



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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December 2019 – January 2020

Message from President Mike

Currently the committee members are contacting all members with their intentions of coming to the annual Christmas party at our usual location at Cornwall Park on Saturday 7th December.

For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if you could respond with a yes or no asap. This year the committee have decided to add some extra salads to give our Christmas lunch a bit more variety.

The traditional TUAC Christmas party is a traditional event that 'cements' the important socialising part of our membership and is a great free annual event for those who only come to occasional events to catch up with each other. If you have any friends or family that would like to join us at the Christmas party, there will be an extra charge of \$20pp.

We also have our annual evening beach barbecue at Kohimarama Beach on Sunday 15th December, so if you can't make it to our annual Christmas party I look forward to seeing you there.

The committee has a good variety of mentally and physically stimulating past events and has already pre planned events up until April.

The growth of our membership is important for refreshing the clubs on going vitalisation and participation in events. Still the best way of encouraging new membership is by word of mouth. If you have any friends or family that would like to join, they would be very welcome. Remember new members are entitled to come to one event, they are then encouraged to join the club.

If I don't see you at either the Christmas or Barbecue parties, I wish you all the compliments of the Season and all the best for 2020.

Mike Maran



TRAMP TO THE WAITAWHETA HUT IN THE KAIMAIS Saturday 23rd and 24th November 2019

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

Book 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.



CYCLE NGARUAWAHIA TO HAMILTON

Sunday 1st December

50km ride: Meet at Ngaruawahia Domain (under the bridge) for 10am start.

40km ride: Horotiu Bridge, 10.15am start.

We will be riding the Te-Awa River trail to Hamilton where we will stop for lunch at a suitable spot, then return to Ngaruawahia the same way. A reasonable level of fitness is required.

Further Info: www.Te-Awa.org.nz.

Carpooling: Mike Maran can transport some riders and bikes, (limited no's) Call Mike 0274 784 779. Otherwise, meet Bombay 8.15am.

Bring: Bike, helmet, water, lunch, spare tube, basic tools

Cost: Lunch on the day or BYO.

Confirm by: Thursday 28th November

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



ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park

Saturday 7th December at 11am

Look for the TUAC banner. Arrive at 11am, lunch at 12pm.

Xmas lunch will be a lovely selection of ham on the bone, cold meats and salads, Xmas cake, fresh fruit platters and strawberries. Wine and juice provided.

Anyone with special dietary requirements please let us know.

A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent to those who have confirmed they are attending.

Again this year, in an effort to reduce NZ's waste problem and keep NZ clean and green, there will be no plastic or disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to provide their own and to take all your rubbish home with you.

Bring: \$5 Secret Santa present, chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

Cost: This event is free for financial members

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

Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



XMAS IN THE PARK REHEARSAL

Auckland Domain - Friday 13th December 2019

A great night to go to this event without the crowds.

Meet from 5.30pm onwards in front of the stage. Look out for the TUAC banner. Remember there is no alcohol allowed at these events, so bring a hip flask.

Bring: Chair, dinner and refreshments

Cost: Free

Confirm by: 7th December 2019

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



POT LUCK BEACH BBQ

Kohimarama Beach

Sunday 15th December 2019 from 5pm onwards

Want to take a break from the hectic rush of Xmas shopping? Come along for the last event of the year on the TUAC calendar, for what has become an annual event, for a pot luck beach BBQ. Meet at the yacht club end of Kohi Beach on Tamaki Drive (look for the TUAC banner). Plenty of parking available. Join in the fun of beach Frisbee, swim or just relax with a glass of wine in your beach chair. Event will go ahead, unless raining too heavily. Dress to suit the weather on the day.

Bring: Your own meat, alcohol, plate to share, own cutlery, glass, plate & chair. Please indicate what type of plate you are bringing so I can co-ordinate food so we don't double up. Please bring serving utensils for your shared dish.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Monday 9th December

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



BROKEN HILLS CAMPING WEEKEND, PUKETUI VALLEY

317-373 Puketui Valley Rd, Hikuaui

Thursday 6th Feb to Sunday 9th Feb 2020

Broken Hills campsite is beside the Tairua River among native bush and takes 200 people. No booking required (it's never been full). First come, first served! Facilities - toilets and rubbish collection area.

