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Editor's report

Introduction

Meri has extensive experience in writing for business and pleasure.

Since the mid 1990's she has contributed to magazines such as She, More, Grace, The New Zealand Woman's Weekly and The Money Line offering her unique pearls of financial and personal wisdom. She has drawn on her extensive experience in the business sector and her financial ability to focus her articles on prudent fiscal management and making the best decisions about money on a day-to-day basis.

Meri was also the Project Manager for the "Going to Hospital" Booklet, which was distributed via the Canterbury District Health Board and the Pegasus Health GP network to children.

In 2006 she published a book "Each Day is Blessed", a personal account of growing up in New Zealand as the child of an immigrant family.



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Want to contribute to the next issue of the Echo Newsletter?

Echo Material for the next issue of the Echo has to be in by the 20th of each month. Although handwritten material is acceptable if clearly readable, the editor will be very happy with typewritten articles. You would, however, really make my day with your contributions as an attachment to email or with an email. Please ensure any images are of good quality.

Please send to: meri@calibrae.co.nz

Mrs President's report



Dee Segeren
President
Netherlands Society
Christchurch (Inc.)

Hello Dear Members

After you agreed, and said yes to the nominated and sitting committee members at our AGM in June, the committee had its first meeting in July. I believe we now have a good mixture of people who all bring different “tools”, have a lot of experience and are very knowledgeable.

I really liked the idea suggested at the AGM to introduce ourselves to you, from this you were able to have an idea of who we are, what we do, and stand for. At our committee meeting we agreed to do this again in this edition of the Echo, so you all get to know us.

Meri Gibson put her hand up to become our new editor, which we all agreed to. I had a hand-over session with her and am confident Meri will be a great editor who will keep us all in line. Have a read through her Bio.

I think we can all agree it is important not to forget where our roots are. First generation immigrants are called the invisible Dutch immigrants, as they wanted – as soon as they arrived in New Zealand – not to stand out. One of the ways not to stand out was to not only speak English at school/work but also at home. By doing this most of the second generation does understand Dutch but cannot speak the language of their parents.

At events e.g., Sinterklaas we are being told by the second generation or new immigrants with young families, how much they would like to speak Dutch. How important it is for them not to forget their Dutch roots. NSC is looking into this as to the best way to move forward for those interested to become a part of this journey. For more information have a read on page 16.

What is also important for you is to mingle with your fellow Dutchies. As NSC we try our very best to give you those opportunities, however we may not always get it right. At our King's Day celebrations, we had a very diverse attendance: from the very little ones to the more mature audience.

We would like to organize events on NSC's base at 637 Marshland Road, that all ages can enjoy attending.

Since July last year almost 30 new single and family memberships have been added to “the list”. By becoming a member of our club, you are telling us you want to be part of NSC. But we would also like to understand what you expect/would like us to organize: maybe an event with a speaker about ... You name it and we will try to make it happen.

In the next committee meeting we will create a sub-committee for this to engage with you. If you would like to be part of this, let me know, flick me an email to show your interest and you will be contacted by one of the members of the sub-committee. It would be ideal to start those conversations with as many people as possible so all ideas will be heard. I do want to make it clear though that this is certainly not intended to make you become a part of a committee. It is just to get the ball rolling, gathering ideas and take it from there. However, it could be that you do fancy to becoming a volunteer for these kinds of events. But that is something for later down the track.

Enjoy reading this Echo, it's worth it (as every Echo is 😊)

Hartelijke groet,

Dee

A greener planet every day

The fight against plastic waste in the oceans

Have you already met the Dutch sailors Niels Tammeling and Bibi Brongers and their sailing yacht New Nexus of the 4Green Foundation?

Since 2017, the New Nexus has been sailing self-sufficient around the world. On board they make optimal use of wind, water and sun. To be able to do so, the ship has undergone a major renovation. The ship is now equipped with solar panels, wind generators and lithium batteries and an electric engine has been built in, which also generates energy in reverse whilst sailing.

