



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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October 2020 – November 2020

OREWA ESTUARY OR LAKES WALK & BBQ

Saturday 26th September 2020 at 2pm

Come along to David's place, 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa at 2pm for a walk around the Estuary or the Lakes and part of Orewa. Return to David's place for a sociable BBQ at 5pm

Bring: Your own meat, drink and a plate to share

Cost: Free

Confirm by 25th September ASAP

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



RANGITOTO SUMMIT WALK, HAURAKI GULF

Saturday 10th October

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 9.15am ferry to Devonport and Rangitoto.

Wearing a mask is a current requirement whilst on board but social distancing is no longer required.

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, suitable clothing

Cost: Ferry Adult return \$39

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: Thursday 8th October

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



HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL SECTIONS D & E

Paeroa-Te Aroha-Matamata

Saturday 24th to Monday 26th October 2020

Ride the newly formed section of this trail from Te Aroha to Matamata, basing ourselves in Te Aroha for 2 nights. Saturday, we will ride from Te Aroha to Paeroa and return, distance 46 kms. Sunday ride from Te Aroha to Matamata and return, distance 74 kms. Mainly flat riding. Monday we will explore Te Aroha.

Carpooling can be arranged.

Check out the trails on the Hauraki Trails website

https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail_SecD_Paeroa_TeAroha_v2s.pdf

https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail_SecE_TeAroha_Matamata_v2s.pdf

Bring: Bike and suitable bike clothing, water

Cost: Rides are free, accommodation and meals at your cost

Pay by: To be advised once accommodation is arranged

Confirm by: As soon as possible to arrange accommodation

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



CHATHAM ISLANDS

29th October - 5th November 2020

Enjoy a week on New Zealand's Chatham Island.

This is similar to the very popular tour done in 2018, but this time as well as the regular attractions we will also be on Chatham Island for their 'House and Gardens...the bountiful table' week.

Other attractions include the early Moriori culture, relics from colonial settlements including the early German missionaries, whalers and fishing settlements, tree and cliff carvings, plus relics from pre human settlement. The islands are also famous for their abundant seafood including crayfish.

For those of you that haven't been to the Chatham Islands before, they are in the Pacific Ocean about 800 kilometers' east of the South Island and while part of NZ, the flora and fauna are different due to its isolation.

This is an 8 day (7 nights) trip and includes transfers, accommodation at the Waitangi Hotel, meals, transport, fishing, guided tours, entrances and attractions.

Cost: Normal trip price is **\$3,795**, but if we can get a group of 10 or more, we can get 10% off making the price **\$3,416** per person share twin, and no compulsory single supplement!

Airfares Auckland - Chatham Islands are additional. Flexi Saver airfare is currently \$898 return. For more information or to book:

Contact: Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October

Explore Great Barrier Island with local guide. 2 night's accommodation at Whangaparapara. Explore Great Barrier Island with visits to the famous 'Milk, Honey & Grain Museum' and the Community Arts Village. Enjoy a coastal cruise aboard 'Sundancer' the Kauri Sawmill and the Whaling station sites, Broken Isles and the Man O War Passage. Discover Tryphena and Okupu Harbour along with Pigeon Post.

Option to extend after to do Aotea Track 3 day tramp

Cost: \$955 per person share twin - Deposit \$200 by 31st July.

Short flight, or the ferry ride from Auckland is additional.

Flight cost ex AKL Domestic airport is \$210 return.

Contact: Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz or 021 477 714

ELTON JOHN CABARET

Saturday 7th November 2020 at 8pm

Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa

A reminder to those 10 people going to this show, also

Dinner before show at Thai Orewa at 5.15pm prompt

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508



WHANGATEAU HOLIDAY PARK – MATAKANA COAST

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th November 2020

CANCELLED

OMAIO GARDENS & SCULPTUREUM

194 Whitmore Road, off Takatu Road, Matakana

Saturday 14th November 2020 at 10am

Due to the uncertainty with Covid-19 levels and restrictions, we have regrettably cancelled the Whangateau Holiday Park weekend and decided to do the events individually.

Omaio Gardens: Meet at Matakana Country Park, Omaha Flats Road, Matakana in the carpark by St Andrews Church at 10am. We can then carpool to Omaio Gardens for our 10.30am booking. I have booked morning tea after viewing Liz Morrow's stunning garden, which takes approx. 2 hours.

Return to Matakana Country Park carpark and walk across the road to **Sculptureum**, with its three gardens bursting with sculptures, prehistoric rocks, 'live' animals and reflective quotes, all surrounded by beautiful plantings and 6 stunning art galleries

For those who have already visited Sculptureum and you have carpooled you can either visit Morris & James, browse in Matakana for 2 hours or just return home. Carpooling can be arranged.

