



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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June – July 2024 (2)

HOWICK LITTLE THEATRE – PLAY "AURELIA"

Lloyd Elsmore Park, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive,
Pakuranga

Saturday 25 May at 8pm

A thrilling mystery of intrigue and mistrust.

After a fight with his aunt, John hastily emigrated to Senegal, where he met and married the ambitious Aurélia. One day, his aunt receives the welcome news the happy couple are returning to England. However, Aurélia arrives alone. Although she brings a pleasant change of pace to the quiet Cotswolds village, an air of secrecy and suspicion follows her ... and it soon emerges that nothing is quite as it seems.

Further info: Optional dinner at Porterhouse Grill, 10 Aylesbury Street, Pakuranga at 6pm.

Cost: Adults: \$32.00 – Seniors \$29.00

Confirm by: A.s.a.p.

Pay: Into the TUAC account no. 12-3014-0118011-00. Please contact me first to confirm your ticket purchase.

Contact: Janice Calvert – 0274 605704 or email - icalvert@kinect.co.nz



PUBLIC ART WALK AUCKLAND

Saturday 15 June 2024 at 10am

Come and explore another part of Auckland. Sue O'Neill will lead a Public Art Walk from the Columbus café on Park Rd taking us through the Domain to the Museum via the Wintergarden.

We will look at public art and hear some interesting facts along the way. We will have lunch at the Museum or The Foundation on George St. Parnell. The walk is one way but it's easy to walk back through the Domain to Park Rd. The walk takes about 2 hours, and there are some steps and inclines along the way.

Further info: There is parking in the Wilson car park - 21 Park Rd, the Domain, Auckland City Hospital car park or some of the side streets coming off Park Rd. The City Inner Link bus goes right past the Columbus Café. **Meet at 10am** at Columbus Café on 2 Park Road (next door to Auckland City Hospital). Bring comfortable walking shoes, waterproof jacket and water bottle.

Cost: Whatever you have for lunch.

Confirm by: Sunday 9 June 2024

Contact: Sue O'Neill mob: 0223 689460 or

Email: sue.oneill197@gmail.com



AGM

Remuera Club, Ohinerau St, Remuera
Wednesday 29 May 2024

Come along to support your club and catch up with other members. From 5.30pm to 6pm mix and mingle, buffet dinner at 6pm. AGM at 7pm. Guest Speaker from 7.30pm. There will also be a door prize run by David Verrall. More details to follow for guest speaker.

Cost: Buffet dinner \$46.00 per person. The Club has subsidised the meal by \$15.00 per person for financial members. Non-financial members welcome to attend but would have to pay \$46.00. Collect your dinner ticket at the door. You must present this to the caterers to get your subsidy.

Pay By: Direct to the caterer on the night.

Confirm by: 15 May 2024.

Contact: Joy Jordan Mob 021 679 301 / joyejordan@xtra.co.nz or Libby Lyver Mob 021 137 1488 / libby.lyver@gmail.com

SUNDAY ROAST DINNER

Moretons Bar & Restaurant
425 Tamaki Drive, St Heliers
Sunday 9 June 2024 at 6.00pm

Further info: The beef, pork and lamb is rotated so I will let you know closer to the date what is on the menu.

Cost: \$28.00

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: 31 May 2024

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



TANGO EVOLUTION – SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

Pah Homestead, 72 Hillsborough Rd,
Hillsborough

Sunday 16 June from 6pm – 7.30pm

Emotions and special magical feelings occur when two dancers join together with musicians to experience the evolving life of Tango. The experience is felt by dancers and musicians alike including spectators as the music is transformed into dynamic movements both in sync and sympathetic to the rhythms, breath-holding pauses of ...Tango.

The evolution of Argentine Tango from 1880 to the present day, coupled with the influence of renowned composers, has solidified Tango as a timeless and captivating art form that continues to captivate audiences around the world. Join with Dance Pasion as they take you through this Tango journey.

Natalia Ramanchuk and John Flower are joined by accomplished musicians Karl Benton, Ricky de Medeiros and Sergei Gulyaev to present a journey through the magical evolution of Tango.

Further info: Meet at the venue by no later than 5.45pm. Optional dinner afterwards to be confirmed closer to the time.

Cost: \$35.00 / (\$30.00 concession for over 65's)

Confirm by: A.s.a.p. as tickets may be limited.

Pay: Please contact me first and once I have purchased your ticket I will advise you for payment into TUAC account: 12-3014-0118011-00.

