



**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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**Our account details: ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00**

**For internet banking - state the event you are paying for. If paying your subs please enter invoice number. Please deposit cheques directly into the Club's bank account 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 you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser or accommodation booked, please 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, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend.**

## July 2017 – August 2017 - Revised edition

### BIKE WITH LIGHTS NIGHT RIDE - OREWA ESTUARY

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm**

Meet and park at 5pm for a 5.30 to 6pm start at the Orewa Western Reserve. Drive over the Orewa bridge and take the first entrance on your left. Park beside the toilets.

Those members with bikes it's time to light up at night. This will be TUAC's significant spectacular winter event. We are going to involve and invite all the Orewa bike community and any other bicycle organisations and clubs who would like to attend. We are hoping to have a multitude of bikes participating to make it a visual night time event and are going to cycle around the Orewa Estuary, which is about 7kms. Millwater is halfway at 3.5kms and returning to Western Reserve.

The cycleway is mostly on tar sealed and concrete paths with some of the cycleway still on compacted gravel. The event will be advertised in the local paper and any TUAC members will be encouraged to hand out leaflets encouraging new members to join.

You can light up your bike by purchasing LED lights and batteries from the \$2 shops or similar. The club is hoping to have good media coverage.

**Bring:** Usual bike gear, warm jacket, camera

**Cost:** Free

Fish 'n chips after at Dave's house in Orewa

**Contact: Rob Arnett – 022 644 7886 or [gyporob@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gyporob@yahoo.co.uk) or David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)**



### THE GREAT GATSBY

**Howick Little Theatre, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm**

Set in 1920's New York, the story follows Nick Carraway as he moves into a world of wealth and indulgence through an association with his mysterious neighbour Jay Gatsby. Nick is caught up in a story of love, longing and loss. Romance, yearning, gaiety, opulence, comedy, violence, betrayal, murder and tragedy – plus music – the story ticks every box.

Optional dinner at 6pm at La Padella, 505 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park.

**Cost:** Adults \$29. Seniors 65+ with gold card \$26!

**Pay by:** Please book your own tickets either by email [info@hlt.org.nz](mailto:info@hlt.org.nz) or phone theatre office on 09 534 1401.

**Confirm by:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Contact: Janice Calvert – [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.co.nz) or 027 460 5704**



### ALPS TO OCEAN

**Pot Luck Dinner, 69a Hattaway Ave, Bucklands Beach**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 5pm**

Jeanette, Gerard, Joyce, John, Sandra and myself did this awesome trip in April this year. Wow what an awesome experience!!! we all had.... A relaxing night where Sandra and I will share our memories with you and you can quiz us on our planning so it is easier for you when planning this adventure. Get a taste of what to expect, then you will be hooked wanting to go. Don't be put off the distance it will be a fun night.

**Bring:** A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO

**Confirm by:** 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Sandi to let her know what shared plate you are bringing.

**Contact: Sandi Kerr - 027 418 8421, text or [dstress@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dstress@xtra.co.nz)**



### ALL BLACKS VERSUS BRITISH & IRISH LIONS TEST NIGHT

**Pot Luck Dinner before the game at David's, 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa**

**Saturday 1st July at 5pm**

Come dressed in your supporters colours early for a shared pot luck meal followed by the televised game.

**Bring:** A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO

Please contact David by 29<sup>th</sup> June if you are coming and tell him what shared plate you are bringing.

**Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508, text or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)**



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**Bring:** A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO

Please contact David by 6<sup>th</sup> July if you are coming and tell him what shared plate you are bringing.

**Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508, text or [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)**



### DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S ZOO QUEST SCREENING AT ORIGINS GALLERY, AUCKLAND MUSEUM

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.30am**

TV adventures can now be seen as never before in high definition (Watch these incredible moments of wildlife film history. duration 90 minutes)

Meet at the Origins Gallery – No bookings required - suggest we get there 11.15am to secure our seats.

Lunch at the Wintergarden after film (optional)

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

**Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)**



## POT LUCK MEAL & GAMES EVENING

160 Main Highway, Ellerslie

Saturday 29th July at 6pm

Share a pot luck meal and then let's play!

Numbers are limited so please contact me first to ensure space available and make payment ASAP to secure your place.

