



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 2021 – January 2022

Important message from President Mike

In these uncertain times the committee had discussed which is the best option for vaccination requirements for members to attend all events.

Most clubs have now started adopting the following policy. It was agreed that we would use similar guidelines based on the East Auckland Senior Cycling Club. That is a requirement that all members attending events will need proof of vaccination either by scanning or showing their vaccination card or by going online for a certificate.

The Ministry of Health is in the process of producing a vaccine certificate which will have a QR code or another barcode on it. Libby will be sending out a separate email to all members asking them to state their vaccination status and this will be inserted on a spreadsheet so that event organisers can see who is or isn't vaccinated. I presume most of us are already vaccinated, so all these members should be satisfactory for attending events.

Helen Wood and Christine Troy-West have resigned from the committee, and I thank them for their input and organisation of past events. We are now looking therefore for two replacement committee members. Please contact me if you can assist. The experienced committee members are always on hand to guide and assist new committee members.

We also agreed that the Christmas Party at Cornwall Park be forwarded to Saturday 18th December as currently we were uncertain of which alert level we will be in December.

This would give us a bit more lead in time for planning and catering. There could be still restrictions on the maximum numbers allowed for outside events. We are hoping to secure a new spot just round the corner from our usual area. This area is closer to the toilets by the Archery Club. Details in this newsletter.

Reminder, our 25th Celebration and Maritime Museum tour is coming up for 12th and 13th February, we are all looking forward to a memorable weekend.

Now summertime is approaching, let's hope we can get back to normality and enjoyment for inside and outside events.

Mike Maran
Club President

WATERCARE COASTAL WALKWAY

Ambury Park, Ambury Rd, Mangere at 9.45am

Sunday 28th November 2021

Get out of the house, stretch the legs, reconnect with fellow club members.

Watercare's coastal walkway provides access to the Mangere Ihumatao foreshore, an area rich in cultural history and home to thousands of migratory wading birds.

Meet at Ambury Park, Ambury Rd, Mangere, 9.45 am. We have two choices.

Ambury Farm to Puketutu Island, 2 hrs return,

Ambury Farm to the Stonefields, 3 hrs return. We will choose on the day.

Bring: Lunch, water, binoculars.

Confirm by: 28th November

NB: please note current club covid policy in this newsletter.

Contact: Gary - 021 1170 716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



CENTENNIAL PARK WALK

Onetaunga Road, Chatswood.

Sunday 12th December 9.45am for a 10am start.

Meet on Onetaunga Road at the entrance to Centennial Park.

We take a loop walk to Kendall Bay, then take the track to the Chelsea Sugar Works café for coffee or lunch then take the route back to our parking. Total walking approx. 2 hours.

The Chelsea Sugar café may be open depending on current covid restrictions, otherwise bring water, lunch etc.

NB: Please refer to newsletter for current club covid policy.

Confirm by: 10th December

Contact: Gary - 021 1170 716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



HOTEL CALIFORNIA – THE EAGLES EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Theatre, 1 The Promenade, Takapuna

Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 8pm

It's time to check-in to Hotel California - The Eagles Experience on their NZ 2021 National Tour - 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 for details on the tribute band members.

Tickets through www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240059638A1D163D

Cost: 6+ people \$57.10 each or \$62.10 if booked individually
Optional dinner beforehand at 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. Pay immediately into TUAC bank account if booking with me.

Confirm: ASAP so I can book tickets together, also confirm if coming to dinner.

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

Tickets still available



ANNUAL XMAS PARTY Cornwall Park

Saturday 18th December 2021 at 11am

As we are all expecting the Covid-19 restrictions to ease in December and allow for larger gatherings and being able to host this event, we have set a date for you to save.

This year we will be in a slightly different section of Cornwall Park (opposite the Auckland Archery Club on Kenneth Myers Drive)

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

Arrive from 11am onwards for pre-lunch drinks and a catch up with other members.

Xmas lunch will be served promptly at 12.30pm. There 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.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

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

Bring: \$10 Secret Santa present, chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

Cost: Free for financial members, otherwise \$25 per head

Contact: David Verrall – 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz or Libby Lyver – 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



POTLUCK BEACH BBQ

Kohimarama Beach

Sunday 19th December 2021 from 5pm onwards

Want to take a break from a year of lockdown? Come along for a potluck beach BBQ for what has now become an annual event.

Meet at the yacht club end of Kohi Road on Tamaki Drive (look for the TUAC banner). Plenty of parking available.

Relax with a glass of wine in your own comfy beach chair. Will be held unless raining too heavily. If unsure, phone me on the day.

Bring: Your own meat, alcohol, plate of food 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 also bring serving utensils for your shared dish.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Tuesday 14th December

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



WESTGREEN HOUSING WALK

Saturday 8th January at 10am

Westgate / Northgate at Mega Mitre 10

Meet at 10am outside Mega Mitre 10 at Westgate, 95 Northside Road. Mitre 10 is the large distinctive orange superstore.

