

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

# THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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'Hutspot met  
klapstuk' and  
gezelligheid with  
fellow Dutchies

**Leidens  
Ontzet**

Sunday  
6 October  
4.30 pm

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Avalon house



# PRESIDENT



## FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

Welcome to spring. Yes, spring has finally arrived. We had some beautiful days here in the Wellington region and, above all, we had a great Tulip Sunday festival last weekend. What better start of spring can you wish for?

You can read more about the Tulip Sunday event further on in this magazine but there is one thing that I would like to mention here and that is without the help of the many volunteers it would not have been possible to pull this off. Thanks to all who helped out organising and during the event.

**T**he next event that we are organising is Leidens Ontzet and it is approaching fast. As you know, we limit the number of seats for this event and at the last count there were only three tickets left. So if you would like to come on Sunday 6th October, be quick to contact us.

Looking further ahead, we are going bowling again on 3rd November, Sinterklaas will arrive in Avalon on the 1st of December and our Christmas lunch will be held three weeks after that, on the 15th December. For more information about these three events, read on in this issue. Because the Double Dutch magazine is only issued bimonthly, I advise you to keep an eye on our Facebook page

and our beautiful new website ([www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz](http://www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz)) for the latest news and or changes to these events. In short: A month to prepare and look for.. yep, you guessed it... volunteers.

As you can see from the above list the committee will be quite busy in the next few months and for this reason I would like to ask you all to both volunteer to help out on any, or all, of these events and to participate and come to these events in order for all that effort to be enjoyed as best as possible by all of us.

Next to the above events the committee will also be creating some sub-groups that will be discussing special topics, outside the normal operations and running of our club, that you might be interested in.

Currently we have the following three topics defined:

- membership structure;
- separate committee for the younger generation and;

- liaison (alliances, sponsoring and marketing).

The committee hopes that these discussions will generate some ideas that will help to determine the future direction of the club and to improve the participation of and benefits for our members. The aim is to have the outcomes of these discussions available in time, before our next AGM, so that any impact on our constitution can be assessed and addressed as well as communicated to our members.

If you want to have your say on any of these topics, which we strongly encourage, please contact me and I will inform you about the further proceedings.

In the meantime, enjoy the splendour of spring in our beautiful country.

*Pierre*

PS. Below is a message I received the other day for our young ones...



**Beste kinderen,**

**Sinterklaas heeft ons laten weten dat hij zijn reisschema heeft gewijzigd en voor de verandering dit jaar eerst naar Nieuw Zeeland zal komen alvorens naar Nederland te gaan!**

**Zorg er dus voor dat jullie ouders op Zondag 1 December geen afspraken maken want dan is Sinterklaas op bezoek bij de Nederlandse vereniging in Avalon en zou jullie graag allemaal willen ontmoeten.**

**Het feest begint om 2 uur 's middags en meer informatie ontvangen jullie via Facebook.**

**Tot dan,**

*De hoofd Piet*

# SECRETARY



## FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS



Spring has sprung and we had beautiful weather for Tulip Sunday. The tulips were gorgeous and plentiful. There were plenty of stalls for a variety of Dutch food and there was an enormous crowd of people. It was great to see some of our members dressed up in National costume helping to make it a colourful, cultural day. There was a lot of hard work for the volunteers from our club to make the occasion such a success. Pierre Schmits and Anna Heythuysen deserve much of the credit for their hard work in getting the event organised. It was great to see so many young people joining in to help run the stalls.

**B**y the time you receive this copy of the Double Dutch, Leidens Ontzet most likely will have been. Once again, lots of hard work for our committee members hot on the heels of Tulip Sunday, but hopefully a very enjoyable evening will be had by all.

The Annual National Council Meeting of the Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies will be held in Auckland on the 19th of October 2019. Unfortunately, our club was unable to find a delegate to attend this meeting. We are hoping to have a delegate at the next ANCM which will be held in Foxton in October 2020. We pay \$2.00 per household affiliation fees annually to the Federation. This is built into



our annual membership fee. The klaverjas players must be an affiliated member to play for the Federation Cup and there are other benefits in being an affiliated member. One of them is the Federation magazine De Schakel. In the current issue are details for Federation members to take advantage of an offer of discounted flights by Emirates that has been extended until 30 June 2020. The offer is not available through travel agents. For those who would like an electronic copy of De Schakel, please e-mail your request to me at [dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com) – sorry, I won't be doing any hard copies.

