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Van de voorzitter - Joost de Bruin

DUTCH WEEK
24 APRIL - 2 MAY 2021

Deze Schakel staat boordevol informatie over de allereerste Dutch Week in Nieuw-Zeeland, die van 24 april tot en met 2 mei dit jaar werd gehouden. Dutch Week was een experiment: het doel was om een week lang aandacht te vragen voor Nederlanders in Nieuw-Zeeland om Nieuw-Zelanders een idee te geven over wie we zijn, wat onze achtergrond en cultuur is, welk eten we lekker vinden etcetera. Het was een feestweek voor onszelf, maar ook voor alle andere mensen die hier wonen.



Dutch Week begon in Foxton, waar meerdere prominenten aanwezig waren: Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities, Mira Woldberg, de Nederlandse ambassadeur in Nieuw-Zeeland, verschillende parlementsleden van Nederlandse afkomst en vertegenwoordigers van Nederlandse organisaties. Er was van alles te doen in Foxton: er was een schaatsbaan, een vrijmarkt, kinderen konden vliegers maken, er was een opening van een tentoonstelling en een nieuwe muurschildering aan de zijkant van het Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom gebouw met een lijst met namen van mensen die het financieel ondersteund hebben werd onthuld.

De tentoonstelling ging over het werk van kunstenaar Leon van den Eijkel. Leon verheugde zich erop om de opening bij te wonen maar overleed helaas korte tijd eerder. Zijn familie wilde dat de opening doorging en het werd een viering van zijn leven en zijn kunst.

In de rest van het land waren er verschillende evenementen: een Nederlands filmfestival, een tentoonstelling over de schilder Van Gogh, de dodenherdenking bij het Dutch War Memorial Monument, een online ‘speech competition’ voor jongeren, oranje verlichte gebouwen door het hele land en natuurlijk de Koningsdagvieringen en andere activiteiten bij de Nederlandse clubs.

Het was de eerste keer dat Dutch Week werd georganiseerd en in overleg met verschillende Nederlandse organisaties – niet alleen de Federatie maar ook de New Zealand Netherlands Foundation, Dutch Business Association, Oranjehof Dutch Connection Museum Trust en de Nederlandse ambassade – is al besloten dat we het volgend jaar nog een keer doen. De data zijn ook al geprikt: zaterdag 23 april tot en met zondag 1 mei 2022. Voor volgend jaar willen we graag het organisatiecomité uitbreiden met contactpersonen van de Nederlandse clubs, die daarover binnenkort worden benaderd. Hopelijk kunnen de geplande fietstochten en de Dutch Language Day in tegenstelling tot dit jaar wel doorgaan.

Als lezers nog andere ideeën hebben over wat we zouden kunnen organiseren, stuur mij of Ellen even een email, onze emailadressen staan elders in deze Schakel!

Joost.

A Fond Farewell to the Netherlands Consul Mr Gerald van Looy

On 3 June the Netherlands Ambassador, HE Ms Mira Woldberg invited the Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel; members of the Consular Corps; the previous Netherlands Consul to Christchurch Mr Don Quested and his wife Wendy and several representatives of the Netherlands community to the stately Canterbury Club.

This reception was to farewell our much admired **Netherlands Consul Mr Gerald van Looy**.

Gerald has been the Consul for the past 11 years. And besides being at the beck and call of the Dutch community all those years Gerald is also the Director/Principal consultant of the Echelon Group; Chairman of the Kilmarnock Enterprises; Chairman of IBS and Director of Agtrac Services.

As you see a busy man but we could always call on him or his wife Helen if in need of support.

Ms Woldberg on behalf of us all profusely thanked Gerald for his dedication to the Netherlands community in Canterbury.



Besides that this gathering was an opportunity to thank Gerald for services rendered. Ms Woldberg also bestowed, on behalf of HM King Willem-Alexander as Grand Master In The Order Of Oranje Nassau, the title of **Knight In The Order of Oranje Nassau**.