In 2012 Niels Tammeling and Tjerk Zweers bought a Trintella IV that was in a poor condition. Thanks to his study Mechanical Engineering, Niels was able to make the ship completely self-sufficient. It was his graduation project which took about 4 years to complete.

Sailing around the world has always been a great dream of Bibi. She studied Coastal Zone Management and has a great interest in the underwater world. Together with a dedicated team of volunteers of the 4Green Foundation, they try to make the world a bit greener.

Halfway their circumnavigation they sailed to New Zealand. Not only to be able to visit this beautiful country but also to carry out some major

maintenance. And then.... the Covid-19 Coronavirus hit the world and one of the consequences was that they are still here. This might give us the possibility to meet them in person, which would be great!

Transforming plastic waste into flower pots

During their journey they encountered a lot of plastic waste which has been dumped on the streets, has washed up on the beaches or is floating in the ocean. Together with local people, students and others that are motivated to help, they clean up affected areas. After collection, the plastic waste is recycled by using a shredder and an oven they brought along.

Often electricity is used for recycling but this can be very expensive because it is generated with fossil fuels. That is why they melt the plastic in a solar oven, using the energy of the sun. They have developed their own press which can be put into the solar oven. The oven heats up to 200 degrees Celsius, which is warm enough to melt the plastic. In this way they can recycle plastic all over the world, as long as the sun is shining. The **result: colorful flowerpots!**

Self-sufficient life on board

To sail around the world in a self-sufficient manner, they had to generate their **own energy**. They conducted tensile and strength tests and the entire ship was drawn in 3D. Apart from that, all scenarios for on-board energy use were thoroughly calculated.

They bought wind mills, solar panels, batteries, an electric motor and efficient energy consumers as well as an energy-management system to map everything. One of the most important renewable energy sources is of course the sun. But 'how many and what type of **solar panels** do we need and where to place them?' were questions that quickly arose.

Next to the diesel engine, an **electric engine** is built in, in a hybrid setup. If there is an interruption in the electricity supply on board, for instance during a thunderstorm which can cause the batteries to fail, they always can use the spare diesel engine. Whilst sailing, the electric engine also generates energy.

In addition to the solar panels and the electric engine, energy is also generated by using two different types of **wind mills**, a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT) and a normal wind generator.

They had to sort out how to **store the energy** that is generated. On board, many electric devices are used at different times and periods during the day and night. There are times they generate more electricity than they consume, but also the other way around. After making a calculation of the storage capacity they would need, they choose a combination setup of normal AGM batteries and a set of Lithium batteries.

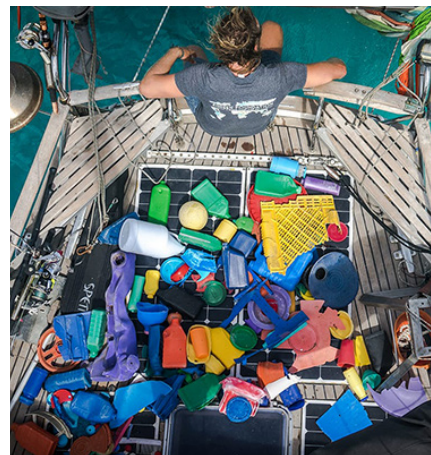
They wanted to use as much **efficient energy appliances** as possible. All lighting has been replaced by LED lighting, both inside and outside. For cooking they use a small rice cooker, a bread machine as well as two induction hobs, which are much more efficient than gas. An additional advantage is that they have no gas on board and therefore never run the risk of having a gas leak, with all the possible consequences.

They also installed two water heaters, one for the sink and one for the shower even though they use a lot of power (3000W). But when they are in port or if they were able to generate enough power, they can have water up to 70 degrees Celsius within 10 seconds!

Would you like to know more?

This is only a short preview of the adventures of Bibi and Niels and their wonderful project! Would you like to know more and learn about the possibilities to make your own yacht (or maybe your caravan or motorhome!) self-sufficient?

