



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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November 2019 – December 2019

MOTAT VISIT

805 Great North Rd, Western Springs, Auckland
Sunday 20th October 10am to as late as you wish

If it is a long time since you last visited MOTAT, here is an opportunity to see what has changed and what is new. Explore fascinating exhibitions on the history of NZ transport, technology and Kiwi ingenuity.

Intention to have something to eat at the café, and those wishing to continue afterwards may do so. Option to have a tram ride.

See: <https://www.motat.org.nz/experience/weekend-experiences/motat-live/>

Bring: Suitable gear for the weather on the day

Cost: Adults \$19 Super Gold Card holders with ID - free

Pay: On the day

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail.com

HOLLYFORD TRACK 3 DAY GUIDED WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

Labour Weekend 2019 – Sat 26th October to Mon 28th October

A 3-day guided walk on the Hollyford Track. You will need to be reasonably fit as the first day is 19.5km and the second day 15km.

All meals are included on the guided walk and you will stay in lodge accommodation. <https://www.hollyfordtrack.co.nz/three-day-guided-wilderness-experience>

Cost: \$2050 incl gst for guided walk only

Additional costs: 2 extra night's accommodation in Queenstown/Te Anau as well as cost of flights. Single supplement may apply.

Anyone keen or interested

Contact: Jeanette - jgmcmongle86@gmail.com or

Txt 021 0222 3891



OMOKOROA CYCLING WEEKEND

Omokoroa, Tauranga and Katikati Bay of Plenty

Saturday 26th to Monday 28th October 2019

PLEASE NOTE: There is no requirement to do all 3 rides; can be split up to attend any single day's event if this suits you better. Three days of discovering this area by bike around Omokoroa, Tauranga and Katikati

Saturday – Cycle from Bethlehem to Mt Maunganui approximately 33 kms return. Meet at 9am at the northern of Carmichael Rd, Bethlehem (turn left at T intersection of Te Paeroa Rd and park towards the end of Carmichael Rd). Lunch at Mt Maunganui. Saturday evening dinner locally in Omokoroa, at the Boat Club on The Esplanade. Meet at 6pm for drinks and dinner 6.30pm.

Sunday – Cycle from Omokoroa to Te Puna on new cycleway approximately 38 kms return. Meet at 10am at Omokoroa Sports Ground carpark, Western Ave, Omokoroa. Lunch at Te Puna. See link for cycle path route.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=2b9649569fc0442ab41fc13523fad4da>

Sunday dinner - shared pot luck BBQ 6pm at 8G Gane Place, Omokoroa.

Monday – Katikati cycle trail approximately 27 kms. Meet at 10am at Haikua Park carpark. Directions – travelling from Omokoroa, turn left into lane immediately past Robert Harris Coffee in Katikati, leading to Haiku Park. Lunch afterwards in Katikati.

Further info: Cabins available at Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park. Various prices with lots of choice of configurations. Must book direct either online www.omokoroa.co.nz or email stay@omokoroa.co.nz. Must pay for your cabin when you book otherwise they won't hold your booking. Ask me for further info on cabins available and I can email you these. Other alternatives are Book a Bach <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-and-holiday-homes/search/.../omokoroa-beach> and search for Omokoroa Beach. Also Airbnb options.



Bring: Day pack, bike, helmet; cycling gear, togs; towel (optional for hot thermal pools at Omokoroa Holiday Park). Fold up chair for pot luck BBQ. Shared plate for BBQ, BYO meat, drinks and glass. Please contact me for choice of bringing pre-dinner nibbles, main dish or dessert. Main dishes will be green salad, pasta or rice salad, coleslaw.

Cost: Cycle rides free. All lunches and dinner on Saturday, your cost.

Pay by: Accommodation – by credit card when you book. Because of the 9am start on Saturday, it may pay to book your accommodation for Friday night also. Other costs pay on the day.

Confirm by: Accommodation – must confirm direct with Holiday Park as soon as you can to secure your cabin as they book up fast. Please confirm your attendance for this weekend by Friday 4th October.

Contact: Guy Phillips - 0276 035 549 or icbm@xtra.co.nz

VISY RECYCLING PLANT OPEN DAY

Saturday 2nd November 10am to 11am

Followed by a walk in One Tree Hill and optional lunch at One Tree Hill Kiosk

- Watch an educational video
- Q and A with a recycle representative
- Walk around the perimeter of the site to see where material is dropped off and finished bales of recyclables

Info: Visitors must wear flat closed toe shoes and a bucket hat or cap

Visitors tickets are free booked online – let me know asap if you are interested in coming and I will purchase our tickets

Cost: Nil

Confirm by: ASAP

Lunch: Pay on the day - let me know if you want to include lunch so I can book a table.

