



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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May 2023 – June 2023

MOVIE NIGHT "MY NEIGHBOUR ADOLF" Rialto Cinema, 167 Broadway, Newmarket Sunday 30 April 2023

Colombia, May 1960 - just a few days after the abduction of fugitive Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann by Mossad agents in Argentina. Polsky (70), a lonely, misanthropic, grumbling Holocaust survivor lives in one of a couple of isolated houses on a hill on the outskirts of a Brazilian suburb. One day his neighbor dies and a mysterious old German man wearing a wig, sunglasses, and fake beard moves in. Polsky isn't crazy about Germans in general, but he particularly loathes Herzog, the new neighbor, even before he meets him. Once he does and finds out he emigrated from Argentina, all it takes is one good look in the eyes to realize his new neighbor is none other than the infamous Adolf Hitler.

Further info: Meet in the upstairs foyer at 5.30pm. Movie time TBC. Optional dinner afterwards

Cost: Adults \$20.50 / Seniors \$14

Pay by: On the night.

Confirm by: Wednesday 26th April.

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



BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

**Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland
Friday 5 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 food court.

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

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

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

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



RANGITOTO ISLAND BACH TOUR Sunday 7 May 2023

This guided walk led by John Walsh (a bach owner) takes 2½ hours and covers approximately 2kms. It features the volcanic background of Rangitoto, a look at the different types of lava on the island, the botany (in particular, the iconic Pohutukawa), Māori history, DOC's successful pest eradication program and introduction of several bird species, the early work of inmates from Auckland Prison, the military history, and some of the "industries" that have been trialled on the island. The walk includes a visit to several of the historic baches. You will be able to step inside two of them and learn something about their fascinating history, as well as hearing stories about the unique lifestyle on the island.

Further info: Catch the 9.15am ferry from Downtown. The 9.15am ferry goes via Devonport at 9.25am. Returning either on the 2.20pm ferry, or if you want to do the summit walk or caves visit as well, return on the 4pm ferry. On the day, if the ferry cannot land at the wharf and goes to Islington Bay instead, we cannot do the tour. I will let everyone know early on the day after confirming with Fullers.

Bring: Water/drinks, lunch and snacks, good sturdy walking shoes/boots that can cope with the rugged lava surfaces, sunhat, sunscreen, swimsuit, towel (optional). Morning tea provided on arrival. BYO flask of tea or coffee.

Cost: \$43 (no seniors fare) return for the ferry and \$7 for the bach tour. Please pay cash on the day to me for the bach tour portion. Buy your ferry ticket either online or on the day.

<https://www.fullers.co.nz/destinations-and-experiences/destinations/rangitoto-island/>

Confirm by: Monday 1st May.

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



ONEHUNGA WALKING RALLY

**Onehunga Public Library, Church Street, Onehunga
Saturday 13 May 2023 at 10.30am**

We will meet by the large seating area in front of the Onehunga Library.

Learn about the historical, commercial, and botanical aspects surrounding the Onehunga Mall.

Enjoy a 1-2 hour walk around Onehunga finding clues and answering the questions.

There is the probability that we will be joined by members of the Outdoor Activity Club, so there will be a competitive aspect to the rally. Stay for marking and prizes after.

Bring a pen and your intuition. A clipboard will be provided.

Cost: Free. Lunch after at your own expense.

Confirm by: At least 3 days prior to May 13 so I know how many photocopies are needed.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 027 478 4779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



MOVIE NIGHT - "THE BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER"

Rialto Cinema, 167 Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 14 May 2023

Book Club 2 – The Next Chapter, the highly anticipated sequel, follows our four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure. Starring film legends Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, and Mary Steenburgen starring alongside Andy Garcia, Don Johnson, and Craig T. Nelson.

Further info: Meet in the upstairs foyer at 5.30pm. Movie time TBC. Optional dinner afterwards

Cost: Adults \$20.50 / Seniors \$14

Pay by: On the night.

Confirm by: Wednesday 10th May.

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



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remuera Club, Ohinerau St, Remuera.

Wednesday 17 May from 5.30pm to 9pm

Buffet dinner at 6pm. AGM at 7pm. Guest Speaker from 7.30pm.

This year's guest speaker will be Shaun Lee who is a trustee of the Mussel Reef Restoration Trust. He is a designer, photographer, and science communicator who has been working to restore the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park for the last 10 years. He will be talking about his work with decoys to help restore endangered shorebirds and revitalising the Gulf and protecting the seafloor. He will have plenty of fascinating photos to accompany his talk.

Note: There will also be a door prize open to everyone.

Cost: Buffet dinner \$25.00pp. The Club has subsidized the meal by \$15.00pp for financial members only. Non-financial members to pay \$40.00.

Pay By: Direct to the caterer on the night.

Confirm By: All members will be contacted by the Committee for the purpose of advising numbers to the caterer.