Have a look at their website:
4greenfoundation.com



On board with collected items to recycle



End result, recycled items



Niels Tammeling and Tjerk Zweers. Image courtesy of 4greenfoundation.com



Committee Members 2021-22

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Peter de Vries

Annie van der Dussen

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Janice Geerlofs

Pete Knuiman

Jose Nijstad

Lilian van Elk

Tom Boot

Marjon Stegehuis

Anneke Lavery

Lyn de Vries



President: Dee Segeren

Hallo lieve mensen

Elke maand val ik in je brievenbus of word ik in je mailbox gegooid. Het zijn altijd zachte landingen, dus het doet geen pijn.

Mijn gezicht is dus bekend, maar op deze foto ben ik weer een paar maandjes ouder. Maar dat mag de pret niet drukken.

In 2005 zijn Pete en ik naar NZ geemigreerd en daar hebben we nooit spijt van gehad. We genieten van dit prachtige land.

In de zomer maanden – oktober tot april – rijd ik op mijn motor naar het werk, maar de andere maanden zit in comfortabel en warm in de auto. Ik ben dus een echte mooi weer rijder en daar kom ik graag voor uit.

Ik ben sinds 2006 lid van NSC, heb al eerder in de committee gezeten en opnieuw vanaf 2019. Vorig jaar ben ik tot president van NSC gekozen.

Tijdens de markten bemannen / -vrouwen Pete en ik de kaas kraam. Ik geniet altijd van de gezellige praatjes die ik met velen van jullie heb gehad. Het is altijd leuk om een gezicht bij de naam te plaatsen. Dus als je de volgende keer de markt bezoekt, kom even langs, stel je voor en hebben we een praatje pot.

Hartelijke groet en tot ziens,

Dee



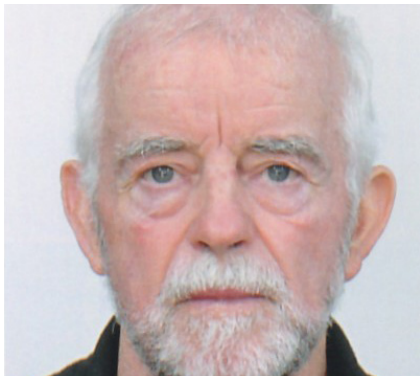
Secretary: Miryam Denny

My name is Miryam Denny-Ipenburg. I was born in Utrecht. My family emigrated to NZ in 1977 when I was a young teenager.

I returned to the Netherlands in 1989 with my own young family to partake in a research program. This was meant to be for 2 years, but we ended up living in the Netherlands for 15 years. We have been back in NZ since 2004. Although I missed speaking Dutch it was because of the grandchildren I joined the Netherlands Association, and before I knew what happened landed the Secretary role. I hope to pass the secretary role on to someone with new ideas and more energy someday. In the meantime, I enjoy being part of the committee and getting to know more and more members, and of course the chance 'om lekker Nederland's te kletsen.'

I work full-time at Datacom, where I do the scheduling and logistics for the field engineers. I am an avid reader and am in a Book Discussion Group. I always have my Kindle with me, so I am never without a book. I have my Copy Editing and Proofreading qualifications but am mostly busy with translation work.

I have an adult son with Autism and Epilepsy and am also active in a Family Advisory Group to Brackenridge (used to be Templeton Hospital) and the Government's 'Transformation of the Disability Support System. So, not much 'spare time' left for me, but I am never bored.



Property Manager: Jan Hollestelle

I am Jan Hollestelle, committee member and Property Manager of the Society. I am married to Eef, we came to New Zealand in 1996, with our 2 children. I worked as a Marine Engineer on the NZ coast and other places in the world.

After the earthquake and retiring we moved to Oxford and are happily living here. Our son lives in Swannanoa and has a 8 year old daughter and sadly our daughter moved back to Holland and recently had a baby boy, we are not able to see soon.

My hope is that somebody will take over my Property Managers job, with my age (75) and living in Oxford it's getting a bit difficult.