On a more local level is the sad news that Mary Boonen passed away on the 18th of September 2019 at the age of 86, following a long illness. Mary served our club well, having been our treasurer for 24 years. Her story and photos of her can be found in the electronic 60th Anniversary Book of our club that can be downloaded here: [www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz/s/History-Dutch-Club-Wellington-2008.pdf](http://www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz/s/History-Dutch-Club-Wellington-2008.pdf)

Dawn

## Happy Birthday

Bert ten Broeke, Joost de Bruin, Riekie van Dorrestein, Harry van de Gulik, Bill van Waas, Pierre Schmits and Jan Bakker



## TULIP SUNDAY

This year's Tulip Sunday was a stunner!

The weather gods were very obliging and showered us with sunshine and only the slightest touch of a breeze.

Here are some of my observations of this year's Tulip Sunday in short form:

- the gardens looked beautiful, but different;
- the crowd was good but not as many people as last year;
- (Dutch) entertainment can be improved next year;
- the Dutch delicacies were delicious as ever;
- our volunteer bakers broke all records in both quantity and quality.

Let me elaborate a bit on the "entertainment" point above. There were no singing performances and no children-dances or -games this year. The reasons for this probably hovers between volunteer interest and organisational stress but whatever it is, I will endeavour to have this improved for next year's event.

That said, I would like to make a special mention about Ben (and his flute). He was great!

Both his performance on stage and in the Treehouse and gardens were loved by the visitors. His music was entertaining and the act of having the kids fit some clogs and dancing together was priceless. Thanks for that Ben.

As for the fundraising results; while I am still waiting for the last figures to arrive I can tell you already that we will have the best turn-over of the last 4 years.

Needless to say that the success of the whole operation is down to all those wonderful volunteers that have put time and effort into creating this success for the club. Therefore, to all volunteers: THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We are organising a "thank you" get together on the 13th of October for all of you who helped out and you will hear more about that via e-mail.

Tulip Sunday 2020.....we are ready for it!

Pierre.

## THANK YOU

To all our wonderful helpers at Tulip Sunday. We couldn't have done it without you.

***Please join us on the  
13th of October  
11am at the Club house***



# TULIP SUNDAY SNAPSHOTS

Thank you to Susanne Knibbeler, Monique Lubberink and Ashleigh Fedorenko for their photo contributions of Tulip Sunday. More photos are on our website: [www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz/tulip-sunday-gallery-2019](http://www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz/tulip-sunday-gallery-2019)



## WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday  
from 10am-1pm (2 & 16  
October, 6 & 20 November)

### SUNDAY INSTUIF

Every Sunday From 2 to 5pm.

### KLAVERJAS

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

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 1 October, 7.30pm.  
Tuesday 5 November, 7.30pm.

### LEIDENS ONTZET

Sunday 6 October, doors open at  
4.30pm.

### BOWLING

Sunday 3 November, 10 am.

## WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

### WAIKANAЕ 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

### THANK YOU BRUNCH

Sunday 13 October, 11 am.  
(this is for our Tulip Sunday volunteers)

## ADVERTISEMENT

*if you want to advertise, please contact the editor*

### Advertising rates (excl gst):

A4 (full page): \$150/year- \$45/once

A5 (1/2 page): \$100/year- \$25/once

A6 (1/4 page): \$60/year- \$15/once

*One year is 6 issues.*

## HALL HIRE

*if you want to hire a room, please contact the  
secretary*

### Hire fees (excl gst):

1/2 day (4 hrs) - \$40

full day (9am-5pm) - \$75

evening (5-10pm) - \$50

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cleaning (if required) - \$50



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## ACTIVITIES ORGANISERS - ACTIVITEITEN

Klaverjas, Dutch Costumes	Ann Beyk	567 8575
Wednesday Coffee Mornings	Pieter Koedijk	526 8867 (021 065 5470)
Friendly Support Network	Bill van Waas	(04) 298 4244
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

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## THE COMMITTEE - HET COMMITEE

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## Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Our card club is small in numbers of members, but great in age. So far we have 5 persons who are 90 and going strong. I have been thinking to call it the over 90th club. They still enjoy playing, no matter if it is cold, raining or windy, they come every week. Our last play day for the year will be Tuesday 10th December.