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

RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL PLUS KIWI TEAM v GREAT BRITAIN LIONS LEAGUE TEAM

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Saturday 2nd November at 6pm

Come along for a BBQ and drinks first, then at 7.30pm watch The Kiwis v Great Britain Lions followed at 10pm the RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL

Bring: Food for the BBQ, and plate to share, salad or dessert
Please advise

Confirm by: Saturday morning 2nd November

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



RANGITOTO SUMMIT WALK

Hauraki Gulf

Sunday 10th November at 9am

An easy climb through Pohutukawa forest and lava fields gives way to panoramic views of Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf.

Meet at the Ferry buildings by 9am to catch the 9.15 ferry to Devonport and Rangitoto.

Walk to the summit for lunch and views. Return the same way, stopping at the lava caves, or take the scenic route that circumnavigates the island.

Return ferries are 2.30pm (not stopping at Devonport) and 4pm stopping at Devonport.

Bring: Lunch, water, warm clothing

Cost: Ferry Adult return \$36

Pay: On the day

Confirm by: Friday 8th November

Contact: Gary - 021 1170 716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



CROQUET

**Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom
Saturday 16th November - 1pm to 4pm**

Please be there by 12.45pm. Parking is available in either Corbett Scott or King George Avenues

Carlton Croquet Club members will go on the lawns with our group to give tuition. Each game lasts 1 hour and can be organised on a round robin basis. There are 4 lawns in total. Equipment is provided at no additional cost. Everyone is welcome to bring along nibbles and your favourite tippie ie. wine or beer. There are kitchen and bathroom facilities available at the club house.

Cost: \$20 per person (up to 19 players) payable in CASH on the day.

Confirm by: Saturday 9th November.

Contact: Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or jalvert@kinect.co.nz



POT LUCK BEACH BBQ

**Kohimarama Beach
Sunday 15th December 2019 from 5pm onwards**

Want to take a break from the hectic rush of Xmas shopping? Come along for the last event of the year on the TUAC calendar, for what has become an annual event, for a pot luck beach BBQ. Meet at the yacht club end of Kohi Beach on Tamaki Drive (look for the TUAC banner). Plenty of parking available. Join in the fun of beach Frisbee, swim or just relax with a glass of wine in your beach chair. Event will go ahead, unless raining too heavily. Dress to suit the weather on the day.

Bring: Your own meat, alcohol, plate to share, own cutlery, glass, plate & chair. Please indicate what type of plate you are bringing so I can co-ordinate food so we don't double up. Please bring serving utensils for your shared dish.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Monday 9th December

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



WALK AND LEARN - NEWMARKET TO MT EDEN

Sunday 17th November at 12.45pm

Meet at Mt Eden Railway Station at 12.45pm. Park on nearby streets. Local Historian Phil Sai-Louie was the guest speaker at our AGM and previously led a historic walk for TUAC members around Onehunga.

We will catch the 1pm train to Newmarket and walk back to Mt Eden. This approx 1½ hour historical and informative walk, with explanations and discovery of the background of the many historical and geographical features, is classed as easy. Afternoon tea afterwards at a cafe near Mt Eden Station.

Bring: Your AT Hop card and good walking shoes

Cost: Nil. Cost of afternoon tea after

Enquiries to Philph 09 2671260 or sailouiep@gmail.com

Organiser: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



TRAMP TO THE WAITAWHETA HUT IN THE KAIMAIS

Saturday 23rd and 24th November 2019

A 3- 4 hour tramp along the Waitewheta Tramway track.

Most weekends are booked out or mostly booked out, but this particular weekend still has 14 spaces. Book with DOC online and let us know if you are coming.

It's not a hard tramp, and the hut is very cosy

Cost: \$15 per night

Contact - Rob 0274 733 589 if you want more details.



CYCLE NGARUAWAHIA TO HAMILTONS

Sunday 1st December at 9.30am

Meet at Ngaruawahia Domain at 9.30am.

Riding along the Te Awa River trail to Hamilton Gardens where we will stop for lunch then return to Ngaruawahia the same way. The ride is approximately 54km.

More info: www.Te-Awa.org.nz. Great rides app.

Carpooling can be arranged closer to the day.

Bring: Bike, water, snacks

Cost: Lunch on the day

Confirm by: Sunday 24th November

Contact: Gary - 021 1170 716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park, Saturday 7th December at 11am

Look for the TUAC banner. Arrive at 11am, lunch at 12pm.

Xmas lunch 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.

Anyone with special dietary requirements please let us know.

A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent to those who have confirmed they are attending. Again this year, in an effort to reduce NZ's waste problem and keep NZ clean and green, there will be no plastic or disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to provide their own and to take all your rubbish home with you.

