

## 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) the same information.

#### CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY PAYMENT

Non members may attend some club eyents. Members have priority and a surcharge may be applied to non members. Contact the eyent 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.

## October – November 2016

#### OREWA CYCLE RIDE

Incorporating the Te Ara Tahuna Pathway Saturday 24th September at 10am

A 20 km mainly flat ride with only one hill! Starting from the surf club we wind our way round the Orewa Estuary on a shared path, then explore Millwater and back onto the pathway to explore the back streets of Orewa. The one hill climb leads to amazing views over Orewa and on a good day you can see as far as Coromandel and Great Barrier Island. We continue on through Kensington Park through quiet streets and along the beachfront, back to the surf club.

Meet at the Orewa Surf Club carpark, Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa at 10am. Lunch afterwards at one of the many cafes. You can check out the route on http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/fullscreen/1147483111

Bike (can be either road or mountain bike), helmet, water, wet Brina:

weather gear just in case. Free. Lunch at your cost. Confirm by: Thursday 22nd September

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

#### MURIWAI BEACH HORSE RIDING Horse Park Road, Murawai, Auckland 0881 Sunday 25th September at 10am

The 2 hour ride will give us the opportunity to trot or canter

our mounts along the beach and through the forest. All the relevant and necessary information needed for those interested in participating is on the website.

muriwaibeachhorsetreks.co.nz All levels of riding ability will be catered for. Warm clothing

Bring: Sunday 11th September Confirm by: \$115 per rider Cost:

Contact: Peter - 0276 964 997 or p.gerrard29@gmail.com

## WORLD OF WEARABLE ARTS, WELLINGTON

Friday 30th September to 2nd October 2016

Show is Saturday 1st October at 8pm

Cost: Ticket for show \$170 con premium plus seating.

Airfare and accormic at mextra.

Pay for ticket by 15 manuary 2016 to secure your place.

Please remember if you hook this event, and find yourself unable to go, it will be your responsibility us and a replacement, and honour your accommodation

booking. Contact: June Bell - 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com or

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

#### HAMILTON GARDENS WITH GUIDED TOUR

Cobham Drive, Hamilton Sunday 6th October at 10.30am

Meet at Hamilton Gardens at 10.30am (Please let Mary know if

you wish to car pool) Hamilton Gardens is set amongst 54 hectares made up of over

18 beautifully landscaped gardens fitting into five different collections: Paradise, Productive, Fantasy, Cultivar and Landscape. It is the Waikato's most visited attraction with approximately one million visitors each year. Visitors are guided on a journey of discovery along paths delivering mysterious surprises: step from a peaceful Sung Dynasty Chinese Scholar's garden into an Italian Renaissance Garden, before being enthralled by the grandeur of the Indian Char Bagh ('four quartered') Garden. Hamilton Gardens invites you to step into another place and time as you stroll from one garden to the next.

Bring: Good walking shoes, water, sunscreen, sunglasses etc.

A friend if you wish.

Cost: \$15 per person for guided tour

Lunch at your cost at Hamilton Garden's cafe

Pay by: 15th October to the TUAC account with your name and HamGar in

details

Confirm by: 15th October

Contact Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz

#### FESTIVAL OPENING - UXBRIDGE THEATRE HOWICK 35 Uxbridge Road Howick

Friday 7th October - Dinner 6pm / Show 7.30pm

Dinner La Padella 503 Pakuranga Road Highland Park After its long-awaited refurbishment and to celebrate this

momentous occasion we have a two-week festival showcasing local and internationally-acclaimed acts. The festival kicks off with a great opening

See the curtains rise with a special cabaret night of great music, dance, and a few surprising but spectacular acts all hosted by our very own 'Indian Guy' Tarun Mohanbhai!