### The weekly results are:

Week 25	23 July	Jan Pijneburg	5140
Week 26	30 Julu	Ann Beyk	5538
Week 27	6 August	Jan Pijneburg	4933
Week 28	13 August	Chris de Kruyf	5245
Week 29	20 August	Chris de Kruyf	5155
Week 30	27 August	Tiny Vlaar	4927
Week 31	3 September	Piet de Graaff	5091
Week 32	10 September	Ann Beyk	5275
Week 33	17 September	Harry v/d Gulik	5545

If you like playing cards, come and join us. - Ann Beyk

# HAPPINESS IS...

*BEING BLESSED WITH KLAVERJAS BUDDIES*



## Christmas lunch

**15 December  
At Avalon House**

**bookings:**

**Dawn: 04-9382378  
dutchclub.secretary@gmail.com**

**or talk to Ann Beyk on Social  
Sunday or Wednesday coffee  
morning**

I know it is still early days but those last months of the year can pass pretty fast. For that reason we would like to advise our members that Christmas lunch will be held at 15th December 2019.

**Also this year, our award winning MasterChef Anna Heythuysen will be in charge of filling the tables to the brim with seasonal delicacies.**

More details on what's on the menu will follow in our next Double Dutch magazine and through our Facebook page.

Prices are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members and seats will be limited to 40 persons.

Pierre

“Our ‘fisher  
and Paykel  
dishwasher’ did  
a FANTASTIC  
job.”  
Thank you!



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## FRIENDLY SUPPORT NETWORK WELLINGTON (INC)

The Friendly Support Network (FSN) consists of a small group of members and volunteers, who all speak Dutch. Their aim is to visit people who might otherwise not receive visitors in hospital, at home or in care homes. FSN volunteers have also helped translate or make sense of Dutch-language documents for non-Dutch speaking family members.

Please realise that the FSN must be made aware of someone's need – don't hesitate to call if you know someone needs help! If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit from a volunteer, ring the coordinator, Bill van Waas, on 04 298 4244 or the secretary, Anne-Marie Knibbeler on 971-7571.

## INTRODUCING

### Rita Langerak

My name is Rita Langerak. I was born in The Hague and emigrated to New Zealand in 1959. My son and daughter were born here and also my 4 grandchildren.

At the last AGM, I accepted to become the Vice Treasurer for the coming year.

My hobbies are trying to solve cryptic puzzles, relaxing and listening to classical music, reading biographies, and other interesting stories. I have enough books to fill my days for years to come and you can find me any time in OP shops to browse for more books!

I have been a member of the Tawa walking club which I really enjoyed. I have seen a lot of Tawa, walking up and down the hills, through streets where you usually pass by, and I have walked around Paremata Harbour which is a beautiful walk. I walked the Hutt River Trail from Petone to Lower Hutt and back. This walking trip took most of the day and it was early to bed that night. Unlike you may expect, it did not put me off walking.

In between times I catch up with friends and former colleagues for a coffee and I try to keep the garden tidy.



The past couple of years I looked after my husband, who sadly passed away late last year.

It's my pleasure to give some of my free time to the Dutch Club.