This was such a lovely surprise to Gerald, his wife Helen and his family that a few emotional tears were shed! Not only by close family members, I might add!

And last but not least the audience was then introduced to the new Consul, Mr Geordie 't Hooft (for the older members of the Dutch community: Geordie is the son of the much loved ex-conductor of the Neerlandia Choir, Greet 't Hooft, who conducted in the time when it was the largest Dutch choir in New Zealand).

Thank you, Gerald and Helen and welcome Geordie to the 'Dutch Canterbury variety show'!

Yoka Saris.

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Report of the Dutch Week 2021.

An overview of some of the Dutch Week happenings from all over New Zealand.



Official opening: Big Dutch Day Out

On Saturday 24 April 2021 at 11am the country's first ever Dutch Week got launched next to the windmill De Molen in Foxton..

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

The next few pages give an impression of how it all looked.

(Red.) A big 'thank you' to those who sent in their pictures.

So many that I had to make a selection.

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



Skating Rink



deMolenFoxton
NEW ZEALAND



Kite Flying



Unveiling of the Mural



Checking the names..



More
Big Day Out
impressions





On Tuesday 27th April 2021, The Dutch Business Association organized an event with the opportunity for their members and the wider Dutch Community to visit the very special Van Gogh Alive experience in Spark Arena.



National Dutch Speech competition



Isobel Ham.

Woodford House, Napier

1St place, Year 12/13, English Speech.

First NZ National Dutch competition.

On April 30th the first National Dutch Speech competition was held. It was an online event. Excellent speeches were presented by the finalists in English and Dutch. The judges determined **Isobel Ham** from Woodford House school as the overall winner. As well as gift vouchers Isobel will be flown to Wellington by the Embassy and will get a behind the scenes look at the Embassy, as well as function as a Youth Ambassador for a day.

Planning is now underway for the 2022 competition which will hopefully build on the success of this first event and have finals during Dutch Week '22

Christiaan Buijsers

National Dutch Speech competition organiser.



Luuk Heijnen

1st Place, Year 9-11, Dutch Speech
Westlake Boys High School, Auckland
(Pictured here with Associate Principal,
Mr Tom Gordon.)



Koningsdag - King's Day Celebrations



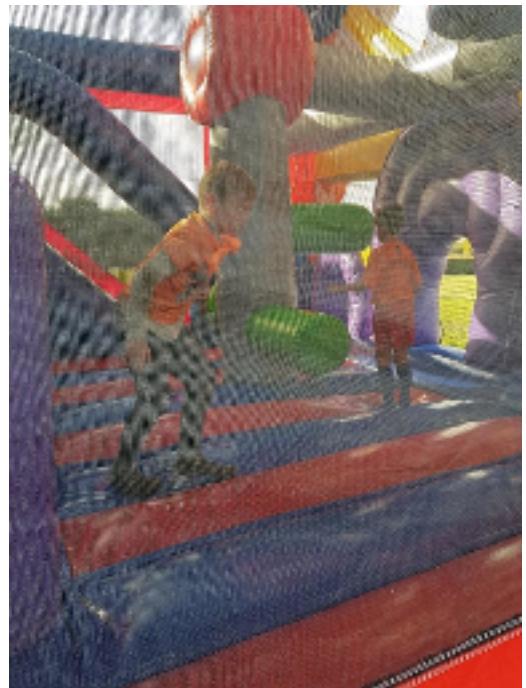
Avalon House,
Wellington Club





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Christchurch





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Christchurch**





**Holland House,
Auckland**



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 had signed up major landmarks across Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland and Palmerston North to have them lit up orange at night during the Dutch week.