Bring: Walking shoes and suitable clothing

Cost: Entrance to Omaio \$10 or \$20 including morning tea (cash only).
Bookings essential
Sculptureum \$29 Adult, Gold card holder \$20

Pay: On the day

Confirm by: Saturday 7th November 2020

Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com



ELTON JOHN CABARET

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Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa

Reminder to those people going to this show. I still have 2 or 3 tickets left for this show.

Dinner before show at Thai Orewa at 5.15pm prompt.

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



WAIHEKE COASTAL WALK – ONEROA BEACH TO PALM BEACH

Saturday 21st November 2020 (catching the 9am ferry)

We will take the 9am ferry to Waiheke. The coastal walk starts at Oneroa Beach, finishing at Palm Beach. The walk takes us along beaches and up tracks over the ridges with stunning coastal views. We will also walk through residential streets with cute old baches and new architecturally designed houses. Approx. 2.5 hours. Lunch at the Archadia, Palm Beach. Return by bus to Matiatia.

Cost: Ferry (Gold Card free), lunch

Bring: Snacks, water

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



CROQUET

Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom

Saturday 28th November from 2 pm to 5pm

Please be there by 1.45pm. Parking is available in either Corbett Scott or King George Avenues.

Depending on numbers, a tournament can be arranged with tuition provided by club members. 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 wine or beer. Kitchen and bathroom facilities are available at the club house.

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

Confirm by: Saturday 21st November

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



EDUCATIONAL & INFORMATIVE WALK, REMUERA, HOBSON BAY, ORAKEI

Sunday 29th November at 10.15am

Phil sai-louie has led previous walks for us in Onehunga & Epsom/Mt Eden. Meet at the bus stop, Orakei Road, across road from Orakei Railway Station. Bus departs at 10.40am

We will catch the bus to Remuera Road, where we will look at the volcanic story of Mt Hobson & the historic houses, schools & buildings in this desirable area. Bring lunch which we will have in a beautiful reserve. The Hobson bay coastal walkway brings us back to our starting point. About 3 hours duration.

Cost: Bring your hop card, as the bus drivers do not accept cash

Bring: Lunch or snacks, water

Parking: Kings Plant Barn carpark or adjacent

For walk details contact Phil sai-louie 09 267 1260 or sailouiep@gmail.com

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com.

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Cornwall Park,

Saturday 5th December 2020 at 11am

In the hope that this year due to Covid restrictions, we will be able to host this event, we have set a date for you to save.

Arrive from 11am onwards for pre-lunch drinks and a catch up with other members. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:30 pm. 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. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. 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/disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to bring 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, otherwise \$25 per head

Contact: - Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com

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



AROUND THE MOUNTAINS TRAIL

29th December 2020 to 2nd January 2021

Trip limited to 12 people only

Email me and I will send you all the details

Cost: approx. \$1100

Contact: Tony Orr - pacexp@xtra.co.nz



PUHOI WOODCHOPPING CARNIVAL

Saturday 9th January 2021 from 9am

Spend a day exploring the Puhoi area and see the top woodsmen and axemen at the Puhoi Wood chopping Carnival. It's the largest wood chopping event in the upper North Island and is held in association with The Puhoi Hotel and Stables.

Axemen will come from around the country and Australia to compete at this major annual event, so come grab a beer, a Savvy or Pinot Gris and watch the free show from 9am.

Good range of pub food available on site

Just down the road from the pub are the Puhoi Cheese Factory and the Puhoi Organic Distillery

Bring: A folding chair

Contact: Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz



TAWHARANUI WALK/BIKE TRAIL

Saturday 16th January 2021

A two hour walk or bike trail at Tawharanui, followed by lunch and a swim at Anchor Bay.

Further details to follow in the next newsletter

Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com or

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

WEST COAST - CYCLE TRAIL/TRANZALPINE RAIL JOURNEY

Tuesday 19th to Monday 25th January 2021

Please note change of dates

A 4 day, self guided cycle tour of the West Coast of the South Island, starting from Greymouth, through spectacular coastal scenery, rugged shorelines, surging rivers, ancient forests and steeped in history, and finishing at Ross.

Our journey begins from Christchurch then coach to Greymouth to start our ride.

From the end of the ride at Ross we shuttle back to Greymouth to catch the spectacular Transalpine Railway back to Christchurch.

Options are to also visit Arthurs Pass and explore the abundance of walking tracks etc.

More Info: www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz

Cost: Dependent on accommodation choices etc

Pay by: ASAP as accommodation is becoming scarce

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



ABEL TASMAN GREAT WALK

Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th January 2021

Walk the coastal Abel Tasman track on a 3-day self-guided adventure.

Starting from Marahau and walking to Totoranui, a distance of 31km, along beaches and through forests. This walk is described as the easiest of the Great Walks along beaches and through forests.

