

THE DOUBLE DUTCH



Keukenhof

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Our club on Facebook	www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=dutch%20club%20wellington
Speelgroep Wellington	www.facebook.com/speelgroepwellington
The Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies	www.dutchcommunities.co.nz
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What's on in our clubrooms, 61 Taita Drive:

- Coffee mornings, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10am-1pm (4 and 18 April, 2 and 16 May)
- Sunday afternoon instuif – from 2pm to about 5 pm including Easter Sunday
- Klaverjas, every Tuesday from 10am to about 2pm. Bring your own lunch.
- Speelgroep for under 5-year olds, from 10am-12pm, 13 April, then one Sunday a month (t.b.a.)
- Dutch School, 3pm to 5pm. This term's dates are 7 April, 12 and 26 May, 9 and 23 June
- **KONINGS DAG, Sunday 29 April, 1-4pm**
- AGM and reception, Sunday 27 May, 2-6 pm

Elsewhere:

- Coffee morning, every Wednesday in Island Bay Community House, from 10am-12 noon.
- Coffee morning, in Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae, 10am-12 noon, Friday 13 April and 11 May.
- The Big Dutch Day Out at De Molen, Foxton, Saturday 28 April

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

It's 7 o'clock in the morning and if you are wondering why I would be writing my introduction at dusk, it is because of the fact Anne-Marie told me yesterday that it was "dead-line day". Why am I sharing this with you? For no particular reason other than maybe to prove that it lies within human nature to postpone things to the last minute. So, with above confession from my side, I fully understand that you have waited paying your dues till "dead-line day" ...which is about now... so for those of you who haven't done so... mornings are the best time of day to get things out of the way.

Club-life has been quiet in the first few months of this year but that is not unusual. With holidays now over, visitors returned home and autumn setting, I guess also the busyness of summer will fade and that is good as we will need all the time and energy possible to implement what we have come up with for our 70th Anniversary. As mentioned in the last edition, we are planning one event per month and these have now been identified and are "owned" by one of the committee members. While we expect our members to enjoy the activities we also need some hands and feet to make it all work. So don't wait until you are asked (and you will be) but let us know if you are available to help out.

Kick-off of our anniversary year will be in May at the AGM, for which you will receive a separate invitation.

Thank you very much to those who have contributed information about the history of our club. However, we still have some white spots on the time map. Especially, the early period until 1990 is of interest to us, but don't hesitate to share anything up to the year 2000 that you might have lying around.

In March/April we are also planning a clean-up of our library. All adult books that are now in the "school-room" upstairs will move over to the library and to make space, some books will need to go. If you want to know how we are going to do that, read-on further in this issue.

Coffee mornings have started again in February and Social Sundays have, apart from the first week in January, been ticking along nicely. I am happy to see that numbers are on the rise and that people tend to stick longer during the events. Our clubrooms are, however, quite big so there is always room for some extra people so for those who have not been (recently) we would love to see you again.

That's about it from my side. Doesn't look like much is going on? Don't be fooled, it is only a calm before the storm.

Keep well and prepare to celebrate,

Pierre

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

We are still hunting for information that can puzzle together the history of our club. So, if you have information related to the club before the year 1990, please let me know. What we are looking for is: photographs and/or paper documents such as minutes of meetings, Double Dutch issues, flyers and so on. If you have any of these or if you know anyone who might have information, I would be grateful if you could contact me. Thanks,

Pierre

What game do you play with a wombat?



Wom.



Happy Birthday to all who'll have a birthday in the next two months: I know of Peter on the 9th, Wim on the 10th and Anna A. on the 22nd of April; Joop on 5 May, René and Yvonne on 7 May; Ellen on the 15th, Anna on the 19th, Hanny on the 25th and Anne-Marie and Matt on the 29th of May.

FROM THE SECRETARY AND EDITOR

Hello all,

I hope you are all as well as can be expected. At the time of writing, my feet are still recovering from walking further than they've ever done in one day, at the Rotorua Walking Festival on the weekend of the 17th and 18th of March. What fun it was (in hindsight – at the end of Saturday's 21 kilometer walk I thought 'never again!' but I've already changed my mind and will go again next year). We had a small team of 5 people – Pierre, Anja, Theo, Saskia and I – and with all the talking to each other and to the other walkers, and looking at the beautiful Whakarewarewa Forest, it wasn't bad going even for an untrained walker like myself. Sunday's 10k walk led us through Rotorua and alongside the lake through a public thermal area that I never knew existed!

Working together: An international festival doesn't come about by itself. So many people, young and old, were involved, from those that set out the course, to the people who handed out drinks, clipped our cards, kept track of the participants, took photos, made music and so on and so forth. I love to see that there's always a job, however small, that one can do that contributes to the success of something much bigger. We are all part of a community, and if we all play our part well, our community flourishes and everyone is the better for it.

AGM: The AGM this year will be held on Sunday 27 May, followed by a reception to start our year of celebration of the club's 70th Anniversary. We hope to see many of you there. Please contact me if you'd like to come but transport is a problem – if we know well beforehand, we have time to organise something. We hope to see many of our members at the AGM and/or at the reception afterwards.

Membership news: Thank you to all of you who have already paid their membership dues. Your membership card is enclosed. If you haven't done so, please see the back page of this issue for your invoice. We look forward to your payment before 15th of April.

