vis clothing for the road section.

**Cost:** Free, lunch your cost. Train free for gold card holders.

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by** Sunday 28th August (need numbers for lunch reservation)

**Contact:** Tony Orr mobile 021 676 120 or [tonyorr99@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tonyorr99@xtra.co.nz)



## NOVEMBER

### PLAY – "NORTH BY NORTH WEST"

ASB Waterfront Theatre, 138 Halsey Street, CBD

Saturday 5th November at 8 pm

Gripping, suspenseful and visually stunning, this is an unmissable theatrical event that brilliantly transposes Hitchcock's famous film to the stage. Suave Mad Avenue advertising executive Roger O. Thornhill's uneventful life is turned upside down when a case of mistaken identity turns him into a framed fugitive thrust into a world of spies, manhunts, mystery and In this spectacular blockbuster of a production, the twists, turns and tensions of Hitchcock's masterpiece come to life on stage, complete with car chases, plane crashes and the famous final cliff-hanger on Mount Rushmore. One of our most internationally successful theatre directors,

Simon Phillips, returns home with a production he created in Melbourne Theatre Company and now restages with a large cast of New Zealand actors.

**Cost:** \$75.00 (stalls seating). (Optional dinner beforehand at a restaurant to be advised closer to the time).

**Confirm by:** A.S.A.P. as tickets are selling reasonably quickly. Please advise by end of August at the latest.

**Pay by:** Into TUAC bank a/c: 12-3014-0118011-00 when tickets are confirmed as being available. I will advise when tickets have been purchased.

Contact: Jane Callvert on mobile 0274 605704 or email: [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.co.nz)

### CITY TO HENDERSON CYCLE RIDE

**Monday 7th November 2022**

TUAC member, Laura Cunningham, twin sister to Libby, will be completing her epic Tour Aotearoa ride at Kreem Café, Henderson around lunchtime. Because of Covid restrictions and not being able to enter the country in February early enough to start the ride with the rest of her fellow TUAC members, she missed the first part of the ride from Cape Reinga to Auckland and not wishing to have only done part of the ride is completing the route by starting on 2nd November at the cape and finishing up in Auckland, where she met the group in February. Please feel free to come along to support her and meet her on her final part of the journey.

There are two different starting points for this ride which you can choose from. One will be from The Landing Restaurant at Mangere Bridge (parking available) at around 10.30 and the other at the top of the rainbow bridge in front of the old Oakley Hospital at around 11:15. These times will be firmed up closer to the day. At this stage we hope to be at Kreem Café for lunch at 12:00.

**Bring:** Own bike and biking gear

**Cost:** Free, lunch at your cost

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Saturday 5th November 2022 and let me know your chosen starting point

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

### PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car Rally – Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Jazz and Blues, Tuesday nights – Helene Harper
- Variety artists, 1st Monday of the month – Helene Harper
- Muriwai Walk and Gannet Colony – David
- Drag Bingo - Annie

## JOKE

If all the chairs are on  
the table, but you're still  
sitting in the restaurant,  
it's time to go home.



### 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 E: [ashurst.family@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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 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!

Libby Lyver

### 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. 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**