Bring: \$5 Secret Santa present, chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

Cost: This event is free for financial members

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com or Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



XMAS IN THE PARK REHEARSAL

Auckland Domain - Friday 13th December 2019

A great night to go to this event without the crowds.

Meet from 5.30pm onwards in front of the stage. Look out for the TUAC banner. Remember there is no alcohol allowed at these events, so bring a hip flask.

Bring: Chair, dinner and refreshments

Cost: Free

Confirm by: 7th December 2019

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



ROXBURGH GORGE AND CLUTHA RIVER TRAIL

Central Otago

16th -20th January 2020

A 3-day 4-night cycle trail following the awe-inspiring Roxburgh Gorge and following on to the historic Clutha Gold trail and finishing at Lawrence.

Package includes transport Queenstown to Clyde, 4 nights' accommodation, bike hire and relocation, baggage transfers, jet boat transfer and transport from Lawrence to Dunedin.

There is a range of accommodation options available at each stop. Discuss this when making your booking.

Cost: \$745 but dependent on accommodation choices.

Info and bookings: Call Jo at Trail Journeys, 0800 030 381 or email jo@trailjourneys.co.nz

Confirm/pay by: Book direct with Trail Journeys from 11th June. A deposit of 15% is required 7 days from booking.

Contact: Gary - 021 117 0716 or garyanstiss@gmail.com



FELIITY AND ROB ARE PLANNING TO TRAMP LAKE WAIKAREMOANA OVER AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND JANUARY 2020

This is not an official TUAC event but people are welcome to join us.

The draft plan is:

Friday 24th Jan: drive to Waikaremoana Holiday Park and stay overnight.

It's a 6-hour drive from Auckland so we might leave Thursday evening and stay the Thursday night in Rotorua.

Saturday 25th Jan: Catch water taxi to Hopuruahine Landing, then tramp 17 km mostly flat, to Marauti Hut

Sunday 26th Jan: Tramp 20 km, finishing uphill at Panekire hut

Monday 27th Jan: Tramp 9 km mostly downhill, water taxi back to Lake Waikaremoana Motor Camp and drive home.

Doc hut bookings open 9:30am Friday 14th June 2019 (this week)

We will be booking:

Marauti hut on 25th January

Panekire Hut on 26th January

Contact: Rob Corne - 0274 733 589 or robcorne@hotmail.com



MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND

Saturday 29th February to Sunday 1st March 2020

Mystery location – now revealed to be Waihi

By popular demand, Detectives Alibi and Adlib are back. We need your help to solve the mystery of "Who Dun It".

Meet at Remuera Club, 33 Ohinerau St. Remuera at 10am if you want to carpool down.

Mystery Sunday activity also planned. Carpooling can be arranged.

Accommodation: Please arrange your own accommodation. Plenty of motels, camping grounds and Air BnB options in the area. Space for bus/campervans also. If you would like to share accommodation with others, please let us know.

List available of options. Please ask if you would like a copy.

Bring: Own food for Sunday breakfast. Dinner will be pub meal.

Cost: Accommodation and Saturday night meal your cost.

Optional mystery Sunday event \$39 or \$35 Seniors. Depending on numbers, we may get a group rate off these figures.

Confirm by: 15th January 2020

Because of bookings needing to be done, we would need you to respond by this date, also indicating if you want to book for the mystery tour and if you want to carpool. Numbers may be limited for this tour, so get in quick.

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or alison.philcox3@gmail.com or Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



CYCLE MOUNT EYRE

Easter 9th – 13th April 2020

Fly to Queenstown Thursday afternoon and stay the night.

Collected by shuttle and dropped off at Kingston.

Three days cycling and shuttled to Lumsden for accommodation each day.

Cost: Accommodation \$600 approx. and shuttle \$200 approx.

Confirm by: Need to know urgently as only limited accommodation – 11 people max

Contact: Tony - 021 676 120 or pacexp@xtra.co.nz



JOKE

A new preacher wanted to rent a house in the country but the only one available was rumoured to be haunted.

That didn't bother the preacher since he didn't believe in such things.

He went ahead and rented the place. Soon the ghost made its appearance.

The preacher told his friends about the ghost, but they didn't believe him.

They told him the only way they would believe was if he took a picture of the ghost.

The preacher went home and called for the ghost.

When it appeared, the preacher explained the situation and asked the ghost if it would mind having its picture taken. The ghost agreed.

When the picture was developed, the ghost wasn't visible.

Feeling disappointed, the preacher called again for the ghost.

When it appeared, the preacher showed it the picture and wanted to know why the ghost wasn't in it.

The ghost thought a minute and replied,

"Well, I guess the spirit was willing, but the flash was weak."

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

TUAC Account details: ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00. For internet banking - state the event you are paying for.

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank account 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