

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 2022 to December 2022

Last Month in a nutshell

The Jazz and Blues nights are consistently getting 7 club members and continue to be enjoyable nights out

7 Club members watched the AB's Bledisloe Cup Game in Alexander Park, 5 attended the Comedy of Errors play and 5 enjoyed a train and Cycle with Tony Orr and 9 club members enjoyed movies at the Rialto and Dinner so all in all a good turnout this month

Events

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

NOVEMBER

Plenty to interest everyone this month

Auckland Jazz N' Blues

POINT CHEVALIER RSA – 1136 GT NORTH RD

Date: Tuesday, November 1st

Show time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

The **DE SOTO** are excited to kick off their North Island tour with a performance at the Auckland Jazz N' Blues. Lead singer & guitarist Paul Gurney will be performing songs from his new album as well as songs from Neil Young and Tom Petty. The line-up of Paul Gurney, Stuart McIntyre and Ron Stevens with Bryan Harris on drums. The DeSoto's music oozes genuine emotion and makes all the right moves.

Cost: \$20 for non members, \$5 for members. Please bring cash for the entry as Eftpos is not available. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

Advise by Monday October 31, so I can reserve a table

Contact: Helene Harper – heleneh47@xtra.co.nz, or 021 921068



PLAY – "NORTH BY NORTH WEST"

ASB Waterfront Theatre, 138 Halsey Street, CBD

Saturday 5th November at 8 pm



Gripping, suspenseful and visually stunning, this is an unmissable theatrical event that brilliantly transposes Hitchcock's famous film to the stage. Suave Mad Avenue advertising executive Roger O. Thornhill's uneventful life is turned upside down when a case of mistaken identity turns him into a framed fugitive thrust into a world of spies, manhunts, mystery and In this spectacular blockbuster of a production, the twists, turns and tensions of Hitchcock's masterpiece come to life on stage, complete with car chases, plane crashes and the famous final cliff-hanger on Mount Rushmore. One of our most internationally successful theatre directors, Simon Phillips, returns home with a production he created in Melbourne Theatre Company and now restages with a large cast of New Zealand actors.

Cost: \$75.00 (stalls seating). (Optional dinner beforehand at a restaurant to be advised closer to the time).

Confirm by: A.S.A.P. as tickets are selling reasonably quickly. Please advise by end of August at the latest.

Pay by: Into TUAC bank a/c: 12-3014-0118011-00 when tickets are confirmed as being available. I will advise when tickets have been purchased.

Contact: Jane Callvert on mobile 0274 605704 or email: jcalvert@kinect.co.nz

CITY TO HENDERSON CYCLE RIDE

Monday 7th November 2022

TUAC member, Laura Cunningham, twin sister to Libby, will be completing her epic Tour Aotearoa ride at Kreem Café, Henderson around lunchtime. Because of Covid restrictions and not being able to enter the country in February early enough to start the ride with the rest of her fellow TUAC members, she missed the first part of the ride from Cape Reinga to Auckland and not wishing to have only done part of the ride is completing the route by starting on 2nd November at the cape and finishing up in Auckland, where she met the group in February. She will also be joined by fellow TUAC member Tony Orr, who will be riding from Cape Reinga to Auckland with her. Please feel free to come along to support them both and meet them on their final part of the journey. There are two different starting points for this ride which you can choose from.

One will be from The Landing Restaurant at Mangere Bridge (parking available) at around 10.30 and the other at the top of the rainbow bridge in front of the old Oakley Hospital at around 11:15. These times will be firmed up closer to the day.

At this stage we hope to be at Kreem Café for lunch at 12:00.

Bring: Own bike, helmet and biking gear

Cost: Free, lunch at your cost

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Saturday 5th November 2022 and let me know your chosen starting point

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



Auckland Jazz N' Blues

POINT CHEVALIER RSA – 1136 GT NORTH RD

Date: Tuesday, November 8th

Show time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

BIG BAND

They are an 8 piece band that really packs a punch.

They specialize in popular songs and reimagine them into the 40s and 50s **Ever wondered what a Bon Jovi, Celine Dion, Beyonce and Adele songs would sound like.** Big Ticket features two amazing vocalists with Auckland's finest horn & rhythm section players. With a 6 year residency at one of Auckland's hottest bar, The Lula Inn this will surely be a night to remember.