My daily quote;

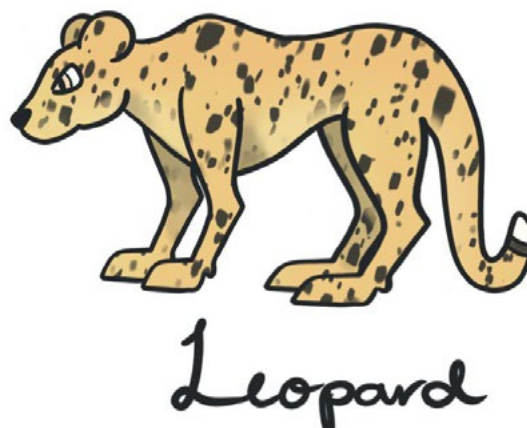
**WE ARE EACH OF US ANGELS WITH ONLY ONE WING**

**WE CAN ONLY FLY BY EMBRACING ONE ANOTHER**

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## WORD OF THE MONTH - WOORD VAN DE MAAND

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



## MEMOIR PART 2

*Mrs Alida (Arda) Harpur was a member of our club until her death at the age of 101 on 22 November 2016. (You may recall an interview with her on occasion of her 100th birthday in the October 2015 issue of the DD.) Mrs Harpur was born in Apeldoorn and emigrated to the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) in the 1930s. The following is a transcript of a talk that she gave some years ago about her experience in an Indonesian camp during the war years.*

**Due to space restrictions the complete story is now posted on our website. You can download it and read it here: [www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz/s/Arda-Harpur.pdf](http://www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz/s/Arda-Harpur.pdf)**

## IN MEMORIAM

Mary Fekkes and Henk Boonen came out to NZ in 1955 with so many dutch immigrants seeking a new life after the war.

They were married soon after their arrival and forged a new life with dutch friends that they made on the boat (The Waterman) and early years in Wellington. Very much maintaining their 'dutchness' throughout their lives.

After their children grew up, they became very involved in the Dutch club, being on the committee and Mary was the treasurer for 24 years. She loved playing Klaverjas and one year won the national trophy and a trip to Holland. The last few years were difficult as Mary lost her mobility and her mind to dementia. She died peacefully surrounded by family.



## STICHTING GOED

The NZ-NL Federation is a partner of Stichting Goed 'Grenzeloos onder één dak' – a Dutch organisation supporting all Dutch people living abroad ([www.stichtinggoed.nl](http://www.stichtinggoed.nl)). Please see their latest update on their website with regards to requesting a DigiD for Dutch citizens with a passport issued abroad.

They have asked us to support their nationality survey (related to Double Nationality for Dutch citizens): <http://bit.ly/nationaliteit>. There is currently a debate with regards to Brexit and Dutch citizens living in Britain.

Please feel free to contact Stichting Goed directly with any questions or concerns you might have, stating you are a member of the Federation through your club membership.

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# EDITOR



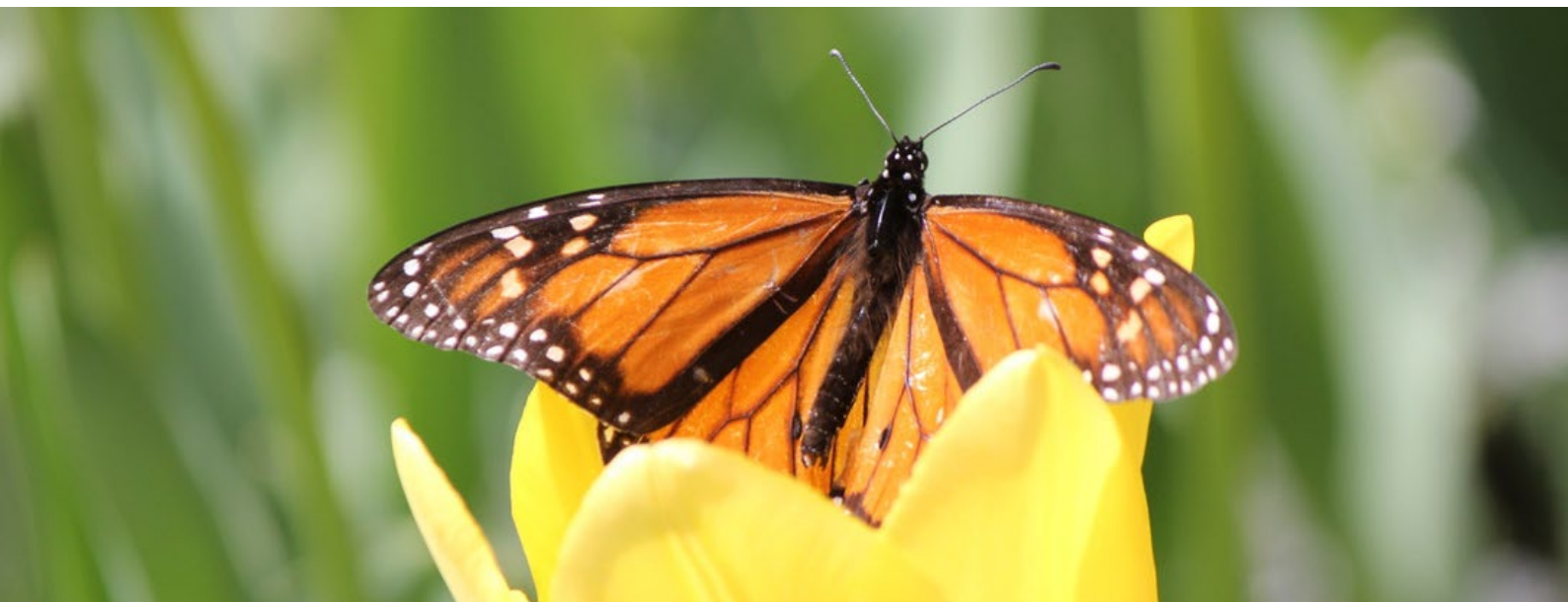
## FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

