

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 2022 to January 2023

Last Month in a nutshell

Well we had a very interesting month with lots of activities North by North West was a great play and inspired by the attendance and the comments we have another play next year "The Picture of Dorian Grey" this has been getting great reviews in Australia so watch for it in this newsletter. The Jazz nights are well attended and great value. Coming up we have the Christmas Party which will be a lot of Fun and early in the new year we have "Round the Bays" always a fun if exhausting day out. The Croquet was rained out and has been moved to the new year

Events

Have a look at the events for this month, there is sure to be something that appeals.

DECEMBER

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park

Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 11am

This year we are moving back to our original site on the corner of Grand Drive and Bollard Ave. A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent closer to the date to those who have confirmed they are attending. 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: Chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

Optional: \$10 Secret Santa present

Cost: Free for financial members, other guests welcome \$25 per head

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Auckland Jazz N'Blues

Pt Chevalier RSA ,1136 Gt North Rd, Pt Chevalier

Date: December 10th – Saturday. Show starts at 7.30 to 9.30pm

Queen City Big Band with Jenny B on vocals

Come celebrate the festive season with the Jazz & Blues Club and the Queen City Big Band and featuring Jenny B on vocals. Great way to celebrate the end of year for the Auckland Jazz n' Blues and get ready for all the Xmas celebrations. If you're coming for dinner best to come at 6.30pm so so you have finished your meal before the show starts.

Cost: \$5 for members or \$20 for non-members. You can pay at the door on the night. Please bring cash as the club doesn't have credit card facilities. You can get cash out at the bar if you need to.

Confirm by: December 5th so I can reserve a table

Contact: Helene Harper – 021 921068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz

JANUARY

OREWA ESTUARY OR BEACH WALK, OR BIKE, SWIM & BBQ

Saturday 14 January 2023 at 2pm

Come along to David's Place 11 Edgewater Grove Orewa at 2pm for a walk or bike around the Estuary or along the Beach.

Those wanting a Swim before the walk, arrive early about 12/30 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:** 13th January 2023

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WHANGAMOMONA REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Sat 21st to Sun 22nd January 2023

Expressions of interest needed ASAP

Come and be part of history at Republic Day 2023 when a new President will be elected. On January 21st the borders will be thrown open for all. No passports needed, no border posts, no entry fee. The Republic decided after the last couple of years everyone deserves a treat so come and enjoy a day out in the Republic to help them celebrate their 35th year of independence. Great entertainment and great country tucker. To find out more about Whangamomona and why they sought independence check out

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/keyword/whangamomona>

Travel down Friday 20th and be ready for the day's activities starting about 10am on the Saturday. Take our time coming back on the Sunday with a possible side trip to the Lavender Farm by jetboat from Taumarunui.

As accommodation is limited, a quick decision needs to be made if you would like to come along. A local has told me recently, she does not think that Republic Day will be around for much longer, so this may be the only chance you get to take part in history!

Various accommodation options available – local campground, Air BNB's (limited supply and booking up fast) and Whangamomona Hotel and Lodge (also booking up fast).

Further details: As soon as numbers are known I will arrange accommodation, but to avoid missing out, get in quick.

Confirm by : As soon as you read this newsletter.

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TIMBER TRAIL MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

Saturday 28th January to Monday

30th January 2023

Pureora Forest, King Country

A mountain biker's paradise. Ride the Grade 2 to 3 trail over 2 days. Can be done on an Ebike but must have mountain bike tyres. Approx 40 kms each day. Plan is to hire an Air BnB near Bennydale and drive to the start of the trail on the 1st day and catch a shuttle back from the halfway point at Timber Trail Lodge. 2nd day drive to end of trail at Ongarue and get shuttle to drop us off at Timber Trail Lodge where we ride from there back to Ongarue to collect our vehicles. Carpooling from Auckland and to Timber Trail can be arranged – shared cost. Accommodation at Moketenui Station which is a working sheep and beef farm in the heart of the King Country located only 20 mins from the start of the Timber Trail. Info and trail

map (<https://www.timbertrail.nz/>) [https://www.timbertrail.nz/site_files/21379/upload_files/FD Timber Trail Tear Pad A3 0821.pdf?dl=1](https://www.timbertrail.nz/site_files/21379/upload_files/FD%20Timber%20Trail%20Tear%20Pad%20A3%200821.pdf?dl=1)

Bring: Own mountain bike and cycling gear, backpack, wet weather gear (just in case), Own food for 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and snacks and own alcohol. Dinner is pot luck/BBQ at the Air BnB.

Costs: Hope to book the Moketenui Shearers Quarters, but price will depend on numbers. 2 shuttles (1 per day) \$70.00 each day per person.

Confirm by: As soon as possible so Air BnB can be booked. Limited spaces available.

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FEBRUARY

WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

Schischka Camp Ground

February Friday 24 to 26 - 2023,

Hi all, keep this week end Free for a enjoyable time.

More detail in next month news letter.

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ROUND THE BAYS

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023



We're counting down the months until NZ's largest fun run, **Round the Bays** which hits Auckland's Tamaki Drive next year.

You can walk, jog or run 8.4km of beautiful coastline along with 30,000 new friends and the course is flat.

Put the date into your calendar. This year the official charity for the Round the Bays is Melanoma NZ.

More details to be advised. At present we need to get interest so we can put together a group.

Contact: Helene Harper, email: heleneh47@xtra.co.nz,

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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
- Play "Picture of Dorian Grey" - Roger

Little bit of historic trivia for your next Quiz Night



During the Black Death, incoming ships were forced to wait for 40 days to prevent possible infection. The Italian word for 40, "quaranta", is where we get the word "quarantine".

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Something to contemplate while you decide which of the interesting Events is the one for you this month.

A bit different this month a link to a video

click on the link or copy and paste it in You Tube to watch it.

Sent it by Laura Cunningham

[Taika Waititi reads a hilarious letter about a speeding ticket - YouTube](#)

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 organize yourself, speak to one of the Committee. Most of them aren't scary and are more or less house trained, 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 socialize with others and have adventures.

Remember there are no bad ideas. Well that's not true there have been some really Bad ones but who's counting

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 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!

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) 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