



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 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 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 2018 – November 2018

ENCHANTED FOREST MINI GOLF

61 Selwyn Street, Onehunga
Sunday 30th September at 11am

Enjoy 18 international length holes built inside a park and surround sound music to bop along while playing.

There is plenty of parking provided. info@enchantedforest.nz

Cost: Adults \$12.00, Seniors \$10.00

Pay by: On the day.

Confirm by: Thursday 27th September

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



JACS TRADING PUB – BROWN SUGER

6 Main Street, Arkles Bay, Whangaparaoa
Saturday 13th October 2018

Brown Suger playing Rolling Stones songs.

Cost: \$25 Tickets on line Finda or at the venue

Contact: Rob Arnett – 022 644 7886 or gyporob@yahoo.co.uk



CITY WALK - ST MARYS BAY, PONSONBY AREA

Saturday 6th October at 10am

Meet 10am at Pt Erin Swimming Baths carpark, Sarsfield Street

An interesting walk to view some of Auckland's original villas and historic houses.

Some minor hills. We will walk through Western Park and along Ponsonby Road shops.

Mike will give a brief explanation of some of the historic building and botanical features along the way.

Lunch stop will be any one of the numerous cafes in the area.

Bring: Good walking shoes, water and your historic interpretation

Cost: Nil

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



WOW – WORLD OF WEARABLE ART, WELLINGTON

Saturday 13th October 2018 at 8pm

Join us for this wonderful exciting event of Wearable Art. Some accommodation is booked at Hotel Waterloo.

Backpackers at 1 Bunny Street which is close to the venue. All rooms have en suites. The café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. You may choose to dine in or take your own food.

Cost: Please pay \$198 to the TUAC account by 15th January 2018 to secure your place.

Contact: June Bell – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



PEDAL4PROSTATE

Hampton Downs Motorsports Park

Sunday 7th October 2018

Pedal4prostate is an exciting and fun one day endurance cycling event at Hampton Downs Motorsport Park in support of the prostate cancer foundation of New Zealand as part of Blue September.

An event not to be missed!

This is a cycling event not to be missed! Total 4 hours of riding providing many riding combinations.

Options

Team of 4 – each rider must do at least 30 mins of riding. Share the riding between 4 riders

Team of 2 – share riding between 2 riders or at least 1 rider must do 30 mins.

Team of 1- 4 hrs of riding

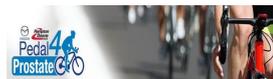
<https://pedal4prostate.org.nz/>

Bring: Bike and fun

Cost: \$75 per entry

Confirm by: 31st August 2018

Contact: Sandi - 027 418 8421 or txt



MOTU MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Friday 19th to Monday 22nd October

Expressions of interest to ride the Motu Mountain Bike Trails. Saturday, shuttle to the top of the trail and ride back to Opotiki. Sunday, easier ride on the Sand Dunes Trail at Opotiki. Staying at Whakatane. This event is also open to people wanting to go to White or Whale Island or walk the local trails within the region.

Further info will be supplied to hand. Carpooling can be arranged.

Cost: 3 night accommodation between \$60 to \$75 per night depending on room share. Exact costs will be worked out when numbers known. Shuttle costs for cyclists to be advised when numbers known. Expect around \$50.

Optional day tour to White Island \$199 or Whale Island ½ day tour \$99.

Group rates once numbers known may reduce this cost

Pay by: To be advised

Confirm by: To be advised

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



QUIZ NIGHT AT MAUNGAKIEKIE GOLF CLUB
Thursday 25th October at 6pm
Freer Street off Richardson Road - Park in front of the club house entrance



Keep your brain stimulated by testing yourself on 8 different topics, each with 10 questions. Hopefully we will have sufficient numbers to form our own TUAC team. The quiz night is a professionally organised night which includes prizes of travel vouchers, bottles of wine and chocolates. The prizes are well worth competing for. I attended the one held last month and it was a well-organised event. The quiz night should be completed by 8.30. Dinner available from the club caterers, range between \$10- \$15.

Cost: \$10 per person. Pay on the night
Confirm: 1 week prior so we have indication of numbers.
Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com

PINK RIBBON WALK

Auckland Domain

Saturday 27th October at 5pm

5km walk. Don't be shy... Dress in pink or a crazy outfit... Left side on the grass edge where the two roads meet. Bring your walking legs and a huge smile..... Loads of fun. Ready for a great night filled with fun and laughter!! Not just for the females, men come for the fun also.

At 4.50pm - Be at the corner of the Winter garden Road and Football Road. Carpool where at all possible. At 3.50pm cars will be leaving from Botany, Buckland's Beach area. If you would like to carpool please contact me so I don't leave you behind.

