



## 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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## September 2022 – October 2022

### Last Month in a nutshell

Dave's not having a great run of luck lately. MOTAT was closed for Dave's event last month, but we have rescheduled, so look out for the new date in this newsletter.

Then the cast and band of the Motown Review tested positive for Covid 19 and that event was cancelled.

The South Island Travel Talk was a successful event and very timely with NZ opening up and overseas travel on many peoples' agenda, the evening provided food for thought for many who attended.

### Event Postponed till 2023

#### COMBINED QUIZ AND FOOT RALLY, TUAC- v- OAC

Sunday 21st August 2022

Meet at Blockhouse, Jellicoe Park, cnr Grey St & Quadrant Rd, Onehunga at 11.30am

Originally planned for 6th March but postponed to 21st August.

This is a combined activity between Outdoor Activity Club and Thumbs Up Adventure Club.

Mike is holding a Foot Rally, where groups will do a local walk and treasure hunt.

Then after lunch, Phil is running a Fun Quiz with groups from the above clubs.

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

Please let Mike & Phil know, at least one week prior, if you are planning to come to either one or both events, so we can arrange the teams.

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

[mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)

### Events

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

### Last Minute reminder for August

#### SUNDAY ROAST DINNER

Zoo Keepers Inn, 715 Mt Albert Road Royal Oak

Sunday August 28th Meet at 6.30 pm

Pieces of mouth watering meat, paired with crispy potatoes, seasonal vegs, and Yorkshire Pudding

I am happy to book as soon as I know how many are coming

Please let me know ASAP

PAY; on the night

Confirm by: ASAP

Cost: \$20.00

Contact: Annie Melrose 021 157 6005 or email [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)



### SEPTEMBER

The talk by James Duncan at the AGM was so interesting he inspired Dave to organize a visit to MOTAT. **New Date**

#### MOTAT MUSEUM

Motat Aviation Museum

200-208 Meola Road, Western Springs.



#### Sunday 18th September at 10am

Come and experience New Zealand's Multi Award Winner Display Hall

A large collection of top Aircraft, Military, Commercial, Top Dressing and pioneers like Jean Batten and the Walsh Brothers and many more displays.

Afterwards follow-up at a cafe there or nearby.

Cost: Free to Super Gold Card Holders or otherwise \$19 per adult

Confirm by: Friday 16 September

Contact: David Verrall 027 203 5508 or [gundesenverall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverall@xtra.co.nz)

#### Point Chevalier RSA - 1136 Gt North Rd

Date: Tuesday, 13th September

Show Time 7.30 – 9.30pm

Dinner: 6.30pm

Goldsmith and Baynes have created a collection of waiata that is truly diverse and not limited to one genre of jazz. Goldsmith Baynes says "this debut album has been a long time in the making and shows a body of work that is inspired by their loved ones". They say "we purposely never limited ourselves to one type of music." While our background studies are in jazz music and its traditions, we explored wherever the music took us. Jazz can be thought of as a philosophy in music, not just a genre, it's an approach to making music and draws similarities with a kaupapa maori approach too. Kaupapa Māori and making an album: 9 of the 11 tunes are 100% Te Reo Māori lyrics, and the other 2 waiata have only one verse in English. Allana credits Whirimako Black as one of her main influences. "I've studied jazz vocalists from America, the birthplace of jazz, since I was 16yrs old. When I heard Whirimako singing jazz standards in Te Reo I knew that was the road I wanted to follow. Reclaiming my reo me ōna tikanga and singing was a clear path for me. I write in English too, but this just seems to connect more.

Cost: \$20 for non-members, \$5 for members. Please bring cash as no Eftpos is available at entry. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

Advise by: Monday 12th September, so I can reserve a table

Contact: Helene Harper – [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz) or 021 921068

## HOTEL CALIFORNIA – THE EAGLES EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Theatre, 1 The Promenade, Takapuna

Saturday 17th September 2022 at 8pm  
(Rescheduled from 2021)

Get in quick for 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, Lyin' 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](https://www.facebook.com/eaglesexperience) for further details on the tribute band members.

**Further info:** If you want to book your own tickets, book through [www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240059638A1D163D](https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240059638A1D163D) but if you would like to sit together with other TUAC members, I can book online for the group.

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

**Cost:** \$62.10 each, 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 the club bank account 12-3014-0118011-00 if booked with me.

**Confirm by:** ASAP so I can book tickets together and confirm if coming to dinner.

**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)

## AUCKLAND JAZZ N' BLUES

### EFFERVESCENCE

Point Chevalier RSA - 1136 Gt North Rd

**Date:** Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Show Time:** 7.30 – 9.30pm

**Dinner:** 6.30pm

**Effervescence** is a jazz collaboration that brings you well-known jazz standards and original jazz compositions in fresh, sparkling and elegant interpretations.

