

newsletter from the New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wgtn) Inc.

# THE DOUBLE DUTCH

Issue 2 April/May 2019



Happy  
Birthday **King  
Willem  
Alexander**

Kingsday  
Sunday 28 April 2019  
2 pm

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Clubhouse  
Avalon House  
61 Taita Drive  
Avalon, Lower Hutt



# PRESIDENT



## FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

"What a summer! While 2017-2018 was officially the hottest summer on record, my prediction is that this summer is going into the books as the longest one. Bring it on.

Right, with the compulsory Dutch weather small talk out of the way let's get on to some more serious stuff."

**W**e look back on a good attendance for Social Sunday and Wednesday Coffee morning events in both February and March. Although the weather Gods

**provided us from playing minigolf in on the last Sunday in February the event turned out very successful with about 50 visitors visiting the clubhouse for a cosy gathering with pizza and afternoon Tea. You can read more about his further on in this edition.**

Looking ahead I can only conclude that it is going to be busy in April and May with events like Easter, Kingsday, our Jubilee lunch and the AGM. While you can read more about the details around all these events further on in this edition, I would like to dwell on the latter (the AGM) right here for a moment.

The function (or task) of the committee is, in our particular case, to govern the club

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in the best interest of the members and hence decide on all things, material and immaterial, related to the club's current and future activities. **Its purpose is to serve the club members.**

This requires skills, experience, enthusiasm (and lots of it), persistence,.....and I could go on continuing this list..... but above all an understanding of what the interests of the club members are!

No matter how well mastered in the art of governance a committee is, acquiring the knowledge of what interests people and

motivates them to be a member of our club requires INPUT.

The AGM is particularly suitable for just that. *So if you would like to see things change or have great ideas for some new activities and/or events.....speak up at the AGM.*

Keep well and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Pierre*

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## Jubilee Lunch

On Sunday 19th of May we will be organising a Jubilee Lunch to celebrate the end of our 70th Anniversary year as The Dutch Club Wellington.

We cordially invite all members to partake in this luncheon which will be held at The Angus Inn in Lower Hutt starting at 12:30 hours. Please RSVP to Ann or Pierre before 5th May.

The club will sponsor the lunch and a welcome drink. Additional drinks are for participant's expenses.

This event is intended for club members only but if you have any staying guests or close acquaintances that you would like to bring to this event, please give us a call (fee applies for non-members).

If you would like to attend but have difficulty getting to the venue, give Ann or Pierre a ring.

Please make sure to mark this event in your diary and we look forward to seeing you all!

Ann Beyk – 04-5678575

Pierre Schmits – 021-08272084

## JUBILEE LUNCH

Sunday  
19 May 2019

12.30 pm

The Angus Inn  
High Street  
Lower Hutt

rspv before 5 th May:

Ann Beyk - 04 5678575  
Pierre Schmits - 021 08272084

# SECRETARY



## FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS

King Willem Alexander is celebrating his 52nd birthday and we are having a celebration at our clubhouse on Sunday 28 April. You are all invited.

**A**fter six years having been the editor of *The Double Dutch*, I've handed the reins to Anja Geelen. So, this is just a little bit 'from the secretary'.

We are nearing the end of our 70th Anniversary celebration year. We had Mini Golf and High Tea organised in February – the Mini Golf part was cancelled because of the weather, but with 50+ people chatting away in the clubrooms, partaking in pizza and, later, cakes and savouries, we do consider it a successful event. It was fun to organise and fun to meet lots of people who we don't often see at our regular coffee mornings or Sunday afternoons. Thank you to Anna Heythuysen, the main organiser, and all the people who were involved in setting up, making food, serving and cleaning up afterwards.

The committee decided to celebrate Koningsdag in the clubrooms on Sunday 28 April. Should you wish to celebrate it on Koning Willem-Alexander's actual birthday, there's the Big Dutch Day Out around De Molen, Foxton on the 27th of April.

This brings me to our AGM on Sunday 26 May. Our committee – originally consisting of only 10 people – recently lost one member due to relocation. At the next AGM we'll have only 5 of the remaining 9 available for re-election. WE REALLY NEED SOME MEMBERS – YOU? TO WANT TO SERVE on the committee. Please consider putting your name forward. I have thought long and hard about my availability but have decided against standing for re-election, so we'll need a new secretary. Talk to any of the committee members about what the work entails. Nomination forms are available from me and I'll put some in the clubrooms. You can nominate yourself, as long as you have another member second your nomination and you and





the other person are paid-up members of the club.

