



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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January- February 2025

XMAS THEMED NEW YEAR

Stanmore Bay
Thursday 2 January 2025

Come and celebrate the end of the festive season with a walk along Stanmore Bay followed by a potluck BBQ.

Christmas attire is very welcome, but optional.

Further info: Meet at my place at 3.00pm. Address to be advised when you confirm attendance.

Bring: Own meat and drinks plus a plate to share (please advise what you are bringing).

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Monday 30 December 2024.

Contact: Mary-Therese Caldwell



MUSIC AT THE POSTMANS LEG

43-51 Downing Street, Glenfield
Sunday 19 January 2025

Music from 3pm to 5pm

Band not yet advertised – as soon as it is I will advise those attending.

Further details:

Lunch optional at 1.30 pm. Please advise if you are coming so that a table can be booked.

Pay by: On the day

Confirm by: 12 January 2025

Contact: Annie Melrose



BLUES AT BLOCKHOUSE BAY

Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve,
Endeavour Street, Blockhouse Bay
Friday 31 January 2025 - 6pm to 9.30pm

Line-up: Midge Marsden, Dirty Tones, Chet O'Connell

Blues at Blockhouse Bay is an annual ode to all things rhythm & blues. Midge Marsden, a baron of New Zealand blues royalty, will rock the stage along with a support list of Aotearoa's top session players.

The Dirty Tones get the party started with a deliciously gritty blend of blues, rock and a dash of punk attitude. You'll be swept away by high-energy solos and a stage presence that could make a statue dance.

Chet O'Connell is a guitar master who will take you on a journey through the classic guitar era of The Shadows and Ventures to the acoustic mastery of Chet Atkins and Tommy Emmanuel, on to contemporary artists and rock heroes.

Show headliner Midge Marsden is the ultimate act when it comes to a dynamic night of rhythm & blues and rock & roll. He has been thrilling audiences in Aotearoa and the world for four decades.

Further info: Parking can be hard to find so get there early.

Bring: Own deck chair, snacks, drinks and dancing shoes.

Cost: Free

Confirm by: Monday 27 January 2025

Contact: Helene Harper



SUMMER RACE DAY AT ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE

Ellerslie Racecourse
Saturday 1 February 2025

With an incomparable mix of entertainment, hospitality, food, fashion and the thrill of thoroughbred horse racing, Ellerslie offers the chance to get together and enjoy a day out like no other.

General admission areas provide a relaxed, laid-back way for eventgoers to enjoy their day and offer excellent viewing opportunities of the racetrack and associated areas.

Further info: You're welcome to bring along your own picnic food, unopened non-alcoholic beverages, as well as chairs & picnic rugs for use in their outdoor general admission areas or try out The Newmarket Room, located on the ground floor of the Ellerslie Stand. It is open to the public and offers a range of tasty food & beverages to purchase.

Where and when to meet will be provided closer to the day.

The gates open at 11.30 am with the first race starting at 12.20pm.

Confirm by: Monday 20 January 2025

Cost: Free general admission.

Contact: Joy Jordan



MUSIC IN PARKS - MONTE CECILIA Monte Cecilia Park, Luck Crescent, Hillsborough

Sunday 2 February from 1 – 4pm

This musical event is set in a delightful park beside the historic Pah Homestead and Arts Trust. This year we're offering an acoustic afternoon for your auditory enjoyment!

South for Winter kicks off the entertainment with a blend of dreamy duets, foot-stomping folk and bluesy murder ballads, followed by Aro, a multi-award nominated duo sharing their passion for language, music and telling stories that celebrate our cultural identity.

Rounding up this fantastic line-up are soul-filled, energetic, electric and beautiful Albi & the Wolves. This well-known Auckland trio pride themselves on pushing the limits of what three musicians can do within the string band format.

Cost: A free event.

Confirm by: Friday 31 January 2025

Contact: Janice Calvert



DINNER AND CARD EVENING

**The Landing Hotel, 2 Onehunga Harbour Rd,
Onehunga**

Saturday 8 February 2025

Dinner at The Landing restaurant followed by a card evening upstairs. Card games are 5 Crowns and 500 Hundred. Teams to be organised on the night. If you haven't played these games before, help will be given to anyone wanting to learn. Plenty of free parking.

Further info: Dinner at 6:00 pm. Check out their food choices.

<https://thelandingonehunga.co.nz/menu.xhtml>

Cost: Dinner at your expense. One drink subsidised by the club.

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: Monday 27 January 2025

Contact: Libby Lyver



OREWA DAY AT THE BEACH & BBQ

11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Saturday 15 February 2025 at 2pm

You are welcome to come along to David's place for a walk or bike ride. For those wanting a swim before the walk, please arrive earlier about 12.30pm.

We will return to David's place for a sociable BBQ at 4pm.

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

Cost: Free. Just bring the sunny weather!

Confirm by: Friday 14 February 2025

Contact: David Verrall



AUCKLAND CITY CENTRAL CHURCHES WALKING TOUR

Sunday 23 February at 10am.