We will walk to view the construction development of hundreds of different modern architecturally designed houses, units, and apartments at Auckland's newest suburb 'Westgreen'. This is located off the old state highway 16, not seen from the road. There may be an open home for inside viewing. Return through the expanding commercial area of Northgate.

Approx. 2-3 hour walk, mostly level some slight hills.

Lunch or coffee at one of the many cafes that surround the public square at Northgate Shopping Centre.

Bring: Comfortable walking shoes, water, snacks.

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



BIKE & BOTANICAL

CYCLE RIDE TO PARNELL ROSE & EDEN GARDENS

Saturday 15th January at 10am.

This event has been rescheduled from the cancelled event on 13th November. I am hoping for a re-opening of either the Winter Gardens or Eden Gardens under the revised alert levels.

Meet Pt Chevalier shops carpark, behind KFC at 10am.

We will ride our bikes to the Parnell Rose Gardens from Pt Chevalier, then onto the Domain Wintergardens. If the Wintergardens are still closed due to alert levels, we could consider cycling onto Eden Gardens. (Entry fee \$10pp.).

Allow 4 - 5 hours. About 25k return ride. Route: Pt Chevalier NW cycle path, down Grafton gully, The Strand, Rose Gardens, then Gladstone Rd to the Domain, return via Grafton Bridge via the new cycleway on K Rd then Gt North Rd, return to Pt Chevalier. Mostly on cycle paths, some footpaths, and roads. For those without bikes, you're welcome to meet us at the Rose Gardens or the Wintergardens.

Mike will assist with identifying flowers and notable trees within these premier Auckland parks. Lunch stops at a cafe nearby. The Rose Gardens have no bike racks so we will have to chain our bikes together or around a tree.

Bring: Your bike, drinks, and snacks.

Cost: Entry fee to Eden Gardens if decided, \$10pp.

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



OREWA ESTUARY OR BEACH WALK, SWIM & BBQ

Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 2pm

Come along to David's place, 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa at 2pm for a walk around the estuary or along the beach. Those wanting a swim before the walk arrive earlier about 12.30pm. Return to David's place for a sociable BBQ at 5pm

Bring: Your own meat, drink, and a plate to share

Cost: Free

Confirm by: 21st January 2022

Contact: - David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz or Joy Jordan- 021 679 301 or joyejordan@xtra.co.nz



25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau St, Remuera

Saturday 12th February 2022

October 2021 marks the 25th anniversary since the incorporation of this club, a significant milestone.

To commemorate the many years of great adventures and friendships we are holding an Anniversary Celebration dinner and get together with current and past members.

Festivities kick off from 5pm with mix and mingle. Bar will be open and nibbles available. A photographic display will jog memories.

At 7pm, the MC will start the proceedings introducing our guest speaker, Vonnice Hill, club co-founder and life member, followed by a buffet dinner and dessert. Music and entertainment will round off the evening.

Cost: \$50 pp

Confirm by: 13th December 2021

Pay by: 20th December to the TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby at libby.lyver@gmail.com (confirming payment).

Contact: - Former members confirmation to Gary Anstiss

tuacreunion2021@gmail.com

Current members confirmation to Mary Donald mary.don@xtra.co.nz



MARITIME MUSEUM & SAILING TRIP ON THE TED ASHBY

Sunday 13th February at 10.30am

This event coincides and is scheduled to be part of TUAC weekend club's 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

We will have a 1 hour guided tour through the Maritime Museum with the Museum's most knowledgeable guide, June Bartmore.

There are many of New-Zealand's and Auckland's maritime heritage aspects that are displayed within the Museum that will be of interest to everyone.

We then take a break for lunch at the Museum's Cafe, then at 1.15pm it's all aboard for 1 hour sail on the Waitemata Harbour on the original sailing kauri scow the Ted Ashby, departing at 1.30pm. This event is open to both past members and current members.

Cost: \$5 pp for the guided tour and \$21 pp for the Ted Ashby. Please pay direct to the Maritime Museum reception on arrival. I will ask the committee if we can subsidise the costs and will update this in the next newsletter,

Confirm by: If I could have an indication of numbers attending 1 week prior, by Sunday 24th October, then I can pass this onto the museum as they will put on an extra guide and to notify the Ted Ashby on passenger spaces.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



SULLIVANS BAY CAMPING

18th – 20th February 2022

More information in future newsletters

Keep this weekend free for a great time.

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or

gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



COMBINED QUIZ AND FOOT RALLY – TUAC- v- OAC

Sunday 6th March 2022 at 10am

Onehunga Community Rooms, 83 Selwyn St, next to Onehunga School.

Put a circle around 6th March next year as we will have an interclub quiz competition. Thumbs Up Adventure Club V Outdoor Activity Club.

10am quiz and 11am Foot Rally & Treasure Hunt around Onehunga.

15 specialty questions for the Quiz and 15 search and find clues for the Foot Rally.

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

If we could have an indication on numbers attending 1 week prior, so we can arrange the teams.

Cost: \$2 per head to cover the room hire.

Optional lunch after at one of the many cafes in Onehunga.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com

HOWICK LITTLE THEATRE – MY COUSIN RACHEL
1 Sir Lloyd Elsmore Drive, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga
Saturday 19th March at 8pm.



