



**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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## February 2024 – March 2024

### WENDERHOLM CAMPING WEEKEND Schischka Camp Ground. Friday 23 February to Sunday 25 February 2024

Located alongside the Puhoi River, the Schischka campground is a short walk to the beach (swimming, kayaking, and sunbathing).

There are many walks in the area. The campsite is flat and has all new facilities.

On Saturday night there will be a shared meal. Club BBQs will be available. Come up and enjoy the weekend or day.

**Note:** For those wanting to come up in the afternoon for the BBQ - you are welcome.

**Bring:** Camping gear/tent/walking shoes/suncream - and hot weather!

**Cost:** \$16 per person per night.

**Pay by:** ASAP before the New Year into the TUAC account: 12-3014-0118011-00 as there are a limited number of places.

**Contact:** David Verrall – 027 2035508 or [gundeserverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundeserverrall@xtra.co.nz)



### MYSTERY DAY OUT 1 hour south of Auckland Sunday 10 March 2024

How adventurous are you? This fun day out is not strenuous and involves morning tea, four different activities, lunch and one final aromatic stop before heading back to Auckland. Travel time is roughly 45 minutes from meeting point.

**Further Info:** Meet at BP Service Station Centre (BP Truckstop) Southern Motorway just past Papakura exit at 9.30am where all will be revealed. Carpooling can be arranged if needed.

**Bring:** Walking/flat shoes, raincoat just in case, warm clothing.

**Cost:** \$60.00 for all activities, morning tea and lunch your cost.

**Pay:** Into the TUAC bank account no. 12-3014-0118011-00.

**Confirm by:** Monday 4 March 2024

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



### THE MICHAEL JACKSON HISTORY SHOW Skycity Theatre, Level 3, Cnr Wellesley St & Hobson St, CBD Saturday 2 March 2024 at 8pm

Showtime presents this spectacular music tribute and full-scale stage production honouring the one and only King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Celebrate Jackson's creative genius and unsurpassed talent with riveting live performances evoking his early days as a member of the Jackson 5 and his groundbreaking theatrics in the 80's. Songs include Thriller, Billie Jean, Smooth Criminal, Bad, Beat It, Don't Stop Til You Got Enough, Human Nature etc. Get the full concert experience with accomplished impersonator, Garth Field, electrifying in his role as Jackson plus a live band, and choreographed dancers.

**Further Info:** Optional dinner at Elliott Stables, in Elliott Street meeting at 6pm.

**Cost:** Seniors 65+ - Stalls A Reserve \$79.30 (includes bkg fee)  
Seniors 65+ - Stalls B Reserve \$70.30 (includes bkg fee)

**Confirm by:** A.s.a.p.

**Pay:** Into TUAC account No. 12-3014-0118011-00 – but please contact me first and I will be in touch with you after purchasing your ticket.

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



### DOLPHIN THEATRE – "THE OCEAN STAR" Spring Street, Onehunga Saturday 16 March 2024 at 8.00pm

A play by Michael Galvin and directed by John Edwards.

An exquisitely dark and comic play. Your own family never seemed so sane.

**Further info:** Optional dinner at the Good Home, Princes Street, Onehunga at 6.15pm.

**Confirm by:** ASAP so that I can book seats online.

I checked online and best seats left are:

C Row 4, D row 6, E row 5 and F row 4

**Cost:** \$28.00 Seniors or Adults \$34.00

**Pay:** Into the TUAC Account 12-3014-0118011-00 when I confirm I have secured you a seat.

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



## MUSIC IN THE PARK

Albany Lakes Civic Park, Civic Crescent,  
Albany

Sunday 17 March 2024 from 1.00pm to  
4.00pm.



A tranquil lakeside setting. Come along to some of the best of Auckland's musical talent.

Combining three very good groups - Jaz Paterson creates refreshing music that captivates the crowd, Rumpus Machine with the most epic classic rock songs in history, Midwave Breaks a two piece band not to be missed. Join us for a pleasant afternoon that should get you up on your feet swinging with the music.

**Bring:** A chair, something to drink (alcohol -free), sunblock and nibbles.

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** Friday 16 March 2024

**Contact:** David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or email [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

## PERPETUAL GUARDIAN SCULPTURE ON THE GULF

Saturday 23 March 2024

The Matiatia coastal walkway will once again be transformed into an extraordinary outdoor gallery for Sculpture on the Gulf 2024. Only 35 minutes ferry ride from Tāmaki Makaurau, Perpetual Guardian Sculpture on the Gulf takes us into the hearts and minds of some of our most exciting contemporary artists.



**Further info:** There will be shuttle buses outside the terry terminal at Matiatia to take us to the event entry (Te Miro Lane) start of the 2.5km trail walk.

After the walk we will meet at the top end of Oneroa for lunch, you are then free to explore or head back to Auckland.

