



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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January 2023 to February 2023

Last Month in a nutshell

The Christmas Party had great weather, an enthusiastic organizing committee and 34 members attending, so a great time was had by all. Secret Santa was fun, all in all a great way to wind up an interesting year for the club.

Events

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
Wednesday May 17 at 5pm.
Remuera Club. Ohineru Road .
More details in the next newsletter

Music in Parks 2023

From January to March, soak up the sun with live music from some of the talent Tamaki Makaurau has to offer. Enjoy blues, reggae, opera, and pop. There's something for everyone so start planning your summer with friends and whanau now. So come and enjoy Summer in the City with Music fun and good company.

Pack a picnic rug, water, Sunblock and hat and head to events. Don't forget, Music in Parks events are FREE to attend. Smoke Free, Alcohol-Free

For more information regarding the Line-up go to Auckland Council Presents Music in Parks



JANUARY

Orewa Estuary or Beach Walk, bike, swim and 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 food to cook, Drink and a plate to share

Cost: Free Confirm by: 13th January 2023

Contact: **David Verrall-027 203 55008**

or **gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz**

Joy Jordan- 021 679 301

Music in Parks Hobsonville Point

Line-up: Isla Noon, Miller Yule

Genre: Pop, Funk, Soul, Rock

Date: Sunday 22 January 2023

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Venue: Hobsonville Point Park, Buckley Avenue, Hobsonville.

Contact: Joy Jordan 021-679 301 or joyejordan@xtra.co.nz

Opera in the Park

Line-up: NZ Opera Company, Singers

Genre: Opera

Date: Saturday, 28 January 2023

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Venue: Glover Park, Glover Ave, St Heilers

Contact: Joy Jordan 021-679 301 or joyejordan@xtra.co.nz

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.

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

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



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.

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

FEBRUARY

Blues at Blockhouse Bay

Line-up: Midge Marsden, Kendall Elise, Mojo Crow
Genre: Blues, Rock, Country
Date: Friday 3 February
Time: 6pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve, Endeavour Street, Blockhouse Bay
Contact: Joy Jordan 021-679 301 or joyejordan@xtra.co.nz



Music in Parks Albany

Line-up: Hipstamatics, Fiaxxies, Liebuy Pleasure Club
Genre: Funk, Soul
Date: Sunday, 19th February
Time: 10m – 4pm
Venue: Albany Lakes Civic Crescent,
Contact: Joy Jordan 021-679 301 or joyejordan@xtra.co.nz

WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

**Schischka Camp Ground
February Friday 24 to 26 - 2023,**



There are Limited camp sites so be in quick and let me know if you are coming. Great swimming beach to work on your tan and red a book. Bush walks and Puhio for a late lunch. Kyak the river if there are enough interested people. Come and enjoy the company of the other campers.

Bring: your camping gear, cutlery, food and drink, meat for a BBQ Saturday night and we can provide the sunshine.

Cost: \$32.00 for two nights. Let me now for the TUC Account.

Confirm: ASAP

Contact: David Verrall 027203 5508
gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz

MARCH

Event: Play KIWIFRUIT – directed by Simon Foley

Location: Dolphin Theatre 12 Spring Street, Onehunga

Date: 4th March 2023 at 8.00pm

The Castle Road Tavern is a working man's pub run by father Rex and Son Ben. A new owner swoops to transform the bar into an exciting drag show venue. It's a classic romcom filled with marvelous, costumes, musical numbers, and more!

If you want a ticket, let me know, I will book online, and inform you to pay TUAC account.

Optional Extra Dinner prior at the Goodhome, Princess Street, Onehunga at 6.15pm

PAY; TUAC ACCOUNT when ticket has been purchased

Confirm by: 20th February

Cost: \$24.00 or \$28.00

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

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, mob: 021 921068



Event name: MUSIC IN PARKS: Lloyd Elsmore Park, Bells Rd, Pakuranga

Artists: Don McGlashan & The Others, AutoMatic80s and Rachel Leo (Rock, Pop, Soul and Electronica)

Date: Saturday 11th March from 2pm – 6pm

Info: One of Aotearoa New Zealand's greatest songwriters/Composers performing songs like "Anchor Me" and "Dominion Road" and tracks from his finely-crafted solo albums.

To complete the line-up the AutoMatic80s are back. Their live show features the very best of early to mid 80s New Romantic and New Wave hits, performed live, loud and pumping.

Rachel Leo opens this iconic music event with soul-filled pop. Deemed by many as NZ's next pop export, Rachel Leo is one to watch. Bring a low-backed chair and/or picnic rug, water, sunblock and hat.

Cost: Free

Confirm by : Friday 10th March

Contact: Janice Calvert on mobile 0274 605704 or email: jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



Event name: CROQUET

Address of Event: Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom. Parking can be found nearby in Corbett-Scott Avenue or King George Avenue.

Date: Saturday 18th March from 1pm to 4pm. (3 hours)

Info: A fun social tournament will be held with the support of club members who will assist with coaching of game tactics and strategy.

All equipment supplied. Please wear flat-soled shoes. You may bring your own water bottle and snacks.

Cost: \$20.00 each payable into the TUAC club account number: 12-3014-0118011-00.

Confirm by: Friday 10th March

Contact: Janice Calvert on mobile 0274 605704 or email: jcalvert@kinect.co.nz

EVENT: FOOTBALL GOLF

Location: Ellerslie Race Course infield.

68 Ascot Ave Ellerslie. Drive through to the infields. Plenty of parking onsite.

Date: Sunday March 26 at 10am.

Details: Come and practice your football skills by kicking and aiming a soccer ball on a 9 hole golf course into 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 2 1/2 hours.

Bring: I 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 direct to Ellerslie Golf Course or the Golfing Warehouse who operate the facility on site

Confirm by: Friday March 24th

Contact: Mike Maran. Ph 846-4350 or 0274-784779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com

**HEADS UP****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 foodcourt.

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

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

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

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

Little Christmas Humour

Do you think that people who are scared of Santa are ***CLAUSTROPHIC?***

Thought for the Month

People who are in Therapy are usually there to learn how to deal with the people in their lives who won't go to Therapy



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