Any remits, items for the agenda, or for a copy of the minutes of the 2018 AGM or of the Constitution, please contact me or Pierre before 1 May. In line with our Constitution, the agenda must be set 14 days before the AGM and we may not deviate from the agenda on the day so if there's something you'd like to see discussed, let me know.

Best wishes to all of you who are ill or bereaved. Special 'get well soon' wishes to Anna, Alison and Marianne, who are all recovering from surgery.

Happy Birthday to the following members that I know have a birthday in April: Peter V, Wim Z and Anna A. and in May: Joop D, René v L, Yvonne vd B, Ellen T, Anna H, Hanny Z, Matt and Anne-Marie.

Anne-Marie

## **EASTER SUNDAY** 21 April

**Join us for a friendly chat  
and some Easter goodies  
at our regular Sunday  
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**2 pm  
at the Club House**



## BILLIARD TABLE

Most of you probably know that our clubhouse sports a professional pool table on the first floor. Few know though that the table has been refitted (or recovered to use the official technical term) recently with a new cloth and is looking brand-spanking new!

The table is a long time club asset and is used by few, but persistent, club-members on Wednesday coffee mornings and Social Sunday afternoons. With this upgrade the club hopes to provide a better game quality for the players while at the same time sustain the value of the asset.

The committee wishes to thank Bert ten Broeke and Corry and Piet Romijn for their generous contributions towards the payment for the upgrade.

Up for a challenge? Do you think you can beat the house-players? Come to Avalon for a game!

Pierre

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## NOTICE

### **Members of the FSN Wellington are invited to attend the AGM OF THE FRIENDLY SUPPORT NETWORK WELLINGTON INC.**

To be held on Wednesday 1 May, 1:15pm, following the coffee morning, in the clubrooms

1. Welcome, present and apologies
2. Minutes of last year's AGM and matters arising
3. Finance Report for the year ended 31 March 2019
4. Chairperson's report
5. Election of officers
6. General Business

Any questions or items for the agenda please contact Bill or Anne-Marie.

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## MINI GOLF AND HIGH TEA

Did I mention in my intro that we are having a great summer? Well, I should have made one exception! On the day that we were meant to be playing a game of mini-golf "Oma" decided to drop in to see her NZ brood and rained down on our parade.

In the lead up to the event, and having watched the forecasts, we agreed with the management of the mini-golf course that we would call them early morning to see if we wanted to play. We didn't have to; by 9:15 AM they called us to say that we couldn't play as the course was too wet!

Nevertheless, and in true Dutch spirit, the 50 participants bonded in the clubhouse and enjoyed a "gezellige" coffee morning. For the younger visitors a movie was shown upstairs and they also could enjoy playing one of the many games available.

At some point during the morning I bumped into a few people that I didn't know and it turned out to be three visitors to NZ from the USA. They had found out about the event via Facebook. A gentleman

by the name of Kraayenburg with his wife and sister were visiting Lower Hutt as they had lived here with his parents, who were migrants coming to NZ from Indonesia, in the 60's. They left to live in the USA when he was 6 years old and hence he didn't remember much nor did the parents talk a lot about their NZ stay. But in talking to various people they managed to identify the Church in Lower Hutt in which their parents were married and after saying farewell they were bound for that direction.

Pizzas were served at lunch time and after some more banter in the afternoon we enjoyed High Tea at 3 PM. Anna Heythuysen and Anne-Marie Knibbeler prepared some true bakery jewels that were both a pleasure to the eye and a joy to the palate.

Looking back at the event; I think we should reschedule the mini-golf because I do want to give the new course a try but I equally think that we should repeat the High Tea as a social event as, and I am sure that many of you will agree, I thoroughly enjoyed that part of the day!