Treasurer: Peter de Vries

Hi my name is Peter de Vries and I came out to New Zealand in the 60's with my parents and brother Herb. I have been involved in our family furniture business since I was 14! My wife Lyn and our children have all worked with me in our business and now we have the third generation helping us out in the factory which is great!



Echo Editor: Meri Gibson

I was born in New Zealand to Dutch immigrant parents (deceased) who came to New Zealand in 1952. I have four brothers, 8 nieces and 5 (soon to be 6) great nieces.

I am the Managing Director of Calibrae Ltd and work as a strategic management consultant, across many sectors. I am an organised, strong and driven professional executive who has extensive experience and has successfully led large market driven businesses. I have particular strengths in strategy, business development, product development, management of multiple projects, change management, innovation and multi-level stakeholder communication (particularly PR and communications) across large and complex commercial and public sector organisations. I have a passion for educational and social issues and have learnt basic Te Reo.

I am involved with several private companies, having a strong connection with the property sector and sit on boards across community, not for profit and private companies and am a trustee of several trusts.

In 2006 I published a book "Each Day is Blessed", a personal account of growing up in New Zealand as the child of an immigrant family.

I am the proud mum of Jordan, a men's/unisex clothing designer (with his own store) who lives and works in Auckland. I really enjoy exploring nature and in my spare time I like to walk, dragon

boat, read, travel, work on interior design, do movie reviews for a radio station and entertain my pup Rosie usually at the beach.

My daily mantra is to live each day to the maximum, whilst being incredibly grateful for every single moment.



Entertainment Manager: Annie van der Dussen

I immigrated to New Zealand in 1980 with my husband and 4 young children and have lived in Christchurch ever since.

We became members of the Netherlands society a couple of weeks later at the Sinterklaas picnic in Spencer park.

I have been on the committee of the Netherlands society for over 25 years in various roles. I was president for 5 years and the rest of the time I have been in entertainment, which I enjoy as I do like organising different events and keeping in touch with and meeting Dutch newcomers to Christchurch.

I'm in my 4th year as president of the Neerlandia choir.

In 2002 I started the drama group, Toenail Culture Ale, with 6 other people. We are still going and have another performance in October which will be our 20th anniversary.

I have 8 grandchildren who keep me busy and enjoy travelling, so I am looking forward to the borders opening up again.

I'm pleased with the 5 new members on the committee and looking forward to working together with the new committee.



**Vice-President:
Marjon Stegehuis**

I work full time and I'm Oma to three awesome grandchildren, they are the reason I'm on the committee as I want them to be able to experience Dutch culture and to mix with other people with a Dutch heritage.

I enjoy being able to give back to the club as I enjoyed a lot of social events when I was younger.



**Committee member:
Jose Nijstad**

Hello everyone, most of you may know me, but for those who don't I am José Nijstad.

I emigrated from the Netherlands in 1963 alongside my family and then fiancée, soon to be husband Bennie. I have 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren.

My family have been members of the Netherlands Society since the early 70's. My late husband as with many current and past members was actively involved with working bees and practical tasks in and around the clubrooms.

After Bennie's death in 1990 I returned to the Netherlands for a period of time. I returned to New Zealand in 2009 and since my return I have been an active committee member.



**Committee member:
Anneke Lavery**

I was born in Christchurch to a Dutch father and kiwi mother. My father was Johan Ferdinand Teding van Berkhout, better known as Ferdi to his friends. He died in 1999 at age 87 years after catching a superbug from the ventilation system at Princess Margaret Hospital.

I grew up here in Chch until I was sent to New Plymouth in 1988 after graduating from the police college in Porirua. I spent 8 years in New Plymouth before transferring south to Rangiora Police. Whilst working there, I met my husband Davitt (also a Police officer) and we have two children, Isabella who is 20 and Blair aged 17 years.