Explore the remains of the old gold mining days on numerous walks in the area (500m long walking tunnel). Trout fishing nearby. Mobile phone coverage limited.

Directions: From Auckland, take SH25 towards Hikuaui. 50m north of the turnoff to Pauanui past Prescott's Garage, turn left into Morrison's Road, then onto Puketui Valley Rd. It is 6 km to the car park at the end of Puketui Valley Road.

Access the campsite is by the Puketui Valley Road entrance only. The two entrance roads - Puketui Valley Road and Puketui Road to Broken Hills don't connect and a stream crossing is between them. Broken Hills is 19 km from Tairua and 27 km from Whangamata. Access is by gravel road.

Bring: Torch, tent/camping/cooking gear, food & water (safe to boil river water), walking gear/boots/poles. No refrigeration. Bring frozen meat for BBQ which will stay cold in your chilly bin. Club BBQs will be on site

Cost: \$15 per person per night.

Pay by: On the day in cash (on site honesty box system)

Confirm: 10th January 2020

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



TREE IDENTIFICATION WALK - ALBERT PARK & UNIVERSITY

Saturday 18th January at 11am

As parking is difficult around this area I suggest that we meet at the Main entry ticket office at the Britomart Rail Station at 11am and walk up to Albert Park from there.

For those who want some botanical educational advancement during the holiday period. Albert Park and the University has some of Auckland's notable and unique trees. Mike will walk and identify these botanical specimens. The walk will take about 2 hours and is mainly level.

Optional coffee or lunch back in the Britomart precinct after.

Cost: Free

Bring: Your botanical and arboriculture knowledge.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com.

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

Cost: \$745 but dependent on accommodation choices.

Info/bookings: Call Trail Journeys, 0800 030 381 or jo@trailjourneys.co.nz

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



MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND

Saturday 29th February to Sunday 1st March 2020

Mystery location - now revealed to be Waihi

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

Meet at Remuera Club, 33 Ohinerau St. at 10am if you want to carpool down.

Mystery Sunday activity also planned. Carpooling can be arranged.

Please arrange your own accommodation. Plenty of motels, camping grounds and Air BnB in the area. If you would like to share accommodation with others, please let us know. List available of options. Please ask for a copy.

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

Cost: Accommodation and Saturday night meal your cost.

Optional mystery Sunday event \$39 or \$35 Seniors.

Confirm by: 15th January 2020

Please respond by this date because bookings need to be done, also for the mystery tour and carpool. Numbers are limited for this tour, so get in quick.

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or alison.philcox3@gmail.com

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



FELITY & ROB ARE TRAMPING LAKE WAIKAREMOANA OVER AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND JANUARY 2020

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

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 Hopuruahine Landing, then tramp 17km mostly flat, to Marauiti Hut

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

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

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



WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

Schischka Campground, Wenderholm

Friday & Saturday Nights 21st & 22nd March 2020

Located alongside the Puhoi River is Schischka Campground, which is a short walk to the beach. Kayaking, swimming and many walks in the area. The camp site is flat and has all new facilities Saturday night shared meal - Club BBQ will be there

Bring: Camping gear/tent/gas cooker, walking shoes, kayak (opt)

Cost: \$15.50 per person per night

Pay by: ASAP to TUAC as there are a limited number of places.

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



JOKE

There are 11 people hanging onto a rope that comes down from an airplane, 10 of them are blonde, and one is a brunette.

They all decide that one person should get off because if they don't, the rope will break and everyone will die.

No one can decide who should go, so finally the brunette delivers a very touching speech, ending with the words, "I'll get off."

The blondes, all moved by the brunette's speech, start clapping.

Problem solved.

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 a/c 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**