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Van de voorzitter - Joost de Bruin

De Schakel has not been published for a while, but we are back bigger and better with a special issue on Dutch Week!

Dutch Week will take place for the first time this year from 24 April to 2 May.



Dutch week is an attempt by four Dutch New Zealand organisations supported by the Netherlands Embassy to join forces and organise one week a year with a range of Dutch activities. The four organisations are:

- the Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies
- the New Zealand Netherlands Foundation
- the Dutch Business Association
- the Oranjehof Dutch Connection Museum Trust

The Dutch in New Zealand are often referred to as 'invisible migrants' and the aim of Dutch Week is to create visibility for Dutch communities and businesses and to invite everyone to participate in a celebration of Dutch food, language, heritage and culture.

Dutch Week will be officially opened by the Hon. Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities, and Mira Woldberg, the Netherlands Ambassador to New Zealand, on 24 April at the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom cultural and community centre in Foxton.

This issue of De Schakel gives a comprehensive overview of the different events that are being held for Dutch Week.

You can also check the new Dutch NZ website at www.dutchnz.nz.

We are in a privileged position in New Zealand that we can have events where people get together. This is not the same in the Netherlands at the moment, where Covid-19 is an ongoing challenge. To show our support to people in the Netherlands, major landmarks in Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North will be lit up in orange at night during Dutch Week.

I hope that everyone will have the opportunity to participate in at least one of these events and if Dutch Week is a success this year, we will organise it again next year!

Joost.

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Beschermvrouwe van de Federatie van New Zealand Netherlands Societies Inc. Hare Excellentie Mevrouw Mira Woldberg, Ambassadeur.



All over Aotearoa, there will be events to celebrate all things Dutch: culture, heritage, language and food. Three major cities will have a Dutch Film Festival. Clubs in a raft of towns will organise their own traditional Koningsdag events.

And in solidarity with the Covid-stricken Netherlands, major landmarks in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch will light up orange at night!

Plus... Foxton will host its annual Big Dutch Day Out – Bigger than ever, including ice skating and kite flying: schaatsen en vliegers!

Skating Rink will be there from 23 to 26 April!

Official opening: Big Dutch Day Out

The country's first ever Dutch Week, will be launched next to the windmill De Molen in Foxton, at 11.00am on Saturday 24 April 2021.

The Hon. Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities, Dutch Ambassador Mira Woldberg, and MP Marja Lubeck. will 'unveil' a 40 meter Art Mural created by Amsterdam artist Jan van der Ploeg that brightens up the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom building, in Foxton as the start of Dutch Week.

Your name can feature on the panels next to the Wall Art Painting - as they are unveiled by the VIPs. Visit the Big Dutch Day Out to find out more!

Saturday 24 April, 2021 – 10.00am to 4.00pm Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom / Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park 92 Main Street, Foxton

The Big Dutch Day Out.



The Big Dutch Day Out

Ice Skating | Kites | Art | Music | Food

Join the Family Fun at De Molen, Foxton

10am - 4pm, Saturday 24 April ★ oranjehof.org.nz



Sat 24 April, 2021 - 10am to 4pm

Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park, Main Street, Foxton

VIPs: Hon. Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities

Her Excellency, Ambassador Mira Woldberg

Highlights: Dutch Ice Skating Rink (free!) / Dutch Castle Games and folky fun competitions /

Montfoort traditional Dutch delicacies / Vrijmarkt – Kids sell old toys and books on a

blanket / Kids make your own Kite - Vliegers workshop (free!) / Fly your kites...

Regulars: De Molen tours + Dutch Deli / Cafés / Oranjehof + Piriharakeke interactive museums

Entertainment

10.00 am Ice Skating Rink opens / Fun Folk games / Yummie Dutch treats / Street organ music

11.00 am Minister and Ambassador announce Official Start of Dutch Week.