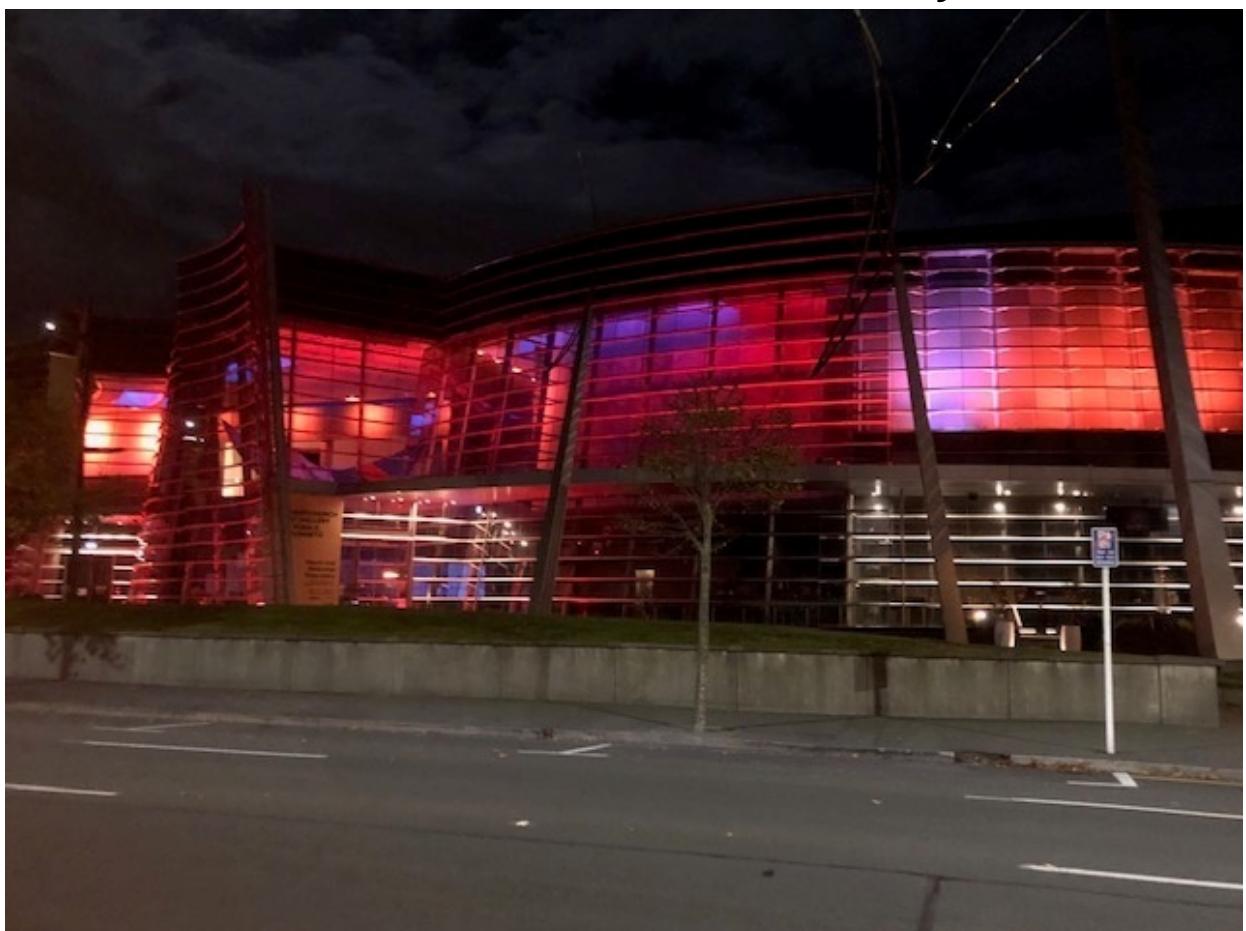
Auckland:
Sky Tower





Museum, Christchurch

Art Gallery, Christchurch





Dutch Embassy, Wellington



Oriental Bay Fountain, Wellington

Other places that were lit up in Orange:

Palmerston North: **Clock tower**

Wellington: **The Michael Fowler Centre.**

Dutch War Memorial Service (Auckland)

In the Netherlands every year on May 4th we commemorate all those, soldiers and civilians, who were victims of war or were killed in peacekeeping operations during World War II. On 5 May Bevrijdingsdag - Liberation Day is celebrated.

