

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 2022 – November 2022

Message and update from President Mike.

Hello all Thumbs Up Adventure Club members. It's been a while since I communicated with you.

I have been away overseas and now just starting to catch up on our meetings and activities.

There has been a few cancellation or postponement of events during the winter months due to unforeseen external factors and of course Covid related issues.

The committee have decided its not necessary to have a event each week, so expect some gaps in the event calendar where there will be no events, and 2 or 3 events each month will be satisfactory.

I have noticed a gradual decline in members attending events. I am wondering if we are seeing a gradual end of a era, where younger members are more interested in indoor and online activities. However this decline is not unique to our club's membership. Through my various speaking engagements and visiting other clubs I have noticed a similar scenario that is evident with other organizations, such including clubs that have similar activities to ourselves. Their problems are similar to ours, e.g. can't get new committee members; the occasional low turnout and support for events; the majority are inactive and membership approaching senior years with difficulty in attracting newer younger members. New committee members and good support for events are essential for future enthusiasm of the club and to keep the clubs vibrant.

Most of our committee members have been in their role for a number of years and it is essential that we have some fresh ideas and new faces to keep the event calendar diverse and dynamic. So once again if there are any members who can assist in contributing to the committee meeting, you would be most welcome.

In the coming months our event calendar has a diverse range of activities and is reasonably full for the next 2 or 3 months including our annual events such as the Christmas party. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime and now the winter months are behind us. I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Mike Maran
Club President.

Last Month in a nutshell

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

The Eagles Show was a hit with the TUAC team there was a lot of positive feedback and much discussion at MOTAT which was the next day.

MOTAT finally happened and was a great success, who doesn't love trams and planes?? Great event Dave

Events

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

OCTOBER

Plenty to interest everyone this month

Event name: Comedy of Errors

Address of Event: Dolphin Theatre, Spring Street Onehunga at 8.00pm

Date: Saturday 1st October 8pm

Info. By William Shakespeare Directed by Annie Whittaker

The play tells the story of two sets of identical twins that were accidentally separated at birth.

A series of wild mishaps based on mistaken identity, Infidelity, theft, madness & demonic possession.

Pre dinner drinks at the Good Home Princes Street Onehunga at 6.00pm (optional)

Cost: \$27.00 Seniors or Adults \$30.00 payable into the TUAC club account number: 12-3014-0118011-00.

Confirm by: Friday 15th September.

Contact: Annie Melrose 021 157 6005 or email annmelrose@gmail.com

Auckland Jazz N' Blues

POINT CHEVALIER RSA – 1136 GT NORTH RD

Date: Tuesday , Oct 4th

Show time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

TIGER MOTH

Tiger Moth – It's chocks away, as "old classics" dogfight 'modern hits' with this ensemble of intrepid jazz warriors. Louis Armstrong meets de-harmonised Stevie Wonder, featuring a collaboration of Otautahi/ Christchurch's stratospheric instrumentalists and Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland's heavenly musicians. From beautiful balladic fly-bys to death-defying dixie, this gig is not to be missed. The sextet is led by Gwyn Reynolds on tenor saxophone and features the swooping vocals of Kate Taylor alongside pianist Tom Rainey, trombonist Scott Taitoko, bassist Richie Pickard and drummer Adam Tobeck.

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 3rd, so I can reserve a table

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

TRAIN & CYCLE TRIP

Takanini, Papakura & Karaka Lakes

Sunday 9th October 2022

Catch a leisurely train from your choice of train station to travel south to Te Mahia Station. From there we will cycle the Wattle Downs walkway around the Pahurehure Inlet to meet up with the new Takanini-Karaka cycleway. We will pass through Karaka Lakes with a lunch stop at Melba Café. After lunch, we cross the motorway on our own cycle bridge and follow the rest of the inlet through Youngs Beach, Papakura Oaks, and towards Takanini. There are some main roads with cycle lanes but these are only short distances to reach quiet back roads where we head back to Takanini train station for the return journey.

Further info: For those who wish to drive to the start instead of catching the train, meet at the carpark outside James Cook High School, Dr Pickering Ave, Manurewa at 11:30 a.m.

Morning train timetable:

Britomart 10:12 / Newmarket 10:20 / Ellerslie 10:27 / Penrose 10:30

If on the day, the **trains are not running** meet at the carpark outside James Cook High School, Dr Pickering Ave, Manurewa at 10:30 a.m. (including those driving to the starting point)

Bring: Own bike and bike gear. Must wear some high vis clothing for the road section.