At 'Unveiling' 40m Art Mural on side of building (Amsterdam artist: Jan van der

Ploeg)

11.45 am Opening Leon van den Eijkel retrospective: A Colourful Nation – Kleur Bekennen

By Dutch born MP, Marja Lubeck

1.00 pm Prize Giving – De Molen 'Poster Competition'

1.10 pm Kite Making Workshop – Art competition (Kite Flying after 2pm)

2.30 - 4 pm Entertainment continues





Dutch Film Festival.

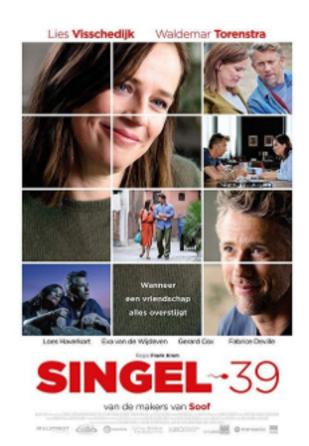
Some would say that the Dutch love real people almost as much as their bicycles. So this year, the theme of the Dutch Film Festival is all about making things work with the love of your life.

One is a documentary - about what it took for the Netherlands to become a cycling nation, par example. The other is what Hollywood would call a 'rom-com' - and it's bound to make you smile and burst out laughing, as it tells the story of a modern couple finding their way.

Singel 39

Monique is a successful hard-nosed cardiac surgeon, and single. When the fun, lighthearted and hunky artist Max moves in downstairs, she thinks he's gay.

Two single people, one address. Are they meant for each other? Just as friends...? Monique finds herself reconsidering her career-driven life choices, as she bonds with her lighthearted new neighbour, who slowly starts to turn things upside down. (M rated)



Auckland: The Vic, Devonport - Sun 2 May @ 7.30pm

Wellington: Lighthouse Cinema, Cuba – Sun 2 May @ 7.00pm (Contact the Cinema to book)

Christchurch: Lumiere, Rolleston Ave - Sun 2 May @ 7.00pm

Dutch Film Festival.

Together we cycle

The Netherlands is a cycling nation – with 23 million bicycles for 17 million people. Cycling is the obvious choice of transport for most. But that almost didn't happen. As cars overtook the roads and the landscape – the Dutch kept cycling against all odds.

This documentary lets people tell the story of navigating the bumpy road – which ultimately led to a place where you can navigate most cities faster by bike than by car.



Auckland: The Vic, Devonport – Thu 29 April @ 7.30pm.

Drinks & nibbles from 6.30pm

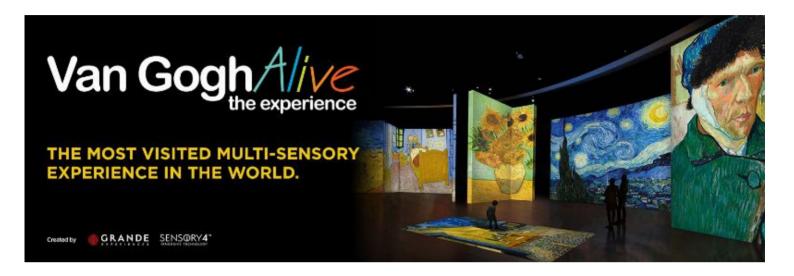
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Van Gogh Alive: the experience



On Tuesday 27th April 2021, The Dutch Business Association organizes an event with the opportunity for their members and the wider Dutch Community to visit the very special Van Gogh Alive experience (https://vangoghalive.co.nz/) in Spark Arena.

At 5 pm we will kick off in the VIP room in Spark Arena (entrance B) with an explanation about the exhibition.

The entrance fee will be \$40.- per person and includes a welcome drink and some nibbles during the evening, which will end around 8.30 pm

Tuesday 27th April 5:00pm, Spark Arena



National Dutch Speech competition

Fri 30 Apr 2021, 09:00 am - 6:00pm - Online Event

This year we will run our first ever National Dutch Speech competition for Year 9 - 13 students (12 to 17 year olds).

The topic is "Being Dutch in New Zealand".