Bring: Your smile and walking legs
Pay by: Book direct on line. Catch the early bird special.
<https://supporter.nzbcf.org.nz/register/>
Confirm: Text me once you have confirmed
Contact: Sandi Kerr - 027 418 8421



NZ SCULPTURE ONSHORE

70 Vauxhall Rd, Narrow Neck

Sunday 4th November at 10am

Following the overwhelming popularity of the last NZ Sculpture Onshore, this iconic North Shore event is returning to Devonport for an extended three-week exhibition in November 2018. The stunning Devonport clifftop site will once again be transformed into NZ's largest sculpture park, featuring over 100 sculptures by artists from across Aotearoa.

Followed by lunch in Devonport.
Cost: Adults \$20.00 / Seniors 65+ \$15.00. Lunch your cost
Pay by: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/nov/nz-sculpture-onsshore/#/buy-tickets>

Confirm by: When you have booked your ticket
Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com

AUTHENTIC SOUTH THAILAND

SURAT THANI - KRABI

Saturday 10th Nov – Friday 23rd Nov 2018

8 days cycling - 384 kms

Southern Thailand has more to offer than turquoise waters, white sand and lush jungles - it's also home to a fascinating mixture of cultures. Thai Buddhists mingle with Muslim seafarers to produce a colourful people steeped in history and tradition. Priding themselves on their openness and hospitality, the people of the south, or Khon Dai, are always ready to show "farang" (foreigners) their country.
[info:https://www.spiceroads.com/tours/souththailand/itinerary](http://www.spiceroads.com/tours/souththailand/itinerary)

Bring: Option your bike
Cost: Tour and Airflights
Book direct to Spice Roads and Air flights. We are flying Thai Air direct. Please call me if you would like more information.
Come join Sandra and myself
Contact: Sandi Kerr – 027 418 8421



KARANGAHAKE TRACK WALK PLUS TE PUNA QUARRY FESTIVAL

Karangahake Gorge

Saturday 10th November to Sunday 11th November 2018

Choice of attending both events or either one, with an overnight stay in Omokoroa. A reasonable level of fitness is required for the walk.

Saturday: The walk will take you up to the windows tunnel, transgresses out the other side and then we walk the Crown Track sighting numerous mining remnants, waterfalls and through another long tunnel. After 2 to 2½ hrs we cross over a swing bridge and lunch will be close to this point. For those not up to continuing on the steeper part of the walk, you can return back to the carpark the same way. For those wanting the longer walk, we will continue over the other side of the swing bridge and transgress the Dubbo 96 track. We return via the Karangahake Walkway for some stunning views, detouring through Scotsman Gully and coming out at the main carpark via the swing bridge. This walk is expected to take around 5 to 6 hours, including stops. After the walk, for those wanting to attend the Quarry Festival on Sunday, continue onto Omokoroa or return to Auckland if just doing the Saturday walk.

Free camping options available around the house or choose an Air BnB option or the Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park, 165 Omokoroa Rd, Omokoroa Phone 0508 438 468

Sunday: Quarry Festival starts at 10am. and runs to 5pm. 108 Te Puna Quarry Road, Te Puna. This is held in an old quarry which has been turned into gardens with world country themes, walkways, stalls, food and music shows/bands on the agenda.

Further info: For those doing the Saturday walk, meet at 10.30am at the main carpark in the Karangahake Gorge.

Bring: Walkers – packed lunch, water, snacks, raincoat, walking pole, boots, and torch

Overnight option: there will be a BBQ on the Saturday night. BYO drinks, and meat. Bring tent and camping gear if camping.

Cost: Walk free,
\$5 per head for BBQ sides,
Quarry Festival gold coin entry fee.

Pay by: On the day to Guy for BBQ and cash for the festival at the gate

Confirm by: 5th November and advise me which events you are attending
Address for camping given when you confirm

Contact: Guy Phillips - 027 603 5549 or icbm@xtra.co.nz



PRIVATE GARDEN VISITS - EAST AUCKLAND

Saturday 17th November at 10am.

Meet at the corner of Whitford-Maraetai Road and Clifton Road, we will then drive from there direct to the gardens. Mid November is the best time of year to visit gardens. I have selected 2 lesser known gardens that the club has not visited before.

One country garden, Huntington Gardens 346 Clifton Rd, Whitford and 1 city garden Photinia Gardens at 9 Photinia Place, Howick.

Both offer a contrast with each other. Please let me know 1 week in advance if you are coming so I can inform the garden owners.

Cost: Huntington Gardens \$12pp and Photinia Gardens \$8pp
Pay direct to garden owner.

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



CHURCH BAY ROCK HOPPING WALK WITH SIR GRAHAM & LADY RAEWYN HENRY

Blackpool Beach, Waiheke Island

Saturday 24th November - 2pm to 5 pm

STRICTLY LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE – BE IN QUICK

Led by Waiheke Walking Festival founder, Gary Wilton, alongside Festival Ambassadors Sir Graham and Lady Raewyn Henry, this will be an afternoon of fun coastal rock hopping and great bush tracks with BYO drinks back on the Henry's lawn to finish – what more could you ask for. The walk is 5.7kms and takes around 3 hours. Reasonable level of fitness needed.