Bring: Cost: A friend if you wish

\$45 Pay Visa/MasterCard when booking by phone Admission includes wine and canapés on arrival

Confirm by: ASAP for a group booking

Please let me know when you have bought your ticket

Contact: Raywyn Brinsden - 021 455 863 or

raywynbrinsden@gmail.com



#### **ARCHERY**

#### 28-32 Disraeli St, Mt Eden (at Nicholson Park South) Saturday 8th October 10.30am to 12 midday

This will be 1.5 hours of archery run by a qualified and experienced archery instructor progressing from the basics of

archery and safety protocols through to a team competition. Each participant is fitted with his/her own appropriate equipment and will be fully involved the entire event. The challenge level is graduated as participants' proficiency level increases.

Emphasis is on fun, challenge, variety, inclusiveness and competition.

The event is continued in all but dangerous weather conditions (rain or shine).

When finished we can have lunch at one of the many cafes in Mt Eden.

\$52.33 per person. (For a group of up to 12 people \$628 Cost:

including GST).

For a group of between 13 - 15 people the rate will alter very

slightly to \$52 per person).

**Confirm/Pay by:** Fri 30th September into the TUAC ASB Bank A/c

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Contact: Janice Calvert - 527 4407, 0274 605 704 or

icalvert@slingshot.co.nz

#### PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT - THE MUSICAL Civic Theatre, Queen Street

Sunday 16th October 1pm

Eight years and several thousand kilometres later - and looking more fabulous than ever – the pink bus makes a triumphant return to Auckland. Based on the Oscar-winning hit movie, this is the story of three drag artists who hop aboard a battered old bus named Priscilla, searching for love and friendship. The best "feel good" show since Mamma-Mia! If you love glamour and glitz, this is the show for you. Great music and insane costumes. As seats are selling out fast you would have to confirm and pay for your tickets when I buy them. At this stage I have looked at seats in the stalls which means you are more up close to the music and the action.

\$129.95 plus booking fee or if 8 or more \$99.95 each. Cost:

Cheaper seats can be found if you don't mind sitting apart

and further back. When confirming Pay by: Confirm by: Sunday 24th July

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

#### MIHO'S JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick Thursday 20th October - Dinner 6.30pm / Show 8pm Dinner La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park
Japanese-born New Zealander, Miho Wada, leads her pocket-sized

jazz orchestra on flute and saxophone, performing her unique style of music described in the media as "Afro-Cuban flute meets J-Pop". Miho seamlessly blends stylish contemporary jazz with her unique Pan-Pacific flavour.

A friend if you wish General \$26, Table \$29 Bring: Cost:

Pay Visa/MasterCard when booking by phone Dinner own cost, pay on the night BYO and Licensed Please let me know when you have bought your ticket.

Confirm by: ASAP for group booking

Contact: Raywyn Brinsden - 021 455 863 or raywynbrinsden@gmail.com

#### ALL BLACKS -v- AUSTRALIA - 3rd BLEDISLOE CUP GAME **Eden Park**

Saturday 22nd October 2016

Expressions of interest are sought for a group booking for the 3rd Bledisloe Cup game at Eden Park.

To be advised when tickets become available Confirm: ASAP so tickets can be booked when bookings open

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

## **JOKE** - Contributed by Ron James

Sixty is the worst age to be," said the 60-year-old man....

'You always feel like you have to pee, and most of the time you stand there and nothing comes out."

"Ah, that's nothin," said the 70-year-old. "When you're seventy, you don't have bowel movement any more. You take laxatives, eat bran, sit on the toilet all day and nothing comes out!"
"Actually," said the 80-year-old, "Eighty is the worst age of all."

"Do you have trouble peeing, too?" asked the 60-year-old.

"No, I pee every morning at 6am. I pee like a racehorse on a flat rock no problem at all.'

"So, do you have a problem with your bowel movement?"

