



## 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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## March to April 2023

### Last month in a nutshell

The weather has cancelled many of the outdoor events planned this period but we were able to hold a few and they were welcome after all the weather issues. Have a look on the TUAC Facebook page for photos and comments of these events.

The Facebook page has proven popular and is a great way to share photos and comments of any events you attended or would like to see included in our calendar

### Save the date

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**Wednesday May 17 5.00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

**Remuera Club. Ohineru Road, Remuera**

Dinner from 5:00 pm.

Guest speaker and subsidised meal

More details in the next newsletter

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### KIWIFRUIT - PLAY

**Dolphin Theatre 12 Spring Street, Onehunga  
4 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 in 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 you can pay into the TUAC account when I confirm your ticket.

**Optional:** dinner prior at the Good Home, Princess Street, Onehunga at 6.15pm. Please confirm if you want dinner.

**Confirm by:** 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Cost:** \$24.00 seniors or \$28.00 adults. Pay into the TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00 when confirmed

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### MUSIC IN PARKS – DON MCGLASHIN

**Lloyd Elsmore Park, Bells Rd,  
Pakuranga**

**Saturday 11 March from 2pm – 6pm**

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. Bring a low-backed chair and/or picnic rug, water, sunblock and hat.

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

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### AUCKLAND JAZZ & BLUES – THE FLAMING MUDCATS

**Pt Chevalier RSA. 1136 Gt Nth Rd. Pt Chevalier  
Tuesday 14 March 2023**

An energetic band with an interesting blend of their own material and that from various eclectic influences. The band's last album "Cut Loose" is a stomping collection of originals, styles, rhythms and good times.

**Further details:** Dinner 6.30 pm / show starts 7.30 pm

**Cost:** \$25 for non members, \$10 for members. Notes prices have gone up by \$5 since last year. Please bring cash as they do not have Eftpos. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonably priced. The seating has changed to the front area as the back is being pulled apart getting ready for the rebuild. New restaurant set up as well.

**Confirm by:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March as the seating area is now smaller so it is important we get some seats early.

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## CROQUET

**Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom**

**Saturday 18 March from 1pm to 4pm**

A fun social tournament will be held with the support of croquet 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.

**Further details:** Parking can be found nearby in Corbett-Scott Avenue or King George Avenue.

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

**Confirm by:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

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## FOOTBALL GOLF

**Ellerslie Racecourse, 68 Ascot Ave, Ellerslie.**

**Sunday 26 March at 10am.**

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 2½ hours.

**Further details:** Drive through to the infields. Plenty of parking onsite.

**Bring:** Recommend that you bring strong shoes, thick socks or shoes that have a good toe cap, which can absorb the impact of hitting a soccer ball.

**Cost:** Green fees \$10+ hire of soccer ball \$5  
Total \$15 per person

**Pay by:** Pay direct to Ellerslie Golf Course or the Golfing Warehouse who operate the facility on site.

**Confirm by:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

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## EASTER GETAWAY

**Omokoroa**

**Fri 7 April to Monday 10 April 2023**

A weekend away out of Auckland.

Bring your bike and walking shoes as activities will be planned to cater for both. Optional trips to Tauranga Art Gallery and Historic Village. Walks and bike rides to be arranged according to demand.

Friday – lunch at Omokoroa and local ride/walk

Saturday – ride to Mt Maunganui /walkers explore Te Puna Quarry gardens

Sunday – Downtown Carnival (music and entertainment)

**Further info:** As accommodation is getting very tight please let us know ASAP if you want to come along. There are still cabins and motel rooms available at Omokoroa



Holiday Park. Please confirm if you would like a single unit or are happy to share. Carpooling can be arranged.

Check out <https://omokoroa.co.nz/room-rates/>

**Bring:** Walking shoes, bike and cycling gear

**Costs:** Attractions - free or gold coin donation – accommodation your cost.

**Pay by:** When accommodation is arranged.

**Confirm by:** ASAP so accommodation can be arranged

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## AUCKLAND CITY HERITAGE BUILDING WALK

**Saturday 15 April 2023 at 10.30am**

Come explore the city of Auckland with Sue O'Neill. We will wander round several streets in downtown Auckland looking at various buildings and amazing architecture that gets lost amongst the very tall new buildings. If you're interested in the history of Auckland come for a wander. We will have lunch around 12.30pm at the Occidental or Vulture pubs in Vulcan Lane

**Further details:** Meet at 10.30 am at the Guardian Life Assurance building, 103 Queen Street. This is towards the bottom of Queen Street opposite the BNZ Bank. There is parking at the Downtown carpark. Buses 18 and 195 stop almost outside the Guardian building. Or if you're taking the train, from the station just come up Queen St.

**Cost:** Free, lunch your cost

**Bring:** Water and wear comfortable walking shoes.

**Confirm by:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

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## BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

**Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland**

**Friday 5 May 2023 at 8 pm**

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 28<sup>th</sup> April into the TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00

**Confirm by:** 1<sup>st</sup> April and let me know if coming for dinner.

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## **NZ SCULPTURE ON SHORE Fort Takapuna, Vauxhall Rd, Devonport**

**Sunday 5 November 2023**

After a 3-year hiatus due to Covid, New Zealand's largest sculpture exhibition returns this year. Ticket sales support Women's Refuge.

**Further info:** Meeting time to be determined and costs will be advised once they have been published. Lunch either at the event or will choose a nice café in Devonport.

**Cost:** previous year's price has been around \$20.00 but would expect it to be more this year

**Pay by:** on the day

**Confirm by:** Date will be set when pricing is notified

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## **Joke for the Month**

The Pope and The US President were at a conference in Vienna when the Pope's hat blew off his head and landed 50 meters away in a canal. The US President, jumped over the side of the canal and walked on the water to retrieve the hat.

The next day *ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC* reported:  
**"Biden can't swim"**

**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. They aren't scary and are more or less house trained, 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](mailto: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 in payment details. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby ([libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)) the same information.

## **BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT FOR ANY EVENT, CHECK WITH THE EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE**

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 as this is monitored infrequently**