Contact: Janice Calvert – 0274 605704 or email: icalvert@kinect.co.nz



JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre,
50 Mayoral Drive, CBD
Saturday 22 June at 7pm

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

is a beloved musical that tells the timeless story of Joseph, a young man with a remarkable coat of many colours. The musical, with lyrics by **Tim Rice** and music by **Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber**, offers a vibrant and energetic take on the tale of Joseph, his jealous brothers, and his journey from hardship to triumph. With catchy songs, dynamic choreography, and a unique blend of musical styles, the show has been a favourite for audiences of all ages for decades. It's a joyous, family friendly production that showcases themes of resilience, forgiveness, and the power of dreams.

Further info: Meet at the theatre at 6.30pm
Optional dinner at a venue yet to be advised closer to the time.

Confirm by: 15 May 2024

Cost: \$44.95 each for seniors (Group of 10 or more \$39.50)

Pay: Into the TUAC account No 12-3014-0118011-00

Contact: Joy Jordan on 021 679301 or joyjordan@xtra.co.nz



HOBSONVILLE WALK AND ART TRAIL QUIZ

Hobsonville Village by the Market Area
Sunday 30 June 2024 at 10.30am

A walk around the lovely Hobsonville coastal walkway and art trail. It has been a long while since we have done this and a lot has changed. View the interesting artworks, buildings, pathways and plants along the way. We will have some questions to ask to see if you are paying attention to things along the way. The market is open from 8am until 2pm. This gives you time to check out the market before doing the walk.

Further info: We will have lunch at the Little Creatures Restaurant at 1pm. There is parking on the road and also a carpark close to the market area.

Meet at 10.30am by the ferry wharf which is just by the Fabric Café.

Confirm by: Saturday 23 June 2024

Cost: Lunch and drinks your cost.

Contact: Helene Harper on 021-921068 -

Email: heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



PROFESSIONAL PLAY: PRIMA FACIE Dolphin Theatre, Spring Street, Onehunga Saturday 6 July 2024 at 8.00pm

Tessa Ensler loves her job, She has worked her way up from a working-class background to being a top criminal defense barrister at the top of her game – prosecuting, cross-examining and winning in the courtroom with her quick wit and intelligence. Fighting to defend those pleading not guilty – including securing freedom for men accused of rape and sexual assault. Innocent until proven guilty is after all, the bedrock of human rights.

Further info: The play is only on for 4 nights as it is done by Professionals. Written by Suzie Miller, Actress: Cassandra Woodhouse, Directed by Michael Hurst.

Optional dinner to be decided nearer the time.

Cost: \$30.00 Seniors

Pay by: As soon as I confirm I have booked your seat, payment to be made to TUAC account no. 12-3014-0118011-00.

Confirm by: ASAP please as tickets will sell quickly due to being a professional play.

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



SOCIAL GET TOGETHER – AT THE ALEX

Alexandra Park Raceway, Greenlane Rd.

Alex Bar and Eatery – main floor

Saturday 17 August 2024 from

6.30pm to 9pm

With the days getting shorter and colder let's get together for another casual social catch-up. Alexandra Park has lots of easy parking. We will meet in the Alex Bar and Eatery on the ground floor of Alexandra Park. Tables will be set up by the windows. There is an open bar where you can purchase all your drink requirements, snacks and meals. It will be so nice to get together and catch up with other members, and discuss adventures and trips they have been on or still to go on.

Confirm by: 3 August 2024

Cost: Your first drink is complimentary from TUAC, thereafter all drinks and food you order will be at your cost.

Contact: Helene Harper on 021-921068 or

email: heleneh47@xtra.co.nz or David Verrall on 027 2035508

email: gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



WORLD PRESS PHOTO EXHIBITION 2024

Smith & Caughey's, 253-261 Queen St, City

Sunday 4 August 2024 at 10.30am

This worldwide travelling exhibition is unique in its kind. There were 60,000 entries (still images & multimedia) submitted worldwide for this contest. These are the best of them.

Further info: Meet outside Smith & Caughey's.

Confirm by: 3 August 2024

Cost: \$20.00 Senior (discount for 10 people or more)

Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or

Email: gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



THE FLEETWOOD MAC EXPERIENCE

Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna

Wednesday 21 August 2024 at 7.30pm

Further info: Meet in Foyer at 7.00 pm.