The annual Dutch War Memorial Service, organized by the Memorial Committee of Dutch Veterans in Aotearoa NZ, took place at the Dutch War Memorial Monument in the Parnell Rose Gardens in Auckland on 2 May 2021.

Hon. Meka Whaitiri, Minister for Veterans Affairs attended the Service of Remembrance and honored the Dutch victims of war and conflict and referred to the 256 NZ airmen who are buried in the NL.

Ambassador Mira Woldberg spoke about the thousands of Dutch migrants who came to NZ following the war. Among them war veterans and prisoners of Nazi or Japanese war camps, many of whom suffered from physical and mental scars which affected them and their families for the rest of their lives. Ambassador Woldberg stressed that remembering the past is an important step towards improving the future.

Many thanks to Sake Hitman, our Honorary Consul in Auckland, Chris Penk, National Party Spokesperson for Veterans, Marja Lubeck Labour List MP, and Colette Nicholson, President of the NZ Netherlands Society "Oranje" for attending the commemoration.



Other Dutch Week support.



Cafe Irresistiblue: Colouring it Orange.

156 Turkington Road, Monavale 3495

een nederlandse dag georganiseerd, op mijn fitnesgroep,, met hollandse erwtensoep, en videro van andre rieu



Ani Debodt

28 Apr - 2

nederlandse dag ,georganiseerd, op mijn fitnesklub



Great South, Invercargill



Ani Debodt, Christchurch.

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Kingdom of the Netherlands

Exhibition Liberation of the Netherlands

75+1 Years (held 27/4 - 2/5)

Tentoonstelling 75 (+1) jaar bevrijding



De tentoonstelling trok veel belangstelling van Nederlandse en Nieuw Zeelandse bezoekers. De grootste opkomst was op de zaterdag, waar leden van de Military Vehicle Club en de World War II re-enactment group in een parade door de straten reden in WWII jeeps. De gesprekken die deze mensen hadden met overlevenden van de Tweede Wereldoorlog waren zeer informatief, daar veel er gewoonlijk veel aandacht wordt gegeven aan de militaire slagen, maar erg weinig van wat oorlog betekent voor de gewone mensen die dit doormaken. Video's over de Hongerwinter en de ervaringen van Joodse mensen in Amsterdam maakten mensen stil. De hulp van de Federatie voor het verkrijgen van subsidie van de Ministry of Ethnic Development wordt erg gewaardeerd.

Wies van den Berg



DigiD volledig online aanvragen vanuit het buitenland

jun 15, 2021



De DigiD een van de zaken waar menig Nederlander in het buitenland problemen mee heeft. Daarom trekt Stichting GOED bij DigiD en Buitenlandse Zaken constant aan de bel om de dienstverlening te verbeteren. We zijn derhalve blij dat de proef is afgerond, waarover we al eerder bericht hebben.

Logius heeft in samenwerking met Nederland Wereldwijd (onderdeel van het ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken) in mei een proef gehouden. Hierdoor konden Nederlanders in het buitenland tijdelijk een DigiD volledig online aanvragen. De proef is succesvol verlopen.

Videobellen in plaats van fysieke afspraak

Wanneer iemand vanuit het buitenland een DigiD aanvraagt, dan moet hij normaal gesproken een afspraak maken bij een van de fysieke DigiD-balies op bijvoorbeeld een ambassade of consulaat. Daar ontvangt hij vervolgens een brief waarmee hij zijn DigiD kan activeren. Sommige Nederlanders in het buitenland moeten hiervoor een heel eind reizen. Niet iedereen kan of wil dat. Daarnaast is dit voor sommigen momenteel extra lastig door reisbeperkingen vanwege Covid-19. Dankzij de pilot was het tijdelijk mogelijk om de activeringscode online te ontvangen door te videobellen met een medewerker van 24/7 Nederland Wereldwijd. Dan hoeft de aanvrager dus niet meer langs een fysieke balie.