Further info: Catch the downtown Waiheke ferry to Matiatia (either 12pm or 1pm ferry time still to be determined). Catch the Onetangi bus and get off at the Tui Street bus stop closest to Blackpool Beach. Walk starts at Blackpool Beach in front of Pirihahi Marae

Note: We could catch the 12pm ferry and have lunch at Oneroa first.

Bring: Please be sure to wear sturdy footwear, layered clothing and don't forget your water, snacks, sunscreen, hat and any necessary medication.

Cost: NIL for the walk (sponsored by TUAC).
Ferry free for +65's or adults under 65 \$38 return
BYO drinks for after the walk

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Immediately as there are only 10 spaces available.
Possibility of further tickets becoming available on 1st October but these will be limited also.

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

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park, Saturday 1st 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 platter and strawberries. Wine and juice provided.

Anyone with special dietary requirements please let me know.

A map will be sent for those attending.

Bring: \$5 Secret Santa, chair and wineglass

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

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



NELL GWYNN (AN HISTORICAL COMEDY)

A Play by Jessica Swale, Directed by Syd Mannion

Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring St, Onehunga

Saturday 8th December at 8pm

The play opens in a 1660s playhouse in Drury Lane, London, where Nell Gwynn is an 'orange hawker' whose wit and beauty soon get her noticed. She becomes an actress, causing merry havoc in a traditionally male world, and wins the heart of King Charles II. Can her charm and spirit protect her from the dangers of the Court? First performed in 2015 at The Globe, London.

See: <http://dolphintheatre.org.nz/#season-1>

Option to have dinner beforehand at The Landing, Onehunga. Please let me know if you would like to come to dinner as well.

Cost: Senior \$24, Adult \$28

Confirm by: 1st November 2018

Pay: TUAC account for show only

Contact: Hillary Scott - 0212 584 186 or hillary.scott.54@gmail



JOKE (provided by Ann Melrose)

Two women were sitting next to each other in a bar
After a while, one looks at the other and says, 'I can't help but I think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland'
The other woman responds proudly, 'Yes, I sure am!'
The first one says, 'So am I! and whereabouts in Ireland are ya from?'

The other woman answers, 'I'm from Dublin, I am.'

The first one responds, 'So, am I and what street did you live on in Dublin?'

The other woman says, 'A lovely little area, it was in the west end. I lived on Warburg Street in the old central part of town.'

The first one says, 'Faith, and its small world, so did I! so did I and what school did ya go to?'

The other woman answers, 'Well now, I went to Holy Heart of Mary, of course. The first one gets really excited and says, 'and so did I Tell me, what year did you graduate?'

The other woman answers, 'Well, now, let's see, I graduated in 1964.'

The first woman exclaims, 'The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us!'

I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same pub tonight! Can you believe it?, I graduated from Holy Heart of Mary in 1964 me self!'

About this time, Michael walks into the bar, sits down, and orders a beer.

Brian, the bartender, walks over to Michael shaking his head and mutters, 'It's going to be a long night tonight.'

Michael asks, 'Why do you say that, Brian?'

Brian answers, 'The Murphy twins are pissed again'.

OTAGO RAIL TRAIL

Clyde to Middlemarch

Sunday 10th to Friday 15th February 2019

Starting from Queenstown with a transfer to the start of the Rail Trail at Clyde and finishing at Dunedin. Luggage transferred each day to our accommodation. This accommodation includes continental breakfast each morning and is based on twin share. Single supplement is available at extra cost. Finishing with a ride on the Taieri Gorge Train to Dunedin. Ride runs from 11th to 14th Feb with the last night in Dunedin. Additional days in Dunedin to explore the area can be arranged.

Further info: Inclusions: shuttle included from Queenstown to Clyde, bike hire (with helmets, puncture repair kit & 2 x 15 litre panniers), accommodation (staying at Tiger Hole Lodge Omakau, Wedderburn Cottages & Hyde Hotel, which is a night on the rail trail), transfer from Queenstown to Clyde, daily luggage transfers, train trip from Middlemarch to Dunedin.

Bring: Own cycling gear suitable for all weather.
Can take own mountain bike.

Cost: \$640.00 for accommodation, luggage transfers, bike hire, transfers, train ride to Dunedin.
Airfares additional.

Pay by: To be advised once numbers are known.

Confirm by: ASAP so I can confirm accommodation
Airfares to be arranged by you.

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



FULLY BOOKED

WHANGANUI RIVER TRIP

February 2019

Anyone interested in joining Felicity and I on a 4 day trip down the Whanganui River with Canoe Safaris

www.canoesafaris.co.nz

This 4 day trip takes in the best scenery at a comfortable pace.

It is a fully inclusive trip with a guide, camping for 3 nights. Camping gear and food is provided, all you need to bring are your clothes and a sleeping bag. Standard price is \$995 per person, but Canoe Safaris have offered a 10% discount to TUAC if booking as a group.

In addition, for a group of 8 or more they can run an exclusive trip.

Standard trips start on a Tuesday, I'm suggesting Tues 19 Feb – Fri 22 Feb, however an exclusive trip could start a different day (eg to span a weekend).

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



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.