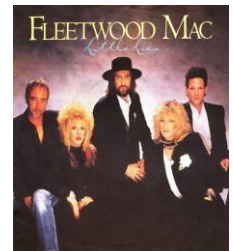
I will purchase tickets online. The seats are allocated so we can sit together. I would like to purchase a.s.a.p – I already have seven members confirmations.

Cost: \$45.00 Senior (plus \$5.00 booking fee).

Confirm by: A.s.a.p.

Pay: Into the TUAC bank account no: 12-3014-0118011-00 when I confirm I have made the booking – not before please.

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



**WEEKEND IN WHITIANGA,
COROMANDEL
Whitianga
Friday 6th to Sunday 8th
December 2024**

Come and spend a weekend with me on the Coromandel Peninsula. Address to be supplied when you confirm you are coming.

Friday: Arrive any time from 3pm. Book and pay for your own accommodation. There are lots of Airbnb's in the area. For those with caravans /campervans, there is a NZMCA campground on Debenham Drive.

Fri night dinner - option to go to the RSA for dinner (live music and dancing for those so inclined) or fish and chips.....

Saturday: Glass Bottom Boat - 2 hr Cathedral Cove Cruise. \$135.00 per person or group discount if 10 or more, of around \$110.00 (boat limited to 14 people).

Other activities - Beach walks, cafes, museum (Sat 10am -3pm), bike park.

Sat night dinner - Pot luck at my house. More details to follow.

Sunday: Option to go across to the 'Dark Side' on the Ferry. (Called that to distinguish it from the Whitianga side). Cycle the loop (approx.32km) to Hahei and/or Hot Water Beach. There are a few cafes within walking distance from the ferry landing.

Further info:

<https://allaboutwhitianga.co.nz/visitor-information/things-to-do/mountain-biking-cycling/whitianga-bike-park>

<https://allaboutwhitianga.co.nz/>

<https://www.glassbottomboatwhitianga.co.nz/gallery/>

Cost: All activities as above, pay own accommodation. Meals out your cost.

Pay by: When you book your own accommodation.

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or

Email hillary.scott.54@gmail.com



JOKE

Making a Baby....

The Smiths were unable to conceive children and decided to use a surrogate father to start their family. On the day the proxy father was to arrive, Mr. Smith kissed his wife goodbye and said, "Well, I'm off now. The man should be here soon."

Half an hour later, just by chance, a door-to-door baby photographer happened to ring the doorbell, hoping to make a sale. "Good morning, Ma'am", he said, "I've come to..."

"Oh, no need to explain," Mrs. Smith cut in, embarrassed, "I've been expecting you."

"Have you really?" said the photographer. "Well, that's good. Did you know babies are my speciality?"

"Well that's what my husband and I had hoped. Please come in and have a seat !.

After a moment she asked, blushing, "Well, where do we start?"

"Leave everything to me. I usually try two in the

bathtub, one on the couch, and perhaps a couple on the bed. And sometimes the living room floor is fun. You can really spread out there."

"Bathtub, living room floor? No wonder it didn't work out for Harry and me!"

"Well, Ma'am, none of us can guarantee a good one every time. But if we try several different positions and I shoot from six or seven angles, I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results."

"My, that's a lot!", gasped Mrs. Smith.

"Ma'am, in my line of work a man has to take his time. I'd love to be In and out in five minutes, but I'm sure you'd be disappointed with that."

"Don't I know it," said Mrs. Smith quietly.

The photographer opened his briefcase and pulled out a portfolio of his baby pictures. "This was done on the top of a bus," he said.

"Oh, my God!" Mrs. Smith exclaimed, grasping at her throat.

"And these twins turned out exceptionally well - when you consider their mother was so difficult to work with.."

"She was difficult?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"Yes, I'm afraid so. I finally had to take her to the park to get the job done right. People were crowding around four and five deep to get a good look"

"Four and five deep?" said Mrs. Smith, her eyes wide with amazement.

"Yes", the photographer replied. "And for more than three hours, too. The mother was constantly squealing and yelling - I could hardly concentrate, and when darkness approached, I had to rush my shots. Finally, when the squirrels began nibbling on my equipment, I just had to pack it all in."

Mrs. Smith leaned forward. "Do you mean they actually chewed on your, uh...equipment?"

"It's true, Ma'am, yes.. Well, if you're ready, I'll set-up my tripod and we can get to work right away.."

"Tripod?"

"Oh yes, Ma'am. I need to use a tripod to rest my Canon on. It's much too big to be held in the hand very long."

Mrs. Smith fainted

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!

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 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