**Bring:** Food for the shared meal

**Cost:** \$10 includes nibbles, wine and juice  
Please BYO if you prefer to drink something else

**Pay/Confirm by:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Contact:** Jackie Humphrey - [jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiehumphreynz@yahoo.com) or  
021 167 4253 or Mary Donald - [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz) or 021 846 066



## JOHN DENVER 20TH NOSTALGIA CONCERT

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. Epsom Community Centre, Ranfurly Room, Gillies Ave, Epsom.

For those who remember the wonderful music of John Denver a nostalgia concert watching some rare CD's of his 20th celebration of his music, recorded and filmed in Aspen.

The CDs will be played via a projector and will be introduced by Susan Leaver an ardent fan of John Denver who has attended most of his annual concerts in Aspen.

Expect a semi-professional set up, but sharing his enduring music with others.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation.

**Parking:** There is plenty of parking behind the Epsom Community Centre.

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



## OKURA TO STILLWATER WALK

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am

Meet at the car park at the end of Haigh Access Road (off East Coast Road), at 9.30am.

This picturesque track follows the Okura River estuary through a mixed coastal forest of nikau groves, pohutukawa and regenerating kauri to historic Dacre Cottage and then on to Stillwater. We will return the same way with a section following the coastline at low tide.

The walk is 15kms return and will take approx 4 hours including lunch stop.

Coffee at a local Garden Centre after.

**Bring:** Water, lunch, raincoat, usual tramping gear

**Cost:** Nil, coffee at your cost

**Contact:** Alan - 0274 936 850 or [alangrigg11@gmail.com](mailto:alangrigg11@gmail.com)



## AONGATETE NATURE TRAIL

Wright Road, Aongatete

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 11am

A 3 hour loop walk in a beautiful scenic part of the Kaimai-Mamaku

Forest followed by a swim at the hot pools at Sapphire Springs

Thermal Pools, 274 Hot Springs Rd, Katikati

Meet at 11am at the Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre on Wright Road (approximately 8 kms, turn right just before the end of the road).

Park in parking area in front of the driveway to the Education Centre, next to the fence stile.

Lunch half way round about 12.30pm

If interested in staying Saturday night, there are limited beds available. First in, first served. Campervans welcome (parking close by)

**Bring:** Packed lunch, water, hiking boots, pole, togs & towel

**Cost:** Hot pools - Adults \$5.50 / Seniors \$4.50

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

**Contact:** Guy Phillips - 027 603 5549 or [icbm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icbm@xtra.co.nz)



## WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION

Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 11am

A must see for nature lovers and photographers. Discover the beauty and intrigue of our natural environments and their inhabitants through 100 large-scale photographs of breath taking wildlife from around the globe.

Followed by lunch at either the museum or Wintergarden café.

Meet at the **back entrance** of the museum inside by the cafe at 11am.

**Bring:** Proof of Auckland residence or museum membership card

**Cost:** Free if you have a museum membership card or proof of residence, otherwise \$25. Lunch your cost

**Pay by:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

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

## LADIES' DAY

By Company Theatre, The Rose Centre, 4 School Road, Belmont

Saturday 12th August at 8pm (Opening night)

An exuberant comedy about four likely lasses from the Hull fish

docks on a day trip to the races, Work, love and life are just one

long, hard slog for the fish-filleting foursome Pearl, Jan, Shelley

and Linda. But their fortunes are set to change when Linda finds

tickets to Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot the year it relocated to

York. Out go the hairnets, overalls and wellies as the four ditch work, do

themselves up to the nines and head off to the races for a drink, a flirt and a

flutter. If their luck holds, they could hit the jackpot - and more besides...

Optional dinner at 6pm at Madam Woo, 486 Lake Road, Takapuna

**Cost:** \$25 a ticket, \$20 for Seniors/Concessions

**Pay/Confirm by:** 12th July 2017

**Contact:** Rob Davies - 021 533 895 or [robertedavies2013@gmail.com](mailto:robertedavies2013@gmail.com)



## CAR RALLY

Auckland City and suburbs

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 1pm

A fun car rally designed to get you lost and found again!

Followed by dinner in the evening.

Meet at the band rotunda in the Auckland Domain near the

Wintergarden Café at 1pm. Make up your own team or I can arrange car pooling

(ideal is no more than 3 people per car). Teams leave 5 minutes apart.