Auckland has many unique and obscure historic inter-denominational churches situated throughout the CBD. We will do a walking tour to visit a mix of the lesser and well known historic churches. I will give a brief explanation of the background of these churches. I have chosen this event on a Sunday, so we can enter some of the churches when Sunday communion takes place and we will divide our time in each church for some religious contemplation and view the inside architecture.

Further details:

There are 2 options. Depending on the interest, Option 1 and Option 2 will be done on different dates. The options will be decided in the morning. Both routes are similar in walking distance. We will finish the Tour at K'Rd, probably St. Kevins Arcade for lunch, and then take the bus down Queen St back to Britomart.

Option 1: St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, St Matthews Anglican Church, New Disused Jewish Synagogue (Greys Ave), Methodist Church (Pitt St), Auckland Baptist Tabernacle (Queen St).

Option 2: Old Jewish Synagogue (Princes St.), St Andrews 1st Presbyterian Church, St Paul's Anglican Church, both on (Symonds St.), Auckland Baptist Tabernacle.

The walk is in a circular direction, mostly level, moderate level of fitness required with time allocated for a sit down and rest in each church pending on church opening and closing times.

Allow 3-4 hours. If time or tiredness is a factor, then we can leave the last church - Baptist Tabernacle for the next time.

For those travelling into the city by rail, please be aware of the weekend train timetable as some lines may not be operating on the weekends. Car parking can be found at the nearby Downtown carpark and there are bus stops near Britomart.

Bring: Water, hat, sunscreen, suitable walking shoes and an open mind on your religious perspective.

Confirm by: Friday 21 February 2025.

I require a minimum of 6 members for the walking tour to proceed. If the minimum is not reached then I will notify in advance to those that have booked.

Cost: Free but lunch your cost.

Contact: Mike Maran



WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND PLUS COULDREY HOUSE SUMMER SERENADE CONCERT

Friday & Saturday 7 & 8 March 2025

Schischka Campground, Wenderholm



Further info: The campground is located alongside the Puhoi River which is a short walk to the beach and Couldrey House. There is kayaking, swimming, bush walks and enjoying the beach and sunbathing.

Saturday night: A shared meal. The Club BBQ will be provided.

Also there is the Couldrey House Summer Serenade Concert with Jane Horder and Band. Tickets on sale early November.

If anybody is interested in this concert, let me know ASAP so I can get early bird tickets. As yet not sure how much the tickets are.

Bring: Camping gear/tent/ motorhome/ chair/walk shoes/kayak (optional).

Cost: \$17.50 per person per night.

Pay by: ASAP to TUAC bank account: 12-3014-0118011-00 as there are a limited number of spaces.

Contact: David Verrall

BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street, Auckland

Friday 2 May 2025 at 8pm



Because this film has such amazing scenery, stories and footage, it is not just for people who enjoy cycling. These short films are a great reminder of why we love to ride our bike; with stories that captivate us, stories that make us think, and most importantly of all stories that inspire us to get out and ride. Because club members have been attending this event for the past 10 years, we have reserved seating saved for us.

Optional dinner at 5.30 pm at Elliott Stables Foodcourt before the movie

Cost: \$24.00 per person. Dinner at your cost

Pay by: At latest Tuesday 29 April into the TUAC bank account: 12-3014-0118011-00. Please let me know when you have paid.

Confirm by: 29 April and let me know if coming for dinner.

Contact: Libby Lyver

JOKE

The husband leans over and asks his wife, 'Do you remember the first time we had sex together over fifty years ago?

We went behind the village tavern where you leaned against the back fence and I made love to you.'

Yes, she says, 'I remember it well.'

OK,' he says, 'How about taking a stroll around there again and we can do it for old time's sake?'

Oh Jim, you old devil, that sounds like a crazy, but good idea!'

A police officer sitting in the next booth heard their conversation and, having a chuckle to himself, he thinks to himself, I've got to see these two old-timers having sex against a fence. I'll just keep an eye on them so there's no trouble. So he follows them.

The elderly couple walks haltingly along, leaning on each other for support aided by walking sticks. Finally, they get to the back of the tavern and make their way to the fence. The old lady lifts her skirt and the old man drops his trousers. As she leans against the fence, the old man moves in.. Then suddenly they erupt into the most furious sex that the policeman has ever seen. This goes on for about ten minutes while both are making loud noises and moaning and screaming. Finally, they both collapse, panting on the ground.

The policeman is amazed. He thinks he has learned something about life and old age that he didn't know..

After about half an hour of lying on the ground recovering, the old couple struggle to their feet and put their clothes back on. The policeman, is still watching and thinks to himself, this is truly amazing, I've got to ask them what their secret is.

So, as the couple passes, he says to them, ' Excuse me, but that was something else. You must've had a fantastic sex life together. Is there some sort of secret to this?'

Shaking, the old man is barely able to reply,

'Fifty years ago, that wasn't an electric fence. '

EVENTS

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 organise yourself, speak to one of the Committee. 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 socialise with others and have adventures.

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!

EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS

If paying your subs, enter invoice number in payment details. You do not need to put your name in the details fields, as this is automatically displayed when using internet banking. Deposit cheques into the club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby (libby.lyver@gmail.com) the same information.

BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT FOR ANY EVENT, CHECK WITH THE EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

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 prepaid 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 as this is NOT monitored frequently