

WHATS ON IN AUCKLAND

IN AND AROUND THE TIME OF THE REUNION 23 – 25 March 2012

The committee understand that it is expensive to travel so some of you may wish to make time to do other things round the reunion. Here is a list of activities which are on in and around the time of the reunion. This will be updated as activities come to hand.

Markets

There are numerous weekend markets throughout the Auckland region every weekend the closest to the North Shore being Takapuna every Sunday morning. The following link is useful for those interested in other markets. Avondale, Parnell, Otara are among many other markets all with their own unique blend.

www.eventsfinder.co.nz/markets-fairs/events/auckland

Gardens

There are some wonderful gardens in Auckland and March is a great time of year to pay them a visit. The Eden Garden is highly recommended 9.00 a.m. – 4.30.p.m 24 Omana Avenue, Epsom, along with the beautiful Auckland Botanic Gardens – 102 Hill Road, Manurewa.

www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz

www.edengarden.co.nz

Also well worth a walk around is the Domain, Cornwall Park, Mt Eden amongst others.

www.aucklandnz.com/index has a list of other gardens – many private that are open to the public.

Islands of the Gulf **Tiritiri Matangi Island** – bird sanctuary. Highly recommend a trip over to this beautiful island. **Waiheke Island** has many award winning wineries/restaurants and is well worth a ferry trip too. The latest island to be opened to the public is **Rotoroa Island** with its unique arts and heritage. For the fit among you there is always **Rangitoto** to climb.

www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz www.rotoroa.org.nz

Arts

Lake House Arts 37 Fred Thomas Drive, off Barry's Point Reserve, Takapuna. Has a lovely cafe and very interesting artwork to view – plus lovely gardens. www.lakehousearts.org.nz

Sports

Auckland Half Iron Man – Maraetai Beach Auckland East
From 6.30 a.m. Saturday 24th March
www.aucklandhalf.co.nz

Relay for Life – Cancer /Society – Kumeu Showgrounds, Access Road, Kumeu,
www.relayforlife.org.nz/event
www.totalsport.co.nz/events/coastal/index.php

NO rugby (just thought I would slip that one in)

Attractions

Auckland War Memorial Museum
www.aucklandmuseum.com

Zoo – Motions Road, Western Springs
www.aucklandzoo.co.nz

Auckland Art Gallery – newly remodelled
www.aucklandartgallery.com

Pah Homestead – 72 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough.
It was opened to the public as the TSB Bank Wallace Arts Centre and is open to the public from 10.00 – 5.00 p.m. weekends.
www.tsbbankwallaceartscentre.org.nz

Motat – Western Springs
www.motat.org.nz

Sky Tower – Victoria Street, Auckland

Auckland Harbour Bridge Walk
www.aucklandbridgeclimb.co.nz

Voyager NZ Maritime Museum – Viaduct Basin
www.maritimemuseum.co.nz

Cruise the harbour on the scow Ted Ashby or perhaps on a paddle steamer the Waipa Delta.

Kelly Tarltons – 23 Tamaki Drive, Orakei
www.kellytarltons.co.nz

Devonport Tour Buses – take a local tour or a ride on a covered wagon pulled by famous Clydesdale horses.
www.devonport.co.nz

Snow Planet. 91 Small Road, Silverdale.
www.snowplanet.co.nz

Crafts 23 – 25 March Orewa College, Riverside Road, Orewa
www.embroiderersgreatestescape.co.nz

Wineries There are dozens of wonderful local vineyards
www.winesofnz.com/auckland

shopping Auckland is full of wonderful shops – from the boutiques of High Street, in the city centre to the many malls.

Important note: Ladies..... I believe a few stores are now providing “grown up day care” rooms for the insignificant other in your life – you can drop them off and shop to your leisure while they read the paper, watch sports and “boy bond” etc.

If you want outlet stores there is Fox Outlet – 3 Akoranga Drive, Northcote 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. daily and/or Dressmart, Onehunga from 10.00a.m. 5.00 p.m. Dressmart has a daily shuttle available from several pick up points – see website. www.dress-smart.co.nz

A few of the **known** events in March 2012 that you may wish to stay in Auckland longer for.

5 – 12 March Auckland racing Cup week – Ellerslie Race Course

12 March 2012 Pasifika Festival – Western Springs Stadium –

17 March 20102 St Patricks Day

18 March Round the Bays

17/18 March Lake Pupuke, Takapuna Auckland
Dragon Boating Regional Champs

18 March Volvo Ocean Race, Viaduct Basin,
Easter Show

23 – 25 March North Shore Home and Garden Show at the North Shore Events
Centre, Silverfield Place (off Parana Road, Glenfield)
www.homeandgardenshow.co.nz

There are usually many more events during March but at this stage they are not confirmed but will update this page as they become known.