We will base ourselves at Kaiteriteri for 3 nights and use the ferry service to pick up and drop off for each day's walk. Carry a daypack only with lunch, change of clothes etc.

More info: www.doc.govt.nz

Bring: Daypack, tramping boots, spare clothing etc.

Confirm by: 30th September as accommodation is becoming scarce

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



ROTORUA LONG WEEKEND WITH TROUT FISHING OPTION

Waitangi Weekend, Saturday 6th to Monday 8th February 2021

Accommodation at Waiteti Trout Stream Holiday Park set in 2 acres of mature trees and gardens on the riverbank of the famous Waiteti Stream. Close to Rotorua's main tourist attractions. Only 10 minutes from town, without the sulphur smell.

Good base for cyclists and others wanting to explore Rotorua over this long weekend, fish from the banks, or enjoy a stream-side stroll to Lake Rotorua. One and two room cabins. Powered and unpowered campsites for tent, caravans and motorhomes.

Optional: Learn how to fly fish for trout with the "Trout Man". Trout fishing guide Harvey can coach maximum of three groups of two each over the three mornings (in four-hour fly-casting tuition courses).

Cost: Trout fishing lesson incl license is \$115 pp (minimum 2)
Three nights (Fri, Sat & Sun) twin share cabin accommodation from \$143 pp.

Contact Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz or 021 477 714

ART DECO NAPIER

Friday 19th February – Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Enjoy the 1930s atmosphere, glitz and glamour in the heart of Napier city - New Zealand's Art Deco capital.

Dress up in your best flapper dress or 1930's outfit and join in the fun. Celebrate the annual festival in Napier with events including entertainment experiences, outdoor concerts, vintage car parade and more.

Either do your own arrangements and meet up in Napier, or cruise from Auckland on Pacific Explorer.

Cruise departs Auckland in the evening of Friday 19th February 2021

There is a full day in Napier to enjoy the Art Deco Festival, then we cruise back to Auckland. Arrive back in Auckland 7am on Tuesday 23rd February
Includes return cruise, twin share accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board.

On board entertainment includes circus acts and cabaret show

Cost: Cruise \$597 per person share twin for inside cabin. Add \$97 pp for outside cabin.
Deposit \$150 due on booking, balance due 30th November.

Contact Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz or 021 477 714

HOBBITON & WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES DAY TOUR

Saturday 6th March 2021

This is a small group day tour for up to 14 people run by Auckland Scenic Tours.

Departs from an Auckland city hotel at 6.30 am and includes a 2 hour tour of the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit Movie Set with a tour guide, a specially brewed beverage at The Green Dragon Inn, guided tour of the Caves, and a café style lunch at the Homestead at Waitomo. This tour has been No. 1 rated by Trip Advisor for 2020.

Cost: \$230 This price has been discounted at the moment but once the borders open this may change so the sooner I can book this tour the better.

Confirm by: Saturday 28th November.

Pay: Please pay into TUAC bank account.

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

D'URVILLE ISLAND, MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

15th – 19th March 2021

Explore one of New Zealand's last outposts, meet the locals, discover the wildlife and hear about the islands rich culture and history.

D'Urville Island is named after the French explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville who sailed here on the Astrolabe in early 1827. The island is our 1/8th largest, but with only 52 residents.

We meet at Blenheim Airport and are transferred to the island by minivan and boat. Includes beach cottage accommodation, meals on the island, return ferry crossing, minivan transport, boat cruise, blue cod fishing and water taxi.

Cost: \$2,850. Additional costs - return airfare Auckland to Blenheim.

Option to stay on in Blenheim 2 nights after the trip with maybe lunch at a winery.

Other ideas to explore in area include, Picton, Queen Charlotte Track.

For more trip information contact Mary Donald - mary.don@xtra.co.nz

For booking contact Peter Fleming - peter@travcorp.co.nz

PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car rally - Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Round the Bays Fun Run, 28 Feb 2021 – Helene Harper/Gary Anstiss
- Jazz and Blues, Tuesday nights – Helene Harper
- Variety Artists, 1st Monday of the month – Helene Harper
- Hollywood Theatre – Mike Maran

JOKE – Contributed by Ann Melrose

A married Irishman went into the confessional and said to his priest, "I almost had an affair with another woman"

The priest said, "What do you mean, almost?"

The Irishman said, "Well we got undressed and rubbed together, but then I stopped."

The priest said, "Rubbing together is the same as putting it in, you are not to see that woman again. For your sins say 5 Hail Marys and put \$50 in the poor box"

The Irishman paused for a moment then started to leave.

The priest, who was watching, quickly ran over to him saying, "I saw that, you didn't put any money in the poor box"

The Irishman replied "Yeah, but I rubbed the \$50 on the box, and according to you, that's the same as putting it in."

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**