Meet at the Ferry terminal **at 9.45am for the 10am Ferry** to Waiheke, then go to the entry tent to buy entry and bus tickets and take to the start of the trail.

**Bring:** Water, hat and wear comfortable shoes.

**Cost:** \$20.00 entry  
\$5.00 Bus only  
Ferry is free for Gold Card Holders  
\$42.00 return for adults without gold card  
Food/drinks etc. your cost

**Confirm by:** 16 March 2024

**Contact** Joy Jordan - [joyejordan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:joyejordan@xtra.co.nz) or 021 679 301

## TEN PIN BOWLING – AT ZONE BOWLING AND TIME ZONE

28-30 Catherine St. Henderson  
Saturday 6 April 2024

Come and have some fun 10 Pin Bowling. We had loads of fun last time and the bowling alley is new as well as all the equipment.



We will bowl 2 games and then go for dinner at **Thai Peninsula** which is at 301 Lincoln Rd. The restaurant is Licensed or BYO wine. Their menu is available online .

**Further info:** There is parking for the bowling on the premises or on the street around it. At the restaurant it can be busy but there is usually parking in the front yard or you can park by the Texas Chicken just to the left. **Meet at the bowling club at 4.45pm.**

**Confirm by:** 29 March 2024

**Cost:** \$7 per person per game which includes your shoes for Gold Cardholders or \$14.50 per game for non gold card holders. If you are wearing non slip sneakers, you don't need to use their shoes.

**Contact:** David Verrall. Mob: 027 2035508  
**Email:** [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

## NIGHT TROTTING

Alexandra Park, Cnr Greenlane West &  
Manukau Rd, Epsom

Friday 19 April from 5.30pm until the last  
race



Join TUAC members at Alexandra Park for an exciting night of live local racing ,trackside entertainment, dinner and drinks.

**Further info:** Meet inside the Lyell Creek Lounge offering premium trackside viewing with an array of food and beverage choices.

**Cost:** Food and drinks at your own expense.

**Confirm By:** Friday 10 April 2024

**Contact** Joy Jordan on 021 679 301 or [joyejordan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:joyejordan@xtra.co.nz)

## BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

Academy Theatre, 44 Lorne Street,  
Auckland



Friday 3 May 2024 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 St Stables Foodcourt before the movie.

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

**Pay by:** At latest Friday 26 April into the TUAC bank account: 12-3014- 0118011-00

**Confirm by:** 22 April and let me know if coming for dinner.

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

## TEN PIN BOWLING – AT ZONE BOWLING AND TIME ZONE

28-30 Catherine St. Henderson  
Saturday 11 May at 4.45pm



Come and have some fun 10 Pin Bowling. We had loads of fun last time and the bowling alley is new as well as all the equipment.

We will bowl 2 games and then go for dinner at **Thai Peninsula** which is at 301 Lincoln Rd. The restaurant is Licensed or BYO wine. Their menu is available online .

**Further info:** There is parking for the bowling on the premises or on the street around it. At the restaurant it can be busy but there is usually parking in the front yard or you can park by the Texas Chicken just to the left.

**Confirm By:** 3 May 2024

**Cost:** \$7 per person per game which includes your shoes for Gold Cardholders or \$14.50 per game for non gold card holders. If you are wearing non slip sneakers you don't need to use their shoes.

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

## NIGHT TROTTING

**Alexandra Park, Cnr Greenlane West & Manukau Roads, Epsom  
Friday 17 May from 5.30pm until the last race**



Join TUAC members at Alexandra Park for an exciting night of live local racing, trackside entertainment, dinner and drinks.

**Further info:** Meet inside the Lyell Creek Lounge offering premium trackside viewing with an array of food and beverage choices.

**Cost:** Food and drinks at your own expense.

**Confirm By:** Friday 10 May

**Contact: Joy Jordan on 021 679 301 or email [joyejordan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:joyejordan@xtra.co.nz)**

## SUMMER WALK IN CORNWALL PARK

**(including walk to top of One Tree Hill)  
Sunday 24 May 2024**



Meet at 9.30 am at my house in Athens Road, Onehunga or 10.00am Cornwall Park carpark where we have our Xmas lunch. The walk from my house is approx. 9 kms return. If starting from the entrance off Campbell Road and Rawhiti Roads, this is approx. 7 kms return.

We will have coffee at the Cornwall Park Café. Food is available if you wish to purchase.

We will return via the nice walkway which takes you over some stiles. Feel welcome to bring a friend who may like to meet some TUAC members.

**Confirm by:** Friday 23 May and advise where you prefer to start the walk. I will take into consideration the weather forecast at that time.

**Cost:** Nil. Food & drink at your cost at café.

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

## JOKE

### A BAGPIPER'S STORY

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt bad and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, and we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost....it's a man thing.

## 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](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!

## 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](mailto: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**