



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.

September 2018 – October 2018

ART EXHIBITION OPENING

Northart Gallery, Norman King Square (opposite the Library), Ernie Mays Street, Northcote Shopping Centre, Northcote
Sunday 26th August at 4.30 - 6pm

A combined art exhibition opening for TUAC member Mary Donald and associated artists John Nicol, Rick Allender, Diane Brant and Martin Ward. Mary's exhibition is called Three by Three and consists of natural fibre weavings/hangings. Come and have a glass of wine and a few nibbles before heading out to dinner (venue to be confirmed).

Cost: Exhibition opening free. Cost of dinner

Confirm by: 18th August 2018

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

MUSICAL CHICAGO

Civic Theatre, Queen Street, City
Sunday 2nd September 2018 at 5pm

This is the last day of this Musical and tickets are selling fast so please contact David if you are interested in this event.

Cost: \$114 - \$130 plus booking fee

Pay: TUAC account

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



POT LUCK DINNER & WATCH ALL BLACKS -V- SOUTH AFRICA

Saturday 15th September 5.30pm to late
11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Start with drinks and nibbles and main course before watching the Game. Dessert at half time

Bring: A pot luck contribution to the meal and BYO
Please advise David if you are bringing main or dessert

Cost: Nil

Confirm: By Wednesday 12th September

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



THE ART OF MOSIACS EXHIBITION

Estuary Arts Centre, 214 Hibiscus Coast Hwy, Orewa
Sunday 16th September 2018 at 10am

If you love art and crafts, the NZ National exhibition of mosaics will interest you. Artists from around NZ will be displaying their craft; everything from fun, quirky pieces to wall hangings.

Meet at 10am. Lunch in Orewa afterwards

Cost: Free. Lunch at your cost

Confirm by: Monday 10th Sept.

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



BIKE RIDE FROM SMALES FARM TO ALBANY SHOPS

Saturday 8th September at 9am

Meet outside Columbus Cafe, Smales Farm Business Park on Taharoto Road. Earlier start time to avoid the traffic. A 2 hour bike ride to Albany shops and return. From Smales Farm we cycle through some formed bike lanes, some on road areas and some off road areas which have cycle lanes and through the parks and North Shore bush reserves. Parts of the road are busy, so we will cycle on the footpaths. Most of the ride is on dedicated cycle lanes. Lunch at Columbus Café on return.

There is plenty of parking around the Smales Farm Complex.

The bike ride will have a trip and tail ender leaders

Bring: Usual Hi Vis cycle gear

Cost: Nil

Contact: Jeanette McMonagle - 416 5574 or

jmcmonagle86@gmail.com or Mike Maran - 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



SANDRINGHAM FOOD & SPICE TOUR

8-20 Kitchener Road, Sandringham Village, Sandringham, Auckland
Saturday 22nd September 2018, 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Sandringham is full of colour and flavour. Discover secrets and taste foods you may have never thought to order. Come along and sample food from 6 great Sandringham restaurants and 3 different spice markets. Let your taste buds travel through India and Sri Lanka without leaving town. Just remember not to eat lunch before you come.

This tour can cater for vegetarians and gluten free but not suitable for dairy free.

Be in fast – limited to 14 people

Further info: more info at <http://eatauckland.co.nz/>

Cost: \$55 booking online at <https://bookwhen.com/eatauckland>
The code is TUAC.

After booking and paying \$55 online, contact Mary to put your name on the list.
Contact: Mary Donald - mary.don@xtra.co.nz or phone/txt 021 846 066

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



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



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



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 gypro@yaho.co.uk



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 \$198.50 into the TUAC account by 15th January 2018 to secure your place.

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

fiveofsix48@hotmail.com

FULLY BOOKED



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 when to hand. Carpooling can be arranged.

Cost: 3 night's 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...

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 Wintergarden Road and Football Road.

Left side on the grass edge where the 2 roads meet.

Carpool where at all possible. At 3.50pm cars will be leaving from Botany, Bucklands 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: Txt me once you have confirmed

Contact: Sandi Kerr - 027 418 8421



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>

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



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 & pump and day panniers), accommodation (staying at Tiger Hill Lodge Omakau, Wedderburn Cottages & Hyde Hotel, which are all right 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



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



JOKE

Top banana in a large department store was on his inspection round one morning, when he came downstairs to the sporting goods department in the basement.

There was a newly hired young man, Peter, serving a customer.

Not to disturb, Mr. Jones hid behind a pillar to learn how Peter was working out.

The first he heard was Peter suggesting a beautiful fibreglass fishing rod, following up with both flies, lures, sinks, and spinners. And then, Peter suggested a fold-out box to store all the paraphernalia in. "In the mornings it might be cold, so a good big thermos for coffee would be practical, and a fisherman's lunch-kit for those ham and cheese sandwiches is almost a must."

"Now we also have nice warm hip-waders and you really must have an oil-skins coat and headgear for the possibilities of rain or fog."

"Oh, we mustn't forget the canteen so you will always be warm while waiting for a bite. And here is an interesting book to keep you company in your solitude."

"Fine," said the customer, "wrap it all up and tell me how much?"

"\$875.99" said Peter, as he rang it up on the cash register.

When the customer was helped out to his car with all the stuff Mr. Jones, very impressed with Peter's abilities, ask:

"Did he come to buy a fishing-rod,"

"No", said Peter, "he wanted to buy a packet of tampons for his wife, so I suggested he go fishing for a few days."

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.