A Daphne Du Maurier romantic drama. When the enigmatic Countess Rachel Sangalletti travels from Florence to the Ashley Estate in Cornwall, home of her recently deceased husband, her presence arouses dark suspicions and uncontrollable desires, not least in young Philip, cousin, and heir to the Ashley home. Feverish passion battles reason in this classic Gothic romance set in the wild landscape of the rock-ribbed Cornish coast.

A New Zealand premiere.

Optional dinner beforehand at 6pm.

Cost: Adults \$32, Seniors aged 65+ \$29 (with proof of concession)
Please purchase your own tickets. Theatre office: 09 534 1401

Confirm by: Saturday 12th March

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

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
- Rotorua Island – David
- Round the Bays, March 2022 - Gary

JOKE

FIFTY SHADES OF GREY BY PAM AYRES

(To be read in a broad UK Suffolk accent)

The missus bought a Paperback, down Shepton Mallet way,
I had a look inside her bag; T'was "Fifty Shades of Grey"
Well, I just left her to it, and at ten I went to bed
An hour later she appeared; the sight filled me with dread
In her left hand she held a rope and in her right a whip!
She threw them down upon the floor, and then began to strip
Well fifty years or so ago I might have had a peek,
But Mabel hasn't weathered well, she's eighty-four next week!!
Watching Mabel bump and grind could not have been much grimmer.
And things then went from bad to worse; she toppled off her Zimmer!
She struggled back upon her feet; a couple of minutes later
She put her teeth back in and said, "I am a dominator!!"
Now if you knew our Mabel, you'd see just why I spluttered,
I'd spent two months in traction for the last complaint, I'd uttered
She stood there nude and naked, bent forward just a bit
I went to hold her, sensual like and stood on her left tit!
Mabel screamed; her teeth shot out; My God what had I done!
She moaned and groaned then shouted out: "Step on the other one!!"
Well readers, I can say no more; of what occurred that day
Suffice to say my jet-black hair,
Turned fifty shades of grey!!

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) 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



THUMBS UP ADVENTURE CLUB COVID-19 POLICY

Following recent announcements, the Thumbs Up Adventure Club (TUAC) committee advises that events will be restarted under current lockdown restrictions according to Covid-19 government guidelines. Please note that lowering of these restrictions is at the present setting, until advised further. The government may have cause to amend at any time, lowering or lifting the current Covid level. Any changes obviously will be advised and likewise members will be kept up to date.

Rules and guidelines for all event organisers and members (including their guests) wishing to participate in TUAC organised events, are listed below. You **MUST** be double vaccinated to attend ANY organised event.

Please forward a copy of your vaccination record to Libby Lyver and this information will be recorded and made available for all event organisers.

Send your documents to either libby.lyver@gmail.com or text photos to 021 137 1488

You can access your vaccination record by the following tools:

My Covid Record - <https://app.covid19.health.nz> Create a My Health Account to access vaccination records. Forward a screenshot or photo

2. Vaccination Card - forward a scanned document, photo, or screenshot

3. MOH Vaccination letter - this is a PDF file and can be obtained at: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novelcoronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-requesting-proof-vaccination>.

Forward a copy of the pdf document to libby.lyver@gmail.com

OR

If you received a small purple card at your vaccination centre listing the dates for shots 1 and 2, this can be sent to Libby, either by taking a photo of the card and texting to 021 137 1488 or by scanning and emailing.

Rules and Guidelines for event organisers and members

1. If planning on attending an event, as a courtesy to event organisers, ring or email them prior to the date to advise your attendance. You must have let Libby know ahead, of your vaccination status.

2. Event organisers to be aware that yours, and your group's safety is always paramount. Organisers have total authority to amend / cancel any event at any time and likewise, where safety is concerned to regulate or alter the number of attendees. Organisers are to check the membership list where the vaccination status of members, is recorded

Within the above guidelines, the committee also assumes that all event organisers have been double vaccinated and have advised Libby.

3. Please continue to social distance as much as practical.

4. Continue to wear a mask as has been mandated by the Government and necessary through this Covid environment.

We hope you can understand the clubs' position on this. We are all trying to keep not only our members safe, but also all staff, of any business we may visit on any event.



25th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrate 25 years of great adventures and friendships - previous and current members

dinner / guest speaker founding member Vonnie Hill / open mic music and entertainment to round the evening off

Where: Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau St. P



**NEW DATE – 12th FEBRUARY 2022
from 5pm**

Cost: \$50 pp

Confirm by Monday 13th December 2021

Pay by: Monday 20th December 2021 to the TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00
and email Libby at libby.lyver@gmail.com (confirming payment)

Former members registration contact: Gary Anstiss at tuacreunion2021@gmail.com

Current members registration contact: Mary Donald at mary.don@xtra.co.nz

We are in the process of arranging an optional celebration event on:

Sunday 13th February:

Tour Auckland Maritime Museum

Lunch at Museum café

Cruise on the scow Ted Ashby

NOTE: THIS EVENT IS YET TO BE CONFIRMED