"No, I have one every morning at 6.30am I shit like a cow." Exasperated, the 60-year-old said, "You pee every morning at 6am and crap every morning at 6.30am. So what's so bad about being 80?"
"I don't wake up until 7am"

#### TARANAKI GARDEN FESTIVAL NEW PLYMOUTH

Gardens for the Girls - Vintage Machinery Museums - for the Guys Friday 28th October to Sunday 30th October

Leaving Auckland at 8am, we will carpool to New Plymouth. We intend to visit 9-10 private gardens and 2-3 vintage farm machinery museums. Return Auckland approx 5pm Sunday. The schedule is to visit 3 private gardens on Friday afternoon in the Waitara area. Check into our accommodation.

**Saturday**: Visit a mixture of country gardens and museums. **Sunday:** Visit city gardens in the New-Plymouth area and another museum. Itinerary can be flexible.

Further info: Intend to stay in Studio ensuite cabins at the Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park. These have a kitchenette, bathroom and sleep 6. Cost \$55 pp per night.

Bring: Small sports bag, walking shoes, raincoat, hat or other light

personal needs

Cost: \$230 per person. The cost is based on \$110, for 2 nights accommodation, \$60 pp garden entry fees, car pool share costs

\$35 pp, Museum entry fees \$20 pp. Meals extra.

Payment of \$110 for accommodation should be credited into the TUAC bank account. Payment of the entry fees, car pool and

museum direct to the garden owner or driver.

Confirmation of numbers would be required by 30th September so Pay by:

we can confirm and book our accommodation with advance notice. We are hoping to get 10 -15 members travelling via car pool,

using 2-3 cars.

Mike has a 'people mover' that can seat 6

Confirm by: We are asking for expressions of interest before we book the

accommodation.

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

Mary Donald - 846 4429, 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz

## HILLARY TRAIL WAITAKERE RANGES

29th October 2016

This is the fourth section that we will be doing - Piha to Bethells Beach. Distance 18km and will take 6 to 8 hours so it's not a stroll down the beach.

Brina: Proper clothing, proper footwear, lunch, snacks and water

Confirm by: 22nd October 2016

Once I have numbers I will sort out the carpooling

Contact: Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or alangrigg11@gmail.com

#### OMOKOROA ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

8G Gane Place, Omokoroa, Bay of Plenty

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November 2016 Come and explore the sunny Bay of Plenty

Friday - For those who can make it to Omokoroa by midday, walk the Omokoroa Peninsula. Afternoon tea half way round. Dinner 6.30pm. \$5 per head hosted by Guy and Maureen. Late arrivals from Auckland catered for as well. MUST confirm if attending dinner.

Saturday - Walk or bike day. Start time for both 9am. Walkers - Kaimai walk organised. Take packed lunch, water.

Cyclists – bike to Tauranga from the closest cycle way. Cafe lunch en route. Pot luck BBQ dinner 6.30pm. BYO meat, drinks and a plate to share.

**Sunday** – Te Puna Quarry Fest. A great day out in park like gardens (huge variety of themed gardens), arts and craft on show as well as music and entertainment.

Gold coin donation. Start time to be advised. Depart for home at your leisure.

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. You 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/bachesandholiday-homes/search/.../omokoroa-beach and search for Omokoroa Beach. Carpooling arranged.

Tramping/walking shoes, sunscreen, day pack, bike, helmet & cycling gear, togs & towel (hot thermal pools at holiday park). Bring:

Fold up chair for pot luck BBQ.

Te Puna Gardens gold coin donation. Friday Pot luck BBQ dinner \$5 cash

Costs:

Accommodation - by credit card when you book. Pay by:

Other costs pay on the day.

Accommodation – must confirm direct with holiday park ASAP to Confirm by:

secure your cabin as they book up fast.

Please confirm your attendance for this weekend by 4th November and if you are biking or walking.

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











# ROCK MUSICAL - HAIR Pumphouse Theatre Takapuna Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm

The granddaddy of all rock musicals, HAIR is at once both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America.

This exuberant musical about a group of teenagers searching for truth, peace and love in a Vietnam War era, has struck a resonant chord with audiences of all ages. HAIR features an eclectic score filled with classics, including "Aquarius," "Let the Sun Shine In," "Hair," and "Easy To Be Hard." The themes and struggles in HAIR remain vital and relevant to the times we live in today.