Resultaten van de proef

De behoefte aan een dergelijke oplossing bleek groot. Zo waren alle 138 mogelijke videoafspraken binnen 1,5 dag aangevraagd. Van alle deelnemers hebben 114 personen de activatiecode succesvol ontvangen tijdens het videobellen. De meest voorkomende redenen waarom het bij een deel niet is gelukt, hadden te maken met annuleringen of deelnemers die niet verschenen op de online afspraak.

Er hebben gesprekken plaatsgevonden met Nederlanders in o.a. Europa, Hong Kong, Rusland, Zuid-Amerika, India, Vietnam, Zuid-Afrika, Angola en Nicaragua. Het bleek goed mogelijk voor medewerkers van Nederland Wereldwijd om tijdens een videogesprek de gegevens van de aanvrager en het identiteitsdocument te verifiëren. Ook werden er aanvullende vragen gesteld waarmee de identiteit van de persoon die een DigiD had aangevraagd, bevestigd kon worden.

Verwachtingen voor de toekomst

Binnenkort vindt de evaluatie plaats. Deze brengt in kaart wat het organisatorisch vraagt van zowel Logius als Nederland Wereldwijd om de oplossing beschikbaar te maken voor alle Nederlanders die vanuit het buitenland een DigiD willen aanvragen. De evaluatie zal ook in kaart brengen of dit haalbaar is.

Voor Nederlanders in het buitenland die AOW ontvangen, is er al langere tijd een alternatief. Zij kunnen via de SVB een DigiD aanvragen. AOW'ers ontvangen de activeringscode dan per post en hoeven dus niet naar een fysieke balie te reizen.

Bron: Logius

Consular pop-up desk dates 2021

New Zealand

To make the passport application easier and more accessible for Dutch citizens in New Zealand the consular team of the embassy in Wellington will travel through New Zealand again this year. The pop-up consular desk will not only provide the opportunity to submit an application for a Dutch passport or ID card but also to activate your DigiD.

Dates and location

Coronavirus/COVID-19: please keep in mind that last-minute changes may apply.

The pop-up consular desk will visit the following cities:

- Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 April – Auckland
- Thursday 17 June – Hamilton
- Tuesday 13 July – Christchurch
- Tuesday 24 August – Tauranga
- Wednesday 25 August – Rotorua
- Tuesday 12 October – Auckland
- Wednesday 13 October – Whangarei

How can you make an appointment?

- We will open the appointment system specifically for the pop-up consular desk a month prior to each visit.
- Please note you can only book your appointment via the appointment system, not via email or phone.
- A special announcement will be made for each visit and will include instructions on how to book your appointment.

The consular team looks forward to meeting you in the region!



Kingdom of the Netherlands

Leon van den Eijkel

1940 - 15-4-2021



Beste vrienden, dear friends,

It is with great sadness that we bring you the news of Leon van den Eijkel's passing. A truly outstanding artist and dear friend to many, Leon left us peacefully on Thursday evening last week.

It was an honour and a privilege to work with Leon, especially over the last 10 months or so, when we were curating a retrospective of his work: 'Colourful Nation – Kleur Bekennen'.

We've discussed whether the opening of the 3-month exhibition, on Saturday 24 April in the Māpuna Kabinet art gallery in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, should go ahead. Together with the family, the decision was made that Leon would have wanted it that way.

Colourful Nation will be a celebration of Leon's life and work, giving people a hint of his early years as an artist – and the brilliantly colourful transformation he underwent as a post-modern multimedia artist in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Dutch-born MP Marja Lubeck and Ambassador Mira Woldberg will open the exhibition – in the presence of the Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan – after 11am. The opening will be part of the first ever national celebration of 'Dutch Week'.<https://dutchnz.nz/dutch week>

Let's put Leon's memory in the limelight and honour his life in the arts. 'Kleur Bekennen' will showcase his impressive artistic legacy – with a number of works from Te Papa and private collections.

