



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 2021 – November 2021

Update from President Mike

Greetings to all members from lockdown Auckland. The 'light at the end of the tunnel' will end soon and we can soon get back to normal and enjoy ourselves.

On the day of typing this we have been advised the alert levels may go down on Wednesday 22nd September.

With the current lockdown situation and the future uncertainty around alert levels, at our last committee meeting via Zoom we could not schedule any positive dates for events. Please be understanding if this month's newsletter is reduced in upcoming events and content. Frustrating for all of us. Until we are certain of what levels we will move into some of the scheduled events are just 'pencil' scheduling.

We also had an extra special subcommittee meeting to discuss our 25th celebrations. Because of uncertainty on which alert level we will be in October we have decided to postpone this event and move to a new date of Saturday 12th February. More details in the attachment in the newsletter. We are hoping for a less restrictive indoor environment so the 25th celebrations can take place in a much more memorable and enjoyable atmosphere. Hopefully without restrictions on gatherings and serving meals. I am hoping to transfer the Maritime Museum and Ted Ashby sailing to Sunday 13th February. This event will coincide with our 25th and this will be confirmed again in the newsletter.

I reiterate from the newsletter in our first lockdown last year. If you are unsure if the event will proceed, please contact the event organiser directly.

The warmer weather is coming up soon, so we are all looking forward to socialising and keeping active.

Mike Maran
Club President



THE BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT FEATURE SERIES SOUTH – THE TOUR TE WAIPOANAMU STORY Academy Cinema, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland CBD Friday 3rd Sept 6pm to 8pm

Brought to Auckland by The Big Bike Film Night organiser, this documentary explores what bikepacking is, and what it means to those who ride the Tour Te Waipounamu, a 1300+ kilometre race through some of the South Island's most scenic but harsh landscapes.

Born out of the pandemic, The Tour Te Waipounamu is the newest, and arguably the toughest bikepacking New Zealand calendar.

Kiwi Director Rob Dawson what bikepacking is, and what it means to those who ride the TTW, from Cape Farewell in Golden Bay to the southernmost tip of the South Island at Slope Point showcasing backcountry New Zealand through some of the most rugged and spectacular country that Aotearoa has to offer, much of it privately owned and not easily inaccessible.

So listen to the voice inside you; it's telling you to go. Grab your mates, grab your tickets AND come along for the ride. Check out the preview on:

https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing?eid=5247&utm_source=sendingblue&utm_campaign=NZ_Tour_Winners_2021_Auckland&utm_medium=email

Cost: Adults \$20 with optional dinner at The Elliott St Stable afterwards. Please advise if coming for dinner when you confirm you would like to come.

Pay: Into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

Confirm By: 15th August

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

DRAG BINGO AT THE ALEX The Alex Bar & Eatery, Alexandra Park, Greenlane Thursday 9th September - 7pm to 10pm

Join the hilarious Ru Paul's Drag Race contestants and friends. Prizes, cocktail & food specials all night with a complimentary house drink on arrival. Three bingo game tickets & live Drag performances, music.

Be warned this isn't our regular Bingo night out.

Cost: \$20.00 – pay into TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00

Confirm by: 18th August

Table will be booked on 19th August as tickets sell out quickly.

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



SEA LIFE KELLY TARLTON'S AQUARIUM

23 Tamaki Drive

Sunday 12th September at 11am

See over 30 live animal exhibits including the sub-Antarctic penguin colony and amazing up and down water tunnels. Viewing takes approximately 1.5 hours. Then have lunch at the cafe with views of Hauraki Gulf from above and below the water. Parking on site.

Cost: \$41 or \$33 with Gold card.

Contact: Christine Troy-West - christine@troywest.com or 022 157 5965



SECRET MUSEUM TOUR

Auckland Museum

Saturday 25th September 2021 - Meet 11.15am for 11.30am start.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to explore the underground world where many of our treasures are stored.

During this one-hour tour, our guides will reveal how they look after the priceless collections and how they are kept safe for future generations. This is a rare opportunity to see some of the incredible objects that aren't on display in our galleries and exhibitions. Further details:

<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/whats-ontours/secret-museum-tour>

Meet in the Grand Foyer at 11.15am. As this tour goes into the non-public parts of the Museum, it is not possible for latecomers to join the tour. Please arrive in plenty of time. Maximum number of people per tour – 10
Lunch at the Museum café following the tour.

Cost: \$30 per person. Maximum numbers 10

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

MOVIE NIGHT & DINNER - RIALTO CINEMA

167 Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 26th September

Movie to be advised closer to the day. Decide what movie to

see at time of confirmation.

Meet in the upstairs Rialto foyer at 5.15pm. Optional Dinner afterwards.

