



# NETHERLANDS

SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)

GEYSER NEWS

May and June 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### MARKET DAY

Saturday 12 JUNE Market Day,

10:00am-12:00 noon



Market Day 7 August (to be confirmed in the next newsletter)

10:00am-12:00 noon

### INDONESIAN LUNCH / RIJSTTAFEL

Saturday 29 MAY



Doors will be open at 12:30pm

Cost \$20.00 p.p.

B.Y.O. drinks but coffee and tea available

Reply to Anneke BEFORE 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY

Phone: 07 357 4273

### KING'S BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 1 MAY

### POT-LUCK LUNCH

We will celebrate King's Birthday with a Pot-Luck Lunch. Doors are open at 12noon and lunch will be served approximately 12:30.

BYO drinks but Tea and Coffee Will Be Available.

Please bring your ORANGE hat, scarf, wig, shirt or any other orange clothing.

In other words: PLEASE DRESS UP AND HAVE FUN



Our secretary has managed to secure a Grant through The Southern Trust for a large proportion of the toilet renovation costs. We therefore hope this upgrade will be completed within the next 6 months.



Due to Exams the Bingo afternoon on Wednesday 16 June will be moved to: 23 June



### WHAT'S ON IN THE CLUBROOMS EVERY MONTH

Coffee Morning Every 1st Tuesday at 10 am

Bingo Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1:30 pm

It is with sadness to write that The Netherlands Society Rotorua has lost two very much loved members in March 2021.

Our love and condolences to both families.



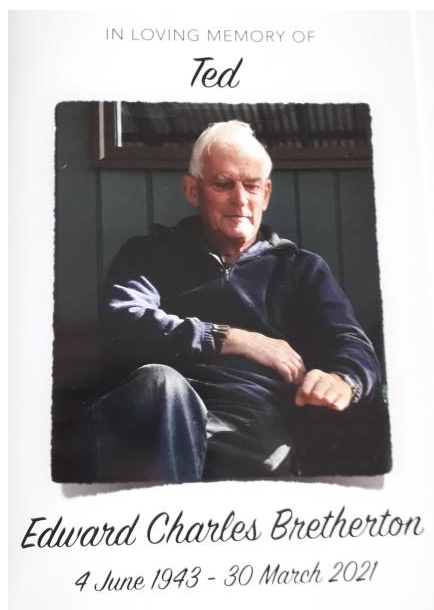
Annie Kessels, wife of Ton, Mum to Gerry, John, Marcel and two daughters-in-law and Oma to her four lovely grandchildren, sadly passed away, very unexpectedly, on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Annie and Ton moved to New Zealand in the 1960's where they worked hard to achieve the life they dreamed of for their family. They purchased a farm in the Waikato before purchasing The Souvenir Shop in Rotorua, at which time they became involved with the Rotorua Netherlands Society. Annie suffered bravely, for many years with illnesses that she battled with courage and determination but sadly she was unable to find the strength for the last one she was faced with.

Annie is going to be greatly missed by her family and friends in New Zealand and The Netherlands.

Rest in peace Annie, free from all you pain.

Chris Bos



Ted Bretherton, husband of Margaret, known to most members as the Car Rally organisers, lost his brave battle with cancer on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Ted fought a very brave fight right up to the end. Only 2 weeks before his death, Ted with the help of Margaret, sons Darryl and Jason, daughter Shelley and grandson Blake, was "The Joker" at the Dutch Club "Poker Run" rally.

Ted played one last joke on everyone when he organised his funeral with a coffin that was a copy of his beloved MGT Car.

Ted is now at peace and can enjoy his days once again, rather than dread what may lay ahead.

Ted will be missed by Margaret, his 3 children, daughter-in-law and son-in-law and his four grandsons, he was so proud of them, and his many friends and family.

Chris Bos



## DUTCH CLUB ANNUAL CAR-RALLY

This year's car-rally should go into the history-books as The Bretherton Car-Rally, as it was organised by Ted and Margaret and sons Darryl and Jason.

A record number of club-members joined the rally with 7 teams from the Dutch Club and 8 teams from the T-Car Club. We all came together at 1pm in the clubrooms where we received instructions from Darryl and Jason. Each team left at 2 minutes intervals for a pleasant trip of just over 30km. These rallies often take you to places where you would not come otherwise. Along the route there were 7 collection points for picking-up a closed envelope with a Poker-card. All envelopes had to be collected to make a chance to win a prize. We drove over some winding and picturesque roads to our final meeting point: "Paradise". There we were greeted by our hosts Chris and Dick Bos, assisted by some volunteers, who transformed Paradise into a fantastic meeting place for this group of rally-goers. Each team handed in their envelopes with cards, and Darryl and Jason would make the best Poker Hand. Team "Bobby McGee" had the best Hand. Well done Menke, Herms, granddaughter and Rinske. We finished a lovely afternoon with a nice potluck dinner which was much appreciated.



Hank Kroese

## ERWTEN SOUP

The Club will do a trial in selling erwten soup at the Market Days over the winter months. The soup can be eaten in the clubrooms or we can put the soup in a takeaway cup to enjoy at home.

How popular this will be we don't know, may be it is so popular that we run out of soup in an hour, so be in quick.



## MAINTENANCE

In the last newsletter we asked for helpers to make "oliebollen" mix and help maintain our front garden. We certainly had some members who put up their hands or contacted us to help out. We very much appreciated that. The planter boxes look delightful with new flowers in them and we hear Tulip bulbs have also been planted!

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 ALIE ON: [dutchclub.rotorua@gmail.com](mailto:dutchclub.rotorua@gmail.com) or talk to her on Coffee Mornings or Bingo Afternoons.

Additionally, when we have your email address we can email you for:

- \*) When an event needs to be cancelled or a date change
- \*) A Bereavement or details of a funeral

## BUYING A BOX OF CROQUETTES

This has to be ordered by Anneke, 07 357 4273, at least a month ahead of the Market Day. Anneke can put a special order in for you. It is not possible to ask for a box of croquettes during the Market Day, but you can put in your order for the next Market Day.



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From the Editors Desk:



*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.*

As I have mentioned before it can be important that, if you have an email, we are having your email on file. This in case we have to give you some late updates.

If you are not sure you can check with Alie if we have your email address.

Our Secretary has managed to secure another Grant. She is very good at this and through all these different Grants we have done heaps, just to name a few: the two big heat-pumps in the hall, painting the outside of the building and now for the toilets. Don't forget this will keep our subs low. Next time when you see her just say thank you for all she does.

The first event which will be held in the clubrooms is "Konings Dag" Lunch on 1 May. Dress in orange and have lots of fun.

Saturday 29 May we have the always popular Indonesian Lunch – "Rijst Tafel"

We will start with the "Erwtten" soup at the Market Day in June. I look forward to this.

To all of you: Keep Safe and Healthy, the flu injections have arrived and if you are 65 or over you can get this for free from your GP. The Covid-19 vaccination for 65+ is not far away, so keep an eye on any updates on that. If you need help you always can call me.

If you know that somebody is sick or in hospital give me a call. If I can't visit that person I will ask somebody else.

See you soon in the club rooms,



Ina Kroese