Pierre



# WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday  
from 10am-1pm (4 & 18 April, 2  
& 16 May)

## SUNDAY INSTUIF

From 2 to 5 pm

## KLAVERJAS

Every Tuesday from 10am to  
2pm. Bring your own lunch

## EASTER SUNDAY

Instuif with Easter eggs  
Sunday 21 April

## KONINGS DAG

Sunday 28 April, 2 pm

## JUBILEE LUNCH

Sunday 19 May, 12.30 pm

## AGM

Sunday 26 May, 2 pm

# WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

## NIEUWE STROOM FOXTON

Rembrandt Remastered Art  
Exhibition. 9 FEB - 28 APR [www.  
teawahou.com](http://www.teawahou.com)

## BIG DAY OUT FOXTON

Oranje dag 27 APR  
[www.teawahou.com](http://www.teawahou.com)

## KONINGS DAG RECEPTIE

Tuesday 30 April, register by 5  
April, Dutch Embassy Wellington

## WAIKANA E COFFEE GROUP

Every second Friday of the  
month, 10am, Waikanae Baptist  
Church

## ISLAND BAY COFFEE GROUP

Every Wednesday, 10.30am,  
Island Bay Community Centre

## LEVIN COFFEE MORNING

Every last Thursday of the  
month, 10am, Levin Bridge Club



## ACTIVITIES ORGANISERS - ACTIVITEITEN

Klaverjas, Dutch Costumes	Ann Beyk	567 8575
Children's Dancing Lessons	Carolina van Rooy	528 8434 (021 217 9849)
Wednesday Coffee Mornings	Pieter Koedijk	526 8867 (021 065 5470)
Library	Marianne Iwanek	972 7460
Dutch School	Yvonne v.d. Berg	528 0923 (021 714958)
Friendly Support Network	Bill van Waas	(04) 298 4244
Website	Dagmar Bakker	022 161 9071
Waikanae Coffee morning	Henny Ekens	(04) 297 2918
Levin Coffee morning	Yoka Dekker	(022) 502 2645
Island Bay Coffee morning	Ina Kooistra	(04) 383 8449

## THE COMMITTEE - HET COMMITEE

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## COMMITTEE

**We meet every first Tuesday of the month at  
7.30 pm at the Clubhouse.  
Meetings are finished by 9 pm.**

## JOIN THE COMMITTEE

**more info: secretary Anne-Marie  
amknibbeler@gmail.com or 021 12345676**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - 2019

Dear members,

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 26 th May in our clubhouse in Avalon.

The meeting will start at 14:00 hrs and is intended to end at around 15:00 hrs.

After this drinks and nibbles will be served.

Remits and suggested agenda points for the AGM must be sent to Anne-Marie via post or e-mail before 30 th April to be included in the meeting.

As is custom now, the newly elected committee will gather on the first scheduled committee meeting (i.e. 4 th June 2019) to assign roles and discuss the general plan for the club-year 2019/2020.

The AGM is the place where you can make your voice heard so please bring any ideas and/or comments to the meeting.

See you there!

Pierre

**AGM**  
**Sunday**  
**26 May 2019**  
**2pm**  
**Avalon House**

## WORD OF THE MONTH - WOORD VAN DE MAAND

funny Dutch moments when a native English speaker learns Dutch...



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## Kingsday 2019

Hello All,

As we do every year we will be celebrating Kingsday 2019 in our clubhouse in Avalon. This year the event will take place on Sunday 28th from 14:00 hrs. onwards.

Unfortunately, we are unable to entertain a "kleedjesmarkt" and outside games this year, however there will be Dutch Music, Kroketten, Rookworst and lots of Orange in abundance during the day.

As usual there will be spot-prizes for best dressed in Orange and an "Oranje Quiz" with prizes to win.

Entrance for members and children under 12 years is free and a \$5 per person entrance fee applies for non-members. A drink/food voucher is included with each entrance.

Come and celebrate King Willem-Alexander's birthday with fellow country people in Avalon.

See you there!

Pierre

## Koningsdag 2019

Hallo Allemaal,

Zoals ieder jaar vieren we ook in 2019 Koningsdag in ons clubhuis in Avalon. Dit jaar vindt dit evenement plaats op Zondag 28 April en start om 14:00 uur.

Helaas zullen er dit jaar geen Kleedjesmarkt en buiten spelletjes zijn maar wel volop Nederlandse Muziek, Kroketten, Rookworst en heel veel Oranje.

Zoals gebruikelijk zijn er prijzen te winnen voor "best gekleed in Oranje" en gedurende de "Oranje Quiz".

Toegang voor leden en kinderen beneden 12 jaar is gratis en niet-leden betalen een toegangsprijs van \$5. De toegang is inclusief één gratis drank/eten bon per persoon.

Kom naar Avalon en vier Koning Willem-Alexander 's verjaardag met landgenoten!

Tot op 28 April!

