



NETHERLANDS
SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)
GEYSER NEWS
November and December 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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MARKET DAY

On Saturday 30 NOVEMBER we will have our last Market Day of 2019, 10am-1pm. **Don't Forget** to bring your Children and Grand-Children as we expect **Sinterklaas** to pay us a visit.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday: 15 DECEMBER 2019
TIME: Doors open at 12:30pm
LUNCH: to be served at 1:00pm
COST: \$20.00 for Members, and \$25.00 for Non Members, and includes a beverage.
PLEASE RSVP BY 8 DECEMBER
 Don't wait to book your SEAT!!!!
 RING ANNEKE on 357 4273 or CHRIS on 357 2138

PLEASE NOTE!!!! FOR DECEMBER



WE WILL HAVE A COFFEE MORNING IN DECEMBER. 3 DECEMBER

THERE WILL BE **NO** BINGO IN DECEMBER



PLEASE NOTE!!!! FOR JANUARY

NO COFFEE MORNING 😊

NO BINGO BINGO

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK IN TE REO MAORI

On the 11th September the Rotorua Dutch community was invited to attend the celebration of 'The Diary of Anne Frank in Te Reo Maori'.

17 of our committee and members attended this special event at Te Puia.

In 2017 Boyd Klap, a Dutchman turned Kiwi, who moved to New Zealand in the 1950's, was visiting Parihaka to speak about bullying and discrimination, as part of an exhibition touring the country on Anne Frank's Diary. A woman in the audience asked if the book was available in Te Reo Maori. It was not, and it set Klap on a journey to obtain the rights, publisher, and funds to translate and print it. Te Haumihiata Mason who translated the book said she would really like Maori children and youth to read this book and understand what happens in war. The strife between the Germans and Jews was brought on by hatred. Anne Frank's harrowing account of World War II is confronting, open and honest. She hopes it will take young people on a journey to Anne Frank's time and open their hearts and minds to the horrors created by racism and hatred & encouraged them to not tolerate it in any form. Excerpts of the book were read in Dutch, Te Reo Maori and English by 2 young girls. The Mayor, Stevie Chadwick and Sir Tony Curtis spoke on the impact Anne Frank's Diary has had on the world since it was published and translated in more than 60 languages.

MEMBERSHIP

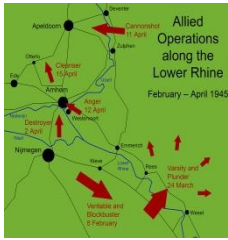
For those of you who have paid the membership fees we thank you very much.

For those who need a gentle reminder:

Membership fees: \$30.00 per family and \$20.00 for a single person.

Internet Banking: Westpac – Account No. 03-1552-0094193-00. In Ref. Box please add your Name.

BATTLE OF ARNHEM



At the end of September it was 75 years ago that the Battle of Arnhem took place and this fact was well commemorated in Holland and also highlighted on the Dutch TV.

Rotorua was authorised to commemorate this battle on behalf of New Zealand and Dr. Reynold McPherson, in his role of retired major, was asked to organise this event.

Because this battle has taken place on Dutch soil he also invited the Dutch community in Rotorua to join in the commemoration.

Douwe Visser and Koos Brasser were asked to organise the Dutch contribution and it was decided to also invite the Dutch ambassador Mrs. Mira Woldberg.

The main Ceremony took place at the Monument in the Government Gardens on 20 September. This involved members of several military organisations plus a Dutch contribution including the Dutch Ambassador. There were several speeches held, commemorating the Battle of Arnhem and the different groups, including our ambassador, laid a wreath on behalf of the Dutch people. Those who were present thought it was a very solemn event.



TRAVEL CORNER LATEST NEWS

The Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies has been offered a discount for all of its Members on airfares to Europe and Bali by the Emirates Airline. This offer has been extended to 30 June 2020 and the discount will be approximately 5 to 10 %

LOPENDE ZAKEN STICHTING GOED

The Federation is a partner of Stichting Goed, "Grenzeloos onder een dak", a Dutch organization supporting all Dutch people living abroad (www.stichtinggoed.nl). We will share with you the information they send. 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.

Federation Website: www.dutchcommunities.co.nz:

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Nationality Website: www.bit.ly/nationaliteit

Double Nationality for Dutch Citizens

SOME MEMBERS HAVE ASKED TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL. WE ARE HAPPY TO POST YOUR NEWSLETTER OUT TO YOU, BUT IF YOU PREFER TO GET IT BY EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT ME ON: hikroese1@gmail.com or PHONE: 347 0251

BUYING A BOX OF CROQUETTES

This has to be ordered by Anneke, 357 4273, at least a month ahead of the Market Day. Anneke can put a special order in for you. To come to the Market Day and ask for a box of croquettes is not possible, but you can put in your order for the next Market Day.



WHAT'S ON IN THE CLUBROOMS EVERY MONTH

Coffee Morning Every 1st Tuesday at 10 am
Bingo Every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30 pm
Art & Craft Every Wednesday at 10 am
Phone Elly 347 7303

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From the Editors Desk:

To Our Organized Members: 2020 Dates To Write Down in your Diary or on your Calendar

JANUARY	No Events, No Coffee Morning, No Bingo	
FEBRUARY	Market Day	Saturday 8
March	Walking Festival	Fr / Sun 13, 14, 15
April	Market Day	Saturday 4

These dates are fixed and in the next newsletter more dates will be added.



To those of you who have suffered the loss of a loved one in recent times, our thoughts are with you.

If you or your loved ones are suffering from an illness or injury, I hope there is a speedy recovery.

To all our members and their families: I wish you a prosperous and healthy 2020.

To our committee: keep doing what you did in 2019 and we will all have a very good 2020.

Our Market Days are all very popular with members and locals alike.

If you don't have transport to the clubrooms please call me. If we are not home please do call someone else from the committee.

Hope to see you all at the Last Market Day of 2019 or at the Christmas Lunch.

Please call Anneke or Chris to book your seat at the Christmas Lunch



See you all with Sinterklaas or the Christmas Lunch



The Committee

Wishes all Members

A Happy Christmas

And a

Healthy and a Very Good

2020