My children had exactly the same pair of red clogs as in the photo on the front cover. I still have them, tucked away in their 'keepsake memory' box. My son used to love wearing them to his creche. They were easy to get on and off, which is important when you are three years old. And they made an impressive sound when walking on a wooden floor or outside on the pavement, it makes you look 'important'. That was all good and well until he started playing soccer with his mates. All of a sudden his friends did not want to play soccer with him wearing 'those shoes'. I wonder why!? Needless to say, that was the end of the 'clog' period.

I enjoyed watching Ben during Tulip Sunday. He invited children to kick off their sneakers and try on a pair of clogs. Ben would play his okarina and join them in their dancing. Thank you Ben, you put a smile on their and our faces with your spontaneity and enthusiasm. The clogs have been packed up again, no doubt for next year. I hope many little feet will find their way into them in times to come. There's something about them.

Talking about little feet and clogs. Sinterklaas is coming. Don't miss this and all the other events that are around the corner. Read all the goodies in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as I enjoy creating it. And check out our new website, [www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz](http://www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz). It has lots more information than we can put in here.

Anja



## Next Double Dutch

December/January nr 6, copy due: 20 November 2019 email to [amwgeelen@gmail.com](mailto:amwgeelen@gmail.com).  
Contact the secretary for advertising and club room hire.

## BEYOND THE CLUBHOUSE

We have wonderful members who contribute generously to our club, be it printing this newsletter, helping with 'fix it' jobs, volunteering in the club and at events, and many other ways.

This year, once again, Arie Molenaar has managed to secure a slot for us at his favourite playtime venue, the Naenae bowling club!

This is a great opportunity to venture beyond the clubhouse for a social catch up.

You are cordially invited to stretch your legs and arm and throw a few bowls (not the cupcakes Ann is holding in the photo!). Join us on **Sunday 3rd November from 10am** onwards. After that, around noon, we can enjoy lunch at the venues restaurant followed by coffee and a chat in Avalon house.

Like last year the venue hire is sponsored by StorageOne and lunch will be at a cost of \$10 per person.

The Naenae bowling club is situated at 25, Vogel street in Naenae but the clubhouse will be open at 9am and you are welcome to have a cup of coffee there and jointly go the venue.



In case you need transport, please contact me on 021-08272084 / and I will sort something out.

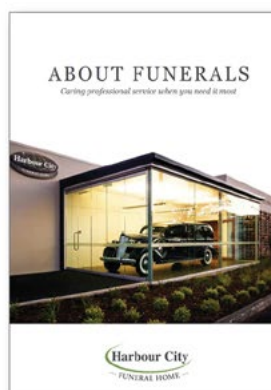
Pierre

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