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



WALK UNITEC

Gate entry 4, Carrington Road, Pt Chevalier

Saturday 9th October at 10am.

There are many interesting and historical aspects of the Unitec complex. The informative and historical walk and talk will include the many hidden and interesting aspects not seen from the road and will include the historical Mental Asylum known as Oakley, Sanctuary gardens, an on-site Maori Marae, Auckland's only inland waterfall, historical buildings, outside carpentry student house building projects, Air force cadets training facilities, plus identification of many notable, native and exotic trees.

We will also go inside the students' atrium to look at the Unitec library and student support and service area. The circular walk will take about 2-3 hours and is mainly level.

See it before the whole complex gets developed and transformed, for between 2000 to 4000 new houses and apartments are to be regenerated into Auckland's largest housing estate. (Details online HNZ Unitec housing proposal).

Meet at Main Gate Entry 4 and park in the top car park adjacent to the traffic lights on Carrington Road.

Bring: As it is a Saturday, I am not sure if the Student's food hall business will be open. Best to bring a snack or drinks.

Discuss after if you want to have lunch at the cafe in Pt Chevalier or Mt Albert.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



SOUTHERN EXPLORER CYCLE RIDE

Weymouth to Karaka Lakes

Sunday 16th October 2021 at 9.45am

Ride is approximately 25kms return and includes the new cycle way beside SH1 from Takanini to Karaka Lakes.

We will ride around the Weymouth Estuary, then quiet streets to the start of the new cycle way at Takanini, continuing on through Karaka Lakes. Stopping for lunch at Urban Soul Café and Bistro in Karaka Lakes.

Meet outside James Cook High school, Dr Pickering Ave, Manurewa (plenty of parking) at 9.45am ready to go at 10am

Bring: Own bike and cycle gear. Water

Cost: Free. Lunch at your cost

Confirm by: 9th October 2021 for booking café

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

This event will go ahead if in Level 2 – backup date 6th November 2021 if permitted



LES MISERABLES - THE MUSICAL

Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa

Saturday 23rd October at 7.30pm

Join us for this superb production, one of the world's most iconic and longest running stage musicals.

Songs like, I Dreamed a Dream, On My Own, Bring Him Home and many others.

Spaces for this show are filling, so could you let me know ASAP or by 27th August if you want tickets.

Optional dinner before the show at Orewa Thai.

Cost: \$32 pp Seniors

Pay: TUAC account

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



13th NZ SCULPTURE ON SHORE EXHIBITION

Fort Takapuna, Devonport

Sunday 7th November 2021

After missing a year due to Covid, this popular sculpture exhibition is back. This is the country's largest sculpture exhibition with more than 100 works by well-known and emerging New Zealand artists from all over New Zealand. Many of the sculptors take inspiration from NZ Sculpture On Shore, with its glorious 180-degree views of the Hauraki Gulf and with a photo as a totem backdrop. From hold-in-your hand intimate to super-sized pieces, you can count on an inspiring experience and good debate.

Meeting place will have to be advised. Car parking \$5.

There is no car parking on site at the event, organised and run by Devonport Rotary. Free car parking is available at Narrow Neck Beach Reserve, with a two-minute stroll to the event at O Peretu Fort Takapuna. The Officers Mess Café will be open daily from 10am – 4.30pm serving delicious morning and afternoon teas and lunch.

Cost: Pricing not yet set but previous pricing was Adults \$20 Seniors \$15

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



HOTEL CALIFORNIA – THE EAGLES EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Theatre, 1 The Promenade, Takapuna

Thursday 25th November 2021 at 8pm

It's time to check-in to Hotel California The Eagles Experience on their NZ 2021 National Tour – the captivating live concert and stage show saluting the extraordinary talent and timeless catalogue of The Eagles! With a stage full of show-stopping voices and musicians, relive the beautiful country harmonies, the rockin' guitar solos and the masterful song writing in all its glory, performed live on stage. Hear all the classic tracks that topped the charts and tested the boundaries of Rock and Country including Hotel California, Desperado, Take It Easy, One of These Nights, Tequila Sunrise, Heartache Tonight, Life in the Fast Lane, Take it to the Limit, Witchy Woman, New Kid In Town, Lyn' Eyes, Get Over It, Love will Keep Us Alive, Best of My Love and more.

A carefully crafted tribute that music fans will truly appreciate. Check out www.facebook.com/eaglesexperience for details on the tribute band members.

Tickets through www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240059638A1D163D

Optional dinner beforehand at a restaurant to be chosen closer to the date.

Cost: 6+ people \$57.10 each or \$62.10 if booked individually
Dinner your cost

Pay by: If you would like to sit with other TUAC members, please let me know ASAP as tickets are already selling fast and I can buy tickets as a group to get the best seating. Ticket price payable immediately into TUAC bank account 12-3014-0118011-00 if booked with me.