**Mike Murane** on vocals is well known in the Auckland jazz scene having played with many of Auckland's top line artists. He has a polished and swinging vocal style that's ideal to the standards made popular by Sinatra and Bennett.

**Niduk Wijetilleke** on piano is a graduate from Berklee College of Music in USA and arrived in New Zealand in 2016. Since then he has widely performed as a solo pianist and with groups. His sophisticated approach to jazz makes him a much sought after performer.

**Guy Halpe** plays standard, fretless and upright basses. Guy's background in violin and viola with orchestras overseas gives him a uniquely melodic and non-modal approach to bass playing.

**Rick Roff** (Trumpet and Flugelhorn) was born in New York City and moved to New Zealand when he was a teenager. In the 1980's he established several restaurants that featured jazz bands and he would play along with them. In 2007 he moved back to the US and played regularly in New York City and New Orleans. He returned to Auckland in 2018 and since then has been a featured performer in many jazz bands in Auckland.

**Jason Orme** graduated from P.I.T at the Musicians Institute, Los Angeles in 1988 receiving an honours diploma. He is a highly sought after drummer who has worked with a number of popular Auckland bands and bandleaders such as Rodger Fox, Nairobi Trio, Phil Broadhurst & Julie Mason, Trudy Lile's 'Mojave Group' & album and Nathan Haines. **Cost:** \$20 for non-members, \$5 for members. Please bring cash as no Eftpos is available at entry. There is a bar where you can get cash out if necessary. Dinner and drinks are very reasonable.

**Advise by:** Monday 19th September, so I can reserve a table

**Contact:** Helene Harper – [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz) or 021 921068

## ALL BLACKS VS WALLABIES – 1<sup>ST</sup> MATCH BLEDISLOE CUP

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022

If you love watching the All Blacks against Australia, come along and watch on the big screen at Alexandra Park, Greenlane West Road. Dinner 5:30 p.m. at the Alex Bar and Eatery before the game starts at 7.05 p.m. Check out the menu ahead of time <https://www.alexandrapark.co.nz/the-alex/the-alex-menu/>

**Cost:** Dinner and drinks your cost

**Confirm by:** Friday 16th July 2022 as table will be reserved.

**Contact:** Libby Lyver 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## AUCKLAND STREET ART WALK

Karangahape Road - at the top of Kevin's Arcade- Auckland  
Sunday 25th September 2022 at 10.30am

Meet Sue O'Neil- one of TUAC'S lovely members who will be leading this event. We will meet at the top of Kevin's Arcade on K Road at 10.30am.

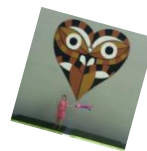
She will take you on a walk around parts of Auckland to various locations looking at interesting sculptures and some very colourful graffiti and artwork. Auckland has some amazing artwork on buildings which we often don't notice when we are driving around. We will also be going thru Symonds Street cemetery where the ground may be a bit uneven so wear good walking shoes. It's amazing what is around the city.

We will go to a local café for lunch and coffee afterward.

**Cost:** Your lunch, drinks at the café

**Advise by:** Wednesday 21st September

**Contact:** Helene Harper -- [heleneh47@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heleneh47@xtra.co.nz) or 021 921 068



## OCTOBER

### Event name: Comedy of Errors

**Address of Event:** Dolphin Theatre,

Spring Street Onehunga at 8.00pm

**Date:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Contact:** Annie Melrose 021 157 6005 or email [annmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:annmelrose@gmail.com)

### TRAIN & CYCLE TRIP

Takanini, Papakura & Karaka Lakes

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> August (need numbers for lunch reservation)

**Contact:** Tony Orr mobile 021 676 120 or [tonyorr99@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tonyorr99@xtra.co.nz)



### HOBSONVILLE/HERALD IS CYCLE RIDE

Hobsonville

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Contact:** Jeanette or Gerard McMonagle Mob: 021 0222 3891 / 021 979 941 Email: [jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com](mailto:jgmcmonagle86@gmail.com)



## CYCLING WEEKEND

### Hastings and Napier

**Friday 21st to Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Contact:** Sue Wilson 021 755 489 or email [suzeannewilson@gmail.com](mailto:suzeannewilson@gmail.com)

## NOVEMBER

### EVENING KIWI WATCHING TOUR

#### Tawharanui Regional Park

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## PLAY – "NORTH BY NORTH WEST"

ASB Waterfront Theatre, 138 Halsey Street, CBD

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.co.nz)



## CITY TO HENDERSON CYCLE RIDE

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and let me know your chosen starting point

**Contact:** Libby Lyver 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Date: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Contact:** Janice Calvert on mobile 0274 605704 or email: [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.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

**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.**



#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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**