His cheeky sense of humour and his philosophical nature made Leon a dear friend of many. Thankfully, we can all pay our respects in a way he would have loved – in his virtual presence – in a beautiful art show. He will be smiling down upon us...

Goede vriend, we zullen je missen. We zijn allemaal bedroefd. Maar de herinnering aan je humor en je grappige grijns zullen ons altijd bijblijven.

Arjan van der Boon (Monday, 19 April 2021)



Leon van den Eijkel: An Art Retrospective

The brilliantly coloured works by Leon van den Eijkel will feature in the Māpuna - Kabinet art gallery at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton - from 24 April to 25 July.

Leon burst on to the Aotearoa New Zealand art scene in the mid-1990s, with several major exhibitions. Works that have not been seen by the public since then, are on loan from Te Papa - to cover his artistic journey from his formative years to today.

Leon's quirky sculptures can be seen on the Wellington waterfront, in new suburbs like Auckland's Hobsonville, and the Gibbs Farm sculpture park – where, in a gently undulating landscape, his giant 'Red Cloud Confrontation' takes its place alongside some of the world's most significant artists.

'A Colourful Nation' tells the story of a journey of transformation – beginning in 1986 when Leon first arrived in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It lets you discover how Leon aims to distil the natural essence of Aotearoa into his works – with a singular, highly structured Dutch cultural mind-set. As a result of that process, his paintings and sculptures often express a subtle sense of humour and a touch of irreverence.

Leon van den Eijkel – A Retrospective: the years 1958 – 2020

'Colourful Nation – Kleur Bekennen'

Curated by the Oranjehof Dutch Connection museum

Māpuna Kabinet art gallery

in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

92 Main Street, Foxton 4814

On show from 24 April to 25 July.

Dutch Songs

Good day,

You're very welcome to visit my website with over 350 famous Dutch songs - all with music, English translation and background information.

This website includes

- 150 of the most well-known traditional Dutch children's songs
- 50 historic folk songs from the Middle Ages onward
- 175 famous pop songs, ballads and chansons of the last 100 years.

Furthermore for many years I answer questions about Dutch songs in my English guestbook.

I have a master in Dutch language and literature (Utrecht University), and worked for over three years at the Dutch Song Database at the Meertens Research Institute in Amsterdam.

Many descendants of Dutch emigrants so far have been able to find back the lyrics of songs their (grant)parents once sang to them.

But I also help writers to find Dutch songs that are appropriate for a certain time period; or choirs to find a song with the right content for a commemorating event; or scientific researchers to find back songwriters or sources. Such things also might be interesting for your members, or your community.

A link to my site on your website, in your social media or in your newsletter would be greatly appreciated. And please feel free to forward this mail, or to send me related organisations that might be interested.

Thank you for your attention, with kind regards,
met vriendelijke groeten,
Rozemarijn ('rosemary').

Dutch songs with music and English translations
<https://www.dutchsongs.overtuin.net>

Can you help? Searching for New Zealand's first Dutch settlers



Fred Olde Olthof, now 92, is hoping to hear what happened to the Dutch men who arrived in New Zealand with him in 1949. Olde Olthof is crouching second from right in the front row of this photo taken in Christchurch in 1949.

Serviceman Fred Olde Olthof was having a cup of tea in a canteen in Java when someone walked past asking if anyone was interested in going to New Zealand.

"I said yes, and here I am, 71 years later."

The 92-year-old, who now lives in Invercargill, was one of the first 200 Dutch migrants to arrive in New Zealand in 1949.

Armed with a photo of the 24 men who made their way to the South Island, Olde Olthof is hoping to reconnect with the families of New Zealand's first Dutch migrants.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/125098638/can-you-help-searching-for-new-zealands-first-dutch-settlers>

World Wide Web and Beyond

Netherlands Embassy NZ <https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand>

Federation website www.DutchCommunities.co.nz

The Foxton Windmill Trust www.foxtonwindmill.co.nz

New Zealand Netherlands Foundation <http://www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz>

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