Confirm: ASAP so I can book tickets together, also confirm if coming to dinner.

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

Tickets still available



XMAS PARTY IN THE PARK

Cornwall Park

Saturday 4th December at 11am

Keep this day free, it will be great to catch up with you all.

More details to follow in next Newsletter.

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gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz

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



25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau St, Remuera
Saturday 12th February 2022

October 2021 marks the 25th anniversary since the incorporation of this club, a significant milestone.

To commemorate the many years of great adventures and friendships we are holding an Anniversary Celebration dinner and get together with current and past members.

Festivities kick off from 5pm with mix and mingle. Bar will be open and nibbles available. A photographic display will jog memories.

At 7pm, the MC will start the proceedings introducing our guest speaker, Vonnice Hill, club co-founder and life member, followed by a buffet dinner and dessert. Music and entertainment will round off the evening.

Cost: \$50 pp

Confirm by: 13th December 2021

Pay by: 20th December to the TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby at libby.lyver@gmail.com (confirming payment).

Contact: - Former members confirmation to Gary Anstiss

tuacreunion2021@gmail.com

Current members confirmation to Mary Donald mary.don@xtra.co.nz



MARITIME MUSEUM & SAILING TRIP ON THE TED ASHBY

Sunday 13th February at 10.30am

This event coincides and is scheduled to be part of TUAC

weekend club's 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

We will have a 1 hour guided tour through the Maritime Museum with the Museum's most knowledgeable guide, June Bartrom.

There are many of New-Zealand's and Auckland's maritime heritage aspects that are displayed within the Museum that will be of interest to everyone.

We then take a break for lunch at the Museum's Cafe, then at 1.15pm it's all aboard for 1 hour sail on the Waikaiti Harbour on the original sailing kauri scow the Ted Ashby, departing at 1.30pm. This event is open to both past members and current members.

Cost: \$5 pp for the guided tour and \$21 pp for the Ted Ashby. Please pay direct to the Maritime Museum reception on arrival. I will ask the committee if we can subsidise the costs and will update this in the next newsletter,

Confirm by: If I could have an indication of numbers attending 1 week prior, by Sunday 24th October, then I can pass this onto the museum as they will put on an extra guide and to notify the Ted Ashby on passenger spaces.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com



SULLIVANS BAY CAMPING

18th – 20th February 2022

More information in future newsletters

Keep this weekend free for a great time.

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



COMBINED QUIZ AND FOOT RALLY – TUAC- v- OAC

Sunday 6th March 2022 at 10am

Onehunga Community Rooms, 83 Selwyn St, next to Onehunga School.

Put a circle around 6th March next year as we will have an interclub quiz competition. Thumbs Up Adventure Club V Outdoor Activity Club.

10am quiz and 11am Foot Rally & Treasure Hunt around Onehunga.

15 specialty questions for the Quiz and 15 search and find clues for the Foot Rally.

This event has been organised by both Mike Maran and Phil Sai-Louie.

If we could have an indication on numbers attending 1 week prior, so we can arrange the teams.

Cost: \$2 per head to cover the room hire.

Optional lunch after at one of the many cafes in Onehunga.

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

mikemaran10@gmail.com

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
- Rotorua Island – David

JOKES— contributed by Ron James

An old gentleman lived alone.

He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison.

The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

"Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year.

I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot.

I know if you were here my troubles would be over.

I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa."

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

"Dear Papa, don't dig up that garden.

That's where the bodies are buried. Love, Vinnie."

At 4am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies.

They apologised to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

"Dear Papa, go ahead and plant the tomatoes now.

That's the best I could do under the circumstances."

Contributed by Libby Lyver

<https://youtu.be/FLDLtqnJLM4>

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.



25th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrate 25 years of great adventures and friendships - previous and current members

dinner / guest speaker founding member Vonnie Hill / open mic music and entertainment to round the evening off

Where: Remuera Club, 27 Ohinerau St. P



**NEW DATE – 12th FEBRUARY 2022
from 5pm**

Cost: \$50 pp

Confirm by Monday 13th December 2021

Pay by: Monday 20th December 2021 to the TUAC account 12-3014-0118011-00
and email Libby at libby.lyver@gmail.com (confirming payment)

Former members registration contact: Gary Anstiss at tuacreunion2021@gmail.com

Current members registration contact: Mary Donald at mary.don@xtra.co.nz

We are in the process of arranging an optional celebration event on:

Sunday 13th February:

Tour Auckland Maritime Museum

Lunch at Museum café

Cruise on the scow Ted Ashby

NOTE: THIS EVENT IS YET TO BE CONFIRMED