Welcome to our new members: Phemia van Dijk, Diny Bode and Anja Geelen and Theo van Schoonhoven.

Our best wishes go to all members who are suffering ill health, at home or in hospital, and to their families. Gijs Duindam is in Stokeswood Hospital, 18 Glen Rd, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt 5019 in room 14. Tilly had a fall and is recovering in Kenepuru Hospital. (Apologies if I haven't mentioned other members who are ill, that I haven't been told about.)



I am smitten with Keukenhof, the largest spring garden in the world, and couldn't resist using one of their photos on the cover. The theme this year is 'Romance in the Garden'.

KONINGS DAG: We will celebrate King Willem-Alexander's birthday on Sunday 29 April, from 1pm to about 4pm in the clubrooms. We are aiming for a fun afternoon, with things to do for old and young, members and non-members.

Anne-Marie Knibbeler

KÖNINGS 2018 DAG

*Tickets: Door sales (cash only)
Members \$5, non-Members \$7.50, under 5 Free
Entrance fee includes two vouchers
for food or drinks*



*Spot prices for those
best dressed in orange*



*Information: Anne Marie Knibbeler
Email: amknibbeler@gmail.com
Phone: (04)9717571 or 027 9515770*

*Children's market
(vrijmarkt)*

*Games and
kids entertainment*

Dutch music

*Images from
The Netherlands*

Food and Drinks

LOTS OF ORANGE!

Dutch club

61 Taita drive, Lower Hutt

*Sunday 29th April
from 1 pm*

The year started on the 13th of February and the keen players were all there. Only Tilly wasn't there, she was not well. We hope she will recover soon. Bruce resigned after three weeks due to ill health. We wish both all the best.

The weekly results are:

Week 1	13 Feb	Nic de Graauw	5636
Week 2	20 Feb	Harry v.d. Gulik	5373
Week 3	27 Feb	Ann Beyk	5167
Week 4	6 Mar	Greet v.d. Vegt	5548
Week 5	13 Mar	Hanny Zwart	5321
Week 6	20 Mar	Ton van Geet	5491

See you all on Tuesday.

Ann Beyk



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Please do not hesitate to bring to our attention anyone who you think could do with a visit or a helping hand. If YOU could be a helper/volunteer do contact me or anyone in the appropriate area. You will find the telephone numbers listed below.

Bill van Waas tel. 04/298-4244 or email bsvw@xtra.co.nz

Upper Hutt: 526-8867; 529-8289

Stokes Valley: 971-7571

Lower Hutt/Petone: 972-7460

Wellington: 934-1936; 971-3744

Waikanae/Paraparaumu: (04)298-4244

LIBRARY CLEAN-UP

The committee has taken the initiative to streamline our library, which involves the following activities:

- Moving all books to the library room;
- Keeping a small collection of adult and children's books downstairs (near the staircase);
- Removing all books of foreign authors translated in the Dutch language;
- Removing all double and damaged books;
- Removing some of the "special interest" (e.g. how to build a canary cage) books;
- Create a list of books that are going to be removed (best effort only);
- Creating an inventory of books that remain in the library (long term activity).

All books that are earmarked for removal will be displayed on a table in the main hall of our clubrooms, for the duration of one month. Members are free to take and keep these books if they are interested either for themselves or for other people. If we manage to make a list of books that are going to be removed, we will circulate that list with the Double Dutch issues.

If you have objections, comments, remarks or suggestions related to this initiative or if you would like to help with the activities, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks,



Pierre



**Uitnodiging (an Invitation)
To Celebrate With Us!**

THE BIG DUTCH DAY OUT!

**Wow it's been 15 years since we officially opened
Foxton's famous windmill, de Molen in 2003!
Plus it's the coronation and birthday of
the Dutch King on the 27th April.**

IT'S ABOUT EVERYTHING DUTCH!

-  **Food tent offering Dutch favourites**
-  **Play fun traditional Dutch games**
-  **Free kids face painting**
-  **Visit de Molen & The Dutch Market**
-  **See the Tasman Exhibition at Oranjehof**
-  **Enjoy crafts and activities at Whare Manaaki**
-  **Learn about Foxtons history at The Flax Stripper Museum**

WEAR ORANGE!
THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR
THE BEST KIDS & ADULTS OUTFITS!

Saturday 28th April, 10am - 2pm
Next to de Molen, Main Street, Foxton




I was fired from my job at the bank. An old lady asked me to check her balance, and when I pushed her, she fell over.

My granddad has the heart of a lion and a lifetime ban from the zoo.


I went to a zoo today. There was only one animal in it, and it wasn't exciting at all. It was only a dog.
It was a Shih Tzu.

We thank Harbour City Funeral Home for generously printing The Double Dutch in full colour for us.


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For further information, please contact our club secretary: Mrs Anne-Marie Knibbeler, 21 August St, Stokes Valley 5019; amknibbeler@gmail.com or phone 971 7571. This is also the GOODS DELIVERY ADDRESS. **Please do not send any correspondence or parcels to the club rooms.**

Members can apply to hire the club rooms for celebrations. For room hire, or to advertise in the Double Dutch, please contact the secretary.

Tax Invoice for the membership year ending 31 Mar 2019

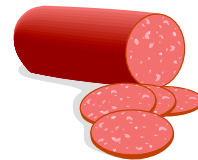
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Membership dues: \$45.00 per household, including Children under the age of 16.

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