North Shore Music Theatre are proud to present this fantastic show. With Direction by Alexandra McKellar, Musical Direction by Kerry Priestly and Choreography by Gemma Boswell and a stunning cast, this is a rock experience you won't want to miss.

Content warning: THIS SHOW CONTAINS NUDITY, DRUG USE AND LANGUAGE I saw the show in the USA and it was superb

**Bring:** Yourself and a friend if you wish **Cost:** \$35 plus \$2 booking fee

For 10 or more the price will be \$28 plus \$2 booking fee

Confirm by: 27th September

Contact: - Helen Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz We can organise dinner before in Takapuna once we know the numbers

#### GREY LYNN PARK FESTIVAL

#### Saturday, 26th November 9am to 5pm

This will be a promotion for the club to have a visual presence in the way of an outside stall promoting the club activities and engaging with the public to encourage new members to join TUAC. There will be roster made up and we would like existing members if they could spare 1 or 2 hours or more, talking to the public on the attributes of joining up with TUAC. This day is not a 'normal' activity within the club, but a promotion for the club. The Grey Lynn festival has been operating for 25 years and attracts over 100,000 visitors. There are numerous food stalls, craft stalls, all day concerts to keep you entertained. Parking may be an issue, so you may have to park and walk from one of the side streets, which lead to multiple entry points around Grey Lynn Park. You can locate it on Google map at Grey Park Festival.org. Assistance is required early morning to help set up the Gazebo and tables and breakdown at the end of the day. 'Rush hour is between 11am to 4pm so we require many members on a roster to give out flyers and answer any questions from the public. A roster will be made up to suit your availability. More details regarding our site number and location will be notified in the next newsletter.

Cost: Free entry.

Bring \$\$\$ if want to have lunch or snacks from any of the food stalls.

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

### TUAC CHRISTMAS PARTY - CORNWALL PARK

Saturday 3rd December at 11am

Come and join in the fun at our Annual Event. A map will be sent later.

A plated meal will be served between 12 noon and 12.30pm. Fruit juice and wine will be provided and all crockery and cutlery is supplied.

This will be delivered by A Hot Roast Spit Co. Fruit platters and Xmas cake will follow.

Please advise me if you have any special dietary requirements.

**Bring:** Chair and please bring a Secret Santa gift to the value of \$5.

Cost: Members \$10 - Non members \$20
Pay by: 12th November into TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: June Bell – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or

fiveofsix48@hotmail.com

#### 2017 ART DECO FESTIVAL

#### Napier

#### Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th February 2017

Expressions of interest wanted. The largest of all Art Deco events is the Tremains Art Deco Festival held annually in February. It includes over 250 events, hundreds of 1920s and 30s cars, aerobatic flying displays, railcar rides, great Gatsby picnics, dinner dance extravaganzas and free outdoor concerts to name a few. Many thousands of guests and locals alike dress in Deco style bringing glamour to the city streets. You too can feel the atmosphere, live the era of mystique, if only for a few days.

**Cost:** To be advised closer to programme being published

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

## SULLIVA NS BAY CAMPING WEEKEND - MAHURANGI Friday & Saturday Nights 17th - 18th February 2017

Sullivans Bay offers white sandy shaded beach front with safe swimming and kayaking.

Drive north on State Highway 1. 12km past Orewa exit, turn right into Mahurangi West Road, after 6km turn right into Ngaewa Drive and 2km more at the end of the road you are there.

Camp site is flat and beachfront. Good walk, the Cudlip Point loop track and my favourite the Te Muri Loop Track

**Bring:** All Camping gear, tent/gas cooker/swimming togs/walking shoes

kayak if you wish **Cost:** \$15 per night per per

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**Pay by:** ASAP to TUAC as there are only 18 places Camper vans to book their own site asap

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

#### 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 <a href="mailto:trekkerrob48@gmail.com">trekkerrob48@gmail.com</a>

#### 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."