**Bring:** Digital camera, scrap paper, pens and clipboard if you have one.

All other clues and answer sheets supplied.

**Cost:** \$5 entry fee. Dinner at your cost

**Pay by:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August

**Confirm by:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August as teams will be made up on this date

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

Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)



## TIRITIRI MATANGI STAY-OVER, TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

A one night stay in this unique open wildlife sanctuary - one of the most successful conservation projects in the world.

This will be a wonderful time to explore the island at leisure when the crowds have gone or just chill and take time out.

Staying in a DOC house. Accommodation is in communal bunk rooms.

Fullers 360 Discovery provides a ferry service - price depends on whether you are travelling from the city or Gulf Harbour.

**Bring:** All food, torch or other lighting source, sleeping bag and pillow or alternative bedding, personal clothing, towel and toiletries  
Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday night. Bring your own lunches and breakfast.

**Cost:** \$30 per person hut fee plus Fullers Ferry. Ferry price will depend on whether you are travelling from the city or Gulf Harbour.

**Pay by:** Hut fees payable to TUAC's account by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

**Confirm by:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017

**Contact:** Mary Donald - [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz) or 021 846 066

## EXPLORE NELSON BY BIKE, FOOT & KAYAK

Nelson, South Island

27<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Expressions of interest for a trip to the Nelson region starting 27<sup>th</sup> December with the return date flexible. Fly into Nelson or take the ferry from Wellington.

Based in Nelson and exploring the region by mountain bike, on foot and by kayak. Rides include the Dun Trail and the Great Taste Trail in various sections. Walkers catered for as well with walks on the same trails as the riders, Rabbit Island and a walk through the Kahurangi National Park.

**Further info:** Would need to have an idea of numbers very quickly to arrange accommodation in Nelson.

Shared rental car for those flying in. Can take own bike.

**Cost:** To be advised when numbers are decided. Extra costs would be mountain bike hire and kayaking.

**Confirm by:** 9<sup>th</sup> June

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



## ABEL TASMAN

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Walk the Abel Tasman on a 3 day package which includes all transfers to and from the track, 2 nights' accommodations, all luggage transfers – you carry just a daypack with your supplied pack lunch etc, all food except dinner and breakfast at Awaroa Lodge, a personalised itinerary, maps and other information. See [www.abeltasmanguides.co.nz](http://www.abeltasmanguides.co.nz)



**Cost: \$785 pp share twin - single supplement applies**

\$200 deposit pp is required when booking with the balance due one month before the trip

Limited spaces available so you will need to book ASAP

**Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or [sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com)**

## ABEL TASMAN

**29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

Felicity and I are tramping Abel Tasman this summer. It is not an organised TUAC trip but if anyone wants to come along independently at the same time as us, then this is when we're going.



First step will be to check hut availability and book on the DOC website as these can sell out fast. Bookings are now open:

Anchorage Hut	29th January
Bark Bay Hut	30th January
Awaroa Hut	31st January
Whariwharangi Hut	1st February

Then organise flights. About 4 hours tramping each day.

We will use a water taxi for the estuary crossing from Awaroa Hut due to difficult tide times.

**Contact Rob - 0274 733 589 or [robcorne@hotmail.com](mailto:robcorne@hotmail.com)**

## WEB-SITE 'GALLERY?'

For all you Event participants who take wonderful photos -why not share them with everyone else on our web-site. Email your photos to Rob Bell on [trekkerrob48@gmail.com](mailto:trekkerrob48@gmail.com)

## JOKE

**Lions test tickets...**

**Hey - a great offer.....If anyone can take it up DO let me know!!!**

**This may be of interest to some of you.**

**A friend of mine has two tickets in a corporate box for the final Lions Test in Auckland on 8th July.**

**He paid \$1000 each (incl food& beverage) but he didn't realise when he bought them months ago that it was going to be the same day as his wedding.**

**If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place!**

**It's at the All Saints Church Palmerston North at 2.30pm Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**The bride's name is Nicole -- she's 5'8", about 9 stone (57 Kg), quite pretty, has her own income and is a really good cook!**

**She'll be the one in the white dress!!!!!!!**

**MEMBERS – 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 "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."