There are two categories: one in Dutch and the other in English.

The English category is primarily for those who have one Dutch parent or grandparent, and who have grown up not speaking Dutch.

The pre-selection stage will consist of the entrants submitting a video of their speech.

If you are selected for the Finals, you will go live on Zoom, on Friday 30 April.

The Ambassador will join us live for the Finals.

The Federation of NZ NLs Societies will run the show with the support from the Ethnic Communities Development Fund and the Embassy of the Netherlands.

For more information?

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We will also share information on the Face Book page https://bit.ly/3eYltaz.

Christiaan Buijsers,

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Koningsdag - King's Day Celebrations

Auckland

Saturday 1st May 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00pm - Holland House

With Covid seriously affecting the Netherlands, a modest event will be held in Holland House.

We will have a *kinder vrijmarkt* in conjunction with the Dutch School on Saturday 1 May from 10am-12pm. Stalls will be free. This is for all children from the school, members, non-members. The kitchen will be open and selling kroketten and bitterballen and drinks (tea, coffee, juice).

Wellington

Sunday 2nd May 2pm - Avalon House

Hopefully, we will see you dressed in bright orange, or other national colors. Enjoy delicious Dutch snacks, drinks, and perhaps a quiz. Our younger visitors are invites to a "kleedjesmarkt" where they can practice their trade and bargaining skills. So come prepared by bringing your own "kleedje" and merchandise.

Doors of Avalon House will be open from 2pm and entrance is free.

Food and drinks will be sod for payment in cash only (No EFTPOS available).

Christchurch

Saturday 1st May, 10:00am onwards - Dutch Society Clubrooms, 637 Marshland Rd.

Decorate your bike or scooter to win a prize. Drive around the grounds.

Games like 'Spijkerpoepen", "Crown on the Kings' head (tail on the donkey variant)", Trivia for adults etc.

A 'vrijmarkt' for the kids. Kids sell your stuff (games, books, toys) you no longer need. Bring a blanket to sit on and spread your stuff on it. (Make sure you know what you want to sell it for.)

Check the Facebook page of the club for other info.

If you want to have lunch (Annie's famous pea - and tomato soup, broodje kroket and a tompouce (custard square); \$10,- pp (children under 12 free of charge), but you'll have to **BOOK(!!!)** before the 22nd April. Call Annie: 03 383 1594 or email annievanderdussen@gmail.com.



Dutch War Memorial Service (Auckland)

Sunday 2nd May 2:00pm

Dutch War Memorial Service (Dodenherdenking) at the Parnell Rose Gardens by the Dutch Monument, Dove-Myer Robinson Park, Parnell.

Followed by afternoon tea at Holland House, 123 Rockfield Road, Penrose.



New Zealand turning Orange

An orange show of solidarity with Covid-stricken Netherlands

To show support for everybody back home in the Covid-stricken Netherlands, the Dutch Societies with support of the Embassy are signing up major landmarks across Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland and Palmerston North to have them lit up orange at night during the Dutch week.

Auckland: Sky Tower.

Wellington: Oriental Bay Fountain and the Michael Fowler Centre.

Christchurch: Arts Centre and Museum.

Palmerston North: Clock Tower (from Monday 26th)

Exhibition Liberation of the Netherlands 75+1 Years





27th April—2nd of May 2021 - 10am to 4 pm Netherville Retirement Village Hall, 4 Admimiral Crescent, Hamilton

Due to the Corona epidemic in 2020 the Exhibition of 75 Years Liberation had to be cancelled. We feel it essential to observe this significant anniversary to remember the sacrifices that were made to ensure the freedom of the Dutch now 76 years ago.

Many New Zealand soldiers had joined the English army and gave their life for our freedom; remembering them is the least we can do.

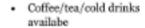
We will forever be in debt to all the allied forces who were involved in the liberation of the Netherlands which started in September 1944 and concluded in May 1945.

- Pictures
- Videos
- Maps
- Displays













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