In 2011 I retired from Police but realised I was far too young to retire, so I got a job as a swim instructor with Aquagym for a short time. I was then lucky enough to get my current job as an alcohol licensing inspector with Christchurch City Council. I love this work as I enjoy getting out talking to my licensees about their business and we do quite a bit of after hours monitoring as well. We keep up to date with new licensed premises and make sure there are no cowboys coming into run bars in our area.

Other than work, I enjoy the outdoors and love heading up to our ski fields or tramping. We live on the beach so there's not too many days go by that we are not walking or running our dog along there. I also enjoy doing embroidery and spending time with family and friends.



**Committee member:
Lilian van Elk**

Loves a cup of tea, not very dutch, but don't hold it against me.

Born in Amsterdam, immigrated to NZ 1964. Fluent in dutch but I find english the easier of the two.

I work mainly in the kitchen feeding all the hungry mouths and also run the weekly Rummicup, which runs from 9.30am to approx 2pm.

My mother Allegonda, also known as Gonda to the dutch folk and Connie to the english, is also part of that group.

Single mum of one lovely son.



**Committee member:
Lyn de Vries**

Hi my name is Lyn De Vries and I have been married to Peter for 42 years! We have 3 children and 7 awesome grandkids ! We also have a new puppy called Elfie!



Committee member: Ingrid Rammers

Dear fellow members, I am pleased to introduce myself!

In 1999 my husband and I emigrated from the Netherlands to New Zealand after which we built a house ourselves on a 17ha lifestyle block in North Canterbury. In 2007 we moved to Germany where we stayed for six years whilst both working in the Netherlands.

Thereafter we lived in several other countries and we returned to New Zealand about three years ago. I founded CHAPADO Organise & Office Support, www.chapado.co.nz, to be able to use my administrative, project and event management skills.

I like to organise and I have a 'can do' attitude as well as a problem-solving approach. I would be pleased to be able to use my skills for the benefit of the Netherlands Society.

Apart from enjoying my quota of one Dutch dropje 😊 a day, I like to dance, bike, walk, ski, sail and practice yoga.

I very much like to contribute to sustaining the Dutch cultural heritage in New Zealand, making connections and promoting the Netherlands Society.

I look forward to meeting you!

"Je kan de richting van de wind niet veranderen, wel de stand van de zeilen".



Committee Member: Pete Knuiman

My name is Pete Knuiman. I am the person behind the ad in Echo. I am a member of NSC since 2006 and part of the committee since 2019.

In 2009 I started my own handyman business and never looked back. I really enjoy working this way.

I have met many of you during one of NSC's markets, events or through my business.



Committee member: Tom Boot

I am a new member of your committee and I like to share some words to introduce myself.

I am an analytical thinker, I have technical skills both practical and theoretical.

During the last 40 years I gained a lot of knowledge with regard to risk management, consisting of the complete risk circle: from analysis to prevention systems to disaster planning and finally continuity planning. I published on this subject both in the Netherlands as in New Zealand.

Until now, I lived in seven different countries causing the disadvantage that I don't feel myself really at home anywhere in the world. On the other hand, it gave me the opportunity to learn to speak different languages.

I am an individual person and my hobbies are playing chess, sailing and skiing and although I am Dutch I hate voetbal!



Committee member: Janice Geerlofs

Hello my name is Janice Geerlofs and I am a first-generation New Zealander born to Dutch parents Theo and Roely Lubbers who emigrated from the Netherlands in the late 1950s.

I was born in 1960 which qualifies me as a baby boomer. I have been married to husband Arie for 41 years. We have 4 grown up children, all resident in Christchurch and grandchild no 10 is expected in August.

Arie and I have been members of the Netherlands Society for many years. You would have seen us at the Christmas functions where we have been the BBQ chefs for the last 6 years.

I have visited the Netherlands a number of times with Arie but also spent a year living and working there when I was in my late teens.

We own and operate a small cleaning business, owned a number of rental properties and I breed English Cocker Spaniel and Spoodle pups. My interests include travelling, home renovations and being a member of Rotary.

5 useless but fascinating facts about The Netherlands that may surprise you!

The Netherlands is known as the