Contact: Mike Maran. Ph: 846 5350 or 027 478 4779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



SUNDAY ROAST AT ZOOKEEPERS SON

715 Mt Albert Road, Royal Oak

21 May 2023 at 6.00pm

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and an assortment of roast vegetables.

Cost: \$20.00. However, yet to be confirmed on their website – could increase slightly. Will text those who are coming to confirm price.

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: 15 May 2023

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



LILLIPUTT MINI GOLF/AROUND THE WORLD

Shop 75, Sylvia Park, 286 Mt Wellington

Highway (refer to Sylvia Park map)

Sunday 28 May 2023 at 11am

See the world in 18 holes. Visit global icons like Arc de Triomphe, Leaning Tower of Pisa, and Mt Rushmore.

Afterwards we can have lunch at Filly, 286 Mt Wellington Highway.

Entrance on exterior of Sylvia Park, on ground floor by new terrace entrance. (Refer Sylvia Park map)

Cost: \$16 adults. Seniors \$13

Confirm by: Wednesday 24 May.

Pay by: On the day.

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



MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER - RIALTO

167 Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 11 June 2023

"The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry"

A seemingly unremarkable man in his 60's named Harold one day learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He embarks on a walk, and keeps on going until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife. Truly a celebration...an adult love story. Not to be missed. Meet in the upstairs foyer at 5.30pm. Optional Dinner afterwards.

Pay By: On the night

Confirm by: Saturday 10th June

Contact: David Verrall on 027 203 5508 or

gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



POT LUCK DINNER & WATCH AB's VS SOUTH AFRICA

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Saturday 15 July 2023 at 5.30pm

Start with drinks and nibbles and main course before watching the game at 7.05pm. Dessert at half time.

Bring: A pot luck contribution to the meal and your own drinks.

Please advise David what you are bringing as a main or dessert.

Cost: Nil

Confirm By: Thursday 13 July 2023

Contact: David Verrall on 027 203 5508 or email:

gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



ABBA THEMED DRAG LUNCH

Karen's Diner, 395 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden

Sunday 23 July from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Bringing you the ultimate immersion brunch led by resident drag queens to give you all the ABBA vibes and show you the best moves. Think lashes, lipstick, and dancing queens. Brush up your lyrics to Voulez Vous, Dancing Queen, Does your Mother Know and S.O.S.

Floaty whites, dungarees are highly encouraged or Dancing Queen, Disco Divas. Best costume will win a prize.

Further info: If anyone saw them at the Drag Queen Bingo Night at the Alex - this will even be better.

Cost: \$60.00 includes a welcome drink and Karen's Diner burger with side chips.

Pay by: Into TUAC account 12 3014 0118011-00 **but only when I have confirmed our booking.** It will depend on how many members would like to attend.

Confirm by: 15 June 2023

Contact: Annie Melrose on 021 157 6005

annmelrose@gmail.com



ALEXANDRA PARK NIGHT TROTTING

Cnr Greenlane West & Manukau Roads, Epsom

Friday 28 July from 5.30 pm – 11.00 pm

Join TUAC members at Alexandra Park for an exciting night of live local racing, trackside entertainment, dinner and drinks.

Meeting at the Lyell Creek Lounge offering premium trackside viewing with an array of food and beverage choices.

Cost: Food and drinks at your own expense.

Confirm By: Friday 21 July

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



THE BOSS – BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna

Friday 25 August 2023 at 7.30pm

A show not to be missed. The Boss - Bruce Springsteen Experience is an international level show honoring the timeless music of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. With a full nine-piece line-up, The Boss presents Bruce's music at a captivating level of visual and audio excitement. This show has wowed audiences at every performance, with standing ovations being the norm.

Optional dinner at a restaurant nearby before the show at your cost.

Cost: Senior \$55 / Adult \$75 plus a share of the booking fee.

Confirm by: ASAP. Have already booked some seats will now take late bookings. Please advise if you are coming for dinner.

Pay by: Please confirm with David prior to putting money into TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00

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JOKE

A college student asks her 21 year old roommate, "How was your blind date?"
"Terrible!", she answers. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow! That's a very impressive car, what's so bad about that?"



"He was the original owner."

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 but would expect it to be more this year.

Pay: On the day

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

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



Facebook

Any TUAC members who already have their own Facebook profile can be invited on to the Thumbs Up Adventure Club (TUAC) Facebook page to view the latest event photos posted. If you would like to view any photos or content on this page, please contact **Annie Melrose on 021 157 6005**

annmelrose@gmail.com and she will send you an invite to join.

EVENTS

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 organise yourself, speak to one of the committee. 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 socialise with others and have adventures.

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 in payment details. You do not need to put your name in the details fields, as this is automatically displayed when using internet banking. Deposit cheques into the club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby (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 prepaid 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 NOT monitored frequently