Cost: \$20 for non members, \$5 for members. Please bring cash for the entry as Eftpos is not available. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

Advise by Monday November 7, so I can reserve a table

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EVENING KIWI WATCHING TOUR

Tawharanui Regional Park

Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th November 2022

Not many people get the chance to spot a kiwi in its natural habitat. This unique experience will allow you to get up close with some of Auckland's rarest (and vocal!) birdlife. As a protected, predator-free sanctuary, a night walk through Tawharanui gives you a rare glimpse into the sights and sounds of the NZ forest, pre-European settlement. The trails are well maintained, and relatively flat with just a few undulations. Total distance walked will vary, but averages about 2km for the whole tour. Limited to 11 people.

Saturday: This weekend is combined with visiting the Matakana markets, dinner either at the pub in Matakana before the tour, or possibly a potluck BBQ at Tawharanui Beach before the tour (to be decided closer to the day and weather dependant). If staying at/near Matakana, the tour company will collect us from upstairs at the Cinema complex in Matakana village. Pick up time to be confirmed. Guided tour duration 7.30pm – 10pm. Hot chocolate and cookies are provided by the tour company while learning about the area and awaiting dark to head off into the bush. Red light torch supplied

Sunday: An optional mountain bike ride or walk around the headlands with their stunning views back to Auckland and further north. Optional Sculptureum gardens and galleries visit. Open from 10am-2.30pm

Further info: Because of the start and finish time of the tour it is suggested you might like to stay overnight. Overnight stay at your own choice of accommodation. Tawharanui Regional Park campground has spaces for tents and campervans. Plenty of motel and Air BnB options around Matakana. Carpooling may also be arranged if required.

<https://kiwinesstours.co.nz/evening-kiwi-walk/>

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/stay-at-park/Pages/accommodation-details.aspx?itemID=79>

<https://www.sculptureum.nz/>

Bring: Rain jacket and a warm layer (just in case). Enclosed shoes (sneakers/trainers) (tramping boots not recommended because of the noise – the quieter the better!). Bike and cycling clothes for Sunday.

Cost: Kiwi tour – Less than 11 people \$100.00 each / 11 people \$85.00 each

Camping/campervans \$16 per person per night / Air BnB/motels your cost

Sculptureum \$22.00 seniors / \$32.00 adults. Food your cost

Pay by: Pay Kiwi tour cost into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00 when numbers are confirmed with tour group

Confirm by: 30th July 2022

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

Auckland Jazz N' Blues

POINT CHEVALIER RSA – 1136 GT NORTH RD

Date: Tuesday, November 15th

Show time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

RAY WOOLF with the Mike Walker Trio

One of NZ's greatest entertainers, Ray sings the great swing hits made famous by acts such as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Dean Martin & most recently Michael Buble. Also expect some good old rock n Roll when Ray gets back to his roots.

Cost: \$20 for non members, \$5 for members. Please bring cash for the entry as Eftpos is not available. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

Advise by **Saturday November 12th**, so I can reserve a table. I think it will be a full house so best we get in early

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CROQUET

Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Parking can be found nearby in Corbett-Scott George Avenue.

Date: Saturday 19th November from 1pm to 4pm.

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: \$35.00 each payable into the TUAC club account number: 12-3014-0118011-00.

Confirm by : Friday 4th November.

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



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Avenue or King

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park

Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 11am

This year we are moving back to our original site on the corner of Grand Drive and Bollard Ave. A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent closer to the date to those who have confirmed they are attending. Arrive from 11am onwards for pre-lunch drinks and a catch up with other members. Xmas lunch will be served promptly at 12.30pm. There 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. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. Again, this year to reduce NZ's waste problem and keep NZ clean and green, there will be no plastic/disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to bring their own and to take all your rubbish home.

Bring: Chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

Optional: \$10 Secret Santa present

Cost: Free for financial members, other guests welcome \$25 per head

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DECEMBER

2023

WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND

Schischka Camp Ground

February Friday 24 to 26 - 2023,

Hi all, keep this week end Free for a enjoyable time.

More detail in next month news letter.

David Verrall 027203 5508 gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car Rally – Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Jazz and Blues, Tuesday nights – Helene Harper
- Variety artists, 1st Monday of the month – Helene Harper
- Muriwai Walk and Gannet Colony – David
- Drag Bingo - Annie

Something to contemplate while you decide which of the interesting Events is the one for you this month.

A doctor made a mistake and unknowingly prescribed his patient a powerful laxative instead of cough drops.

At the end of the week the patient comes back for a check-up. The doctor asks him: "So how's it going, Mr. Kowalski? Do you still cough a lot?"

The patient, who's been sitting there very rigidly, looks at him with wide eyes, "No. I'm afraid to."

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.

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