Pierre

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## Tuesday Klaverjas Club

We started the new card year early in February. Every one was looking forward to a friendly game. This year we are going to play Rotterdams rules on even numbered month and Amsterdams rules on uneven month. Like for example February no 2. March no 3 etc. Every one agreed to it. But you have to be nice to people who never played Amsterdams rules, they will soon get the hang of it.

### The weekly results are:

Week 1	5 February	Jo de Graauw	5178
Week 2	12 February	Greet van de Vegt	4947
Week 3	19 February	Nic de Graauw	5214
Week 4	26 February	Piet de Graaff	5272
Week 5	5 March	Piet de Graaff	5119
Week 6	12 March	Ann Beyk	5940
Week 7	19 March	Chris de Kruyf	5101

Good start for the year. If you know any person who likes a game of cards bring them along and come and join us for a game.

See you on Tuesday - Ann Beyk



## EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS IN NZ

<https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/>

### PASSPORTS:

To make the passport application process easier and more accessible for Dutch citizens in New Zealand, the consular team of the Embassy in Wellington will travel through New Zealand this year!

The Pop Up consular desk will not only provide the opportunity to submit an application for a passport, we will also be available for the activation of your DigiD, applications for consular declarations and/or applications for a declaration of Dutch nationality.

This opportunity is for all Dutch passport applicants. But passport applicants for whom a visit to the Embassy is particularly burdensome, due to physical, medical or other urgent reasons (e.g. elderly or disabled people, families with children) will get preference. If the above is applicable to you, please send us an email on [wel-ca@minbuza.nl](mailto:wel-ca@minbuza.nl).

To find the Pop Up consular desks this year check website: <https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/latest/news/2019/03/06/pop-up-consular-desk-in-new-zealand>

### AOW:

Have you lived or worked in the Netherlands in the past? Then you'll probably be entitled to an aow pension later. You will retain this right if you have moved to another country. New legislation changes the aow age in the coming years. This means you'll get aow later than you might expect.

For more information, check website: <https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/wonen-werken/pensioen-uitkering-en-kinderbijslag>

### KINGS DAY RECEPTION - KONINGS DAGRECEPTIE 30 APRIL 2019

Ter gelegenheid van de 52ste verjaardag van Zijne Majesteit Koning Willem-Alexander organiseren de Ambassadeur van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden Mira Woldberg en de heer Koen Overkamp dit jaar een receptie speciaal voor de Nederlandse gemeenschap in Nieuw Zeeland.

De receptie vindt plaats op dinsdag 30 april 2019 van 19:00 tot 21:00 uur op de residentie van de Ambassadeur in Wellington.

Als het aantal aanmeldingen de capaciteit op de residentie overstijgt zal er een loting plaatsvinden.

U kunt zich tot vrijdag 5 april 2019 aanmelden via een formulier op Facebook [www.facebook.com/netherlandsembassywellington/](http://www.facebook.com/netherlandsembassywellington/). Contact Pierre als u hulp wilt met het aanmelden of invullen van het formulier.



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# EDITOR



## FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

Hi, you will have noticed the Double Dutch has received a facelift. After many years Anne-Marie has handed over the editorship to me. I am very grateful Anne-Marie created a very thorough DD over all these years, informing us of what was, is and will be happening within the Dutch Community. Now it is my task. Don't hesitate to send me your thoughts, insights, outlooks or ponderings that you would like to share with the wider Dutch Community. We are a friendly bunch of Dutch spirits (no pun intended) and 'being Dutch' we have a good sense of humour too!

I hesitated what photo to use on the front cover. I am writing this the Monday after the horrible terrorist attack in Christchurch. My daughter, who is exploring her roots and currently living in Amsterdam send me the photo on the previous page of the New Zealand flag projected onto the Centraal Station in Amsterdam. She had tears in her eyes when she took it. She has Dutch genes in her blood, but feels Kiwi at heart, I am sure many of us can relate to that. It's moments like these when the other side of the world really is the other side of the world. And then Nederland is very far.

I opted for the statue of the dancers, a photo I took in Giethoorn a couple of years ago. Why, because I believe that goodness wins over evil. Our King's birthday is coming up and I trust that most of you, if not all, will join me in wishing him a happy birthday, in peace and with loving kindness.

My thoughts are with the families of the victims, the first responders and all people who are affected by what happened in Christchurch. Many of us left our home country looking for a peaceful life abroad. Let's not forget to keep that peace in our hearts as we deal with the changes that are sure to come.

Kia Kaha, stay strong.

Anja

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## Next Double Dutch

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