Cost: Free, lunch your cost. Train free for gold card holders.

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by Sunday 28th August (need numbers for lunch reservation)

Contact: Tony Orr mobile 021 676 120 or tonyorr99@xtra.co.nz

Auckland Jazz N' Blues

POINT CHEVALIER RSA – 1136 GT NORTH RD

Date: Tuesday, Oct 11th

Show time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

JANE HORDER

Jane is a performer, singing coach and musical director. She has taught within the Performing Arts with extensive experience. In 2020 she was the vocal director for AMICI production of 'Mary Poppins'. She was Musical director for the production of 'Chicago' and recently was vocal director for G & T's concert version of 'Chess'. Jane has sung with the Auckland Prima Swing Riot for many years and is an accomplished pianist and accompanist. In 2019 she was the recipient of Scroll of Honour awarded by the Variety Artists Club NZ

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 10th, so I can reserve a table

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

HOBSONVILLE/HERALD ISLAND CYCLE RIDE

Hobsonville

Sunday 16th October 2022

An easy cycle from Hobsonville over the yellow motorway bridge and onwards to Whenuapai and Herald Island. A nice country loop ending up back at the Hobsonville Larder for lunch.

Meet at Countdown Hobsonville, at 10:00 a.m. Parking available in Memorial Park Lane.

Bring: own bike, helmet and biking gear

Cost: Free, lunch your cost

Pay by: on the day

Confirm by: Saturday 8th October

Contact: Jeanette or Gerard McMonagle Mob: 021 0222 3891 / 021 979 941 Email: jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com

CYCLING WEEKEND

Hastings and Napier

Friday 21st to Mon 24th October 2022

What more could you want... 3 days of cycling the sunny Hawkes Bay trails and wonderful food? Rides have been planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday on some of the new and old trails covering The Coastal Ride, The Water Ride and the new Tuki Tuki Ride out past Craggy Range vineyard to the Redbridge Container Cafe. Ride all three or as many as you like. For those not wanting to cycle over this weekend, there are plenty of nice walks, art deco places to see and lots of sightseeing. **Further info:** If wanting to do the Friday ride, would be best to drive to Napier on Thursday. Pot luck dinner Saturday night 23rd. Further details about what to bring will be sorted out closer to this weekend. Address to be advised on confirmation of attendance.

Accommodation: Book your own either in Hastings or Napier

Optional extra: "Sharing the Dream" is a gala concert celebrating Dame Malvina Major's life, art and her commitment to the next generation of artists. Venue -Toi Toi Opera House in Hastings on

Sunday 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Featuring artists from Sol3Mio and a full symphony orchestra. Opera prices range from \$64 to \$79. Anyone interested, book your tickets through Eventfinda. Book through <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2022/hbaf-2022-sharing-the-dream/hastings/tickets>

Bring: Shared plate for pot luck dinner. Bike and cycling gear.

Costs: Cycling free, morning tea/lunch while cycling, your cost. Dinner out on Friday night your cost

Confirm by: Saturday 8th October

Contact: Sue Wilson 021 755 489 or

email suzeannnewilson@gmail.com

Auckland Jazz N' Blues

POINT CHEVALIER RSA – 1136 GT NORTH RD

Date: Tuesday, Oct 25th

Show time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

T & AGNOSTICS

T & Agnostics are a band fronted by Kawhia bassist and song writer John Thomson who together with Maciek Hrybowics.

On guitar have self produced and recorded a selection of blues based songs. They are joined by Bill Forrest on sax and Neil Reynolds or Freddy Limbert on drums and often Holly Sheppard on vocals.

There's a sense in NZ of an orthodoxy about playing "the blue" or "authentic blues". The blues has grown from its roots in the USA

To take root around the world in different places and sprout in different ways. We call our version kiwicana blues-blues you CAN believe.

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.

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NOVEMBER

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

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 Calvert 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

Event name: CROQUET

Address of Event: Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom.
Parking can be found nearby in Corbett-Scott Avenue or King George Avenue.

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

Actors start off in Commercials playing someone else, then when they have really made it they return to Commercials playing themselves.

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.

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

DECEMBER

XMAS PARTY IN THE PARK

Cornwall Park, Saturday 4th December At 11am

Grand Drive off Cambell Rd up by BBQ area

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

As we are small committee this year, we would really appreciate some volunteer help from members from 9:00 am to help with setup.

Please let me know if you can help. More detail to follow in next Newsletter.

Contact: David Verrall 027 203 5508 gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz or Libby Lyver 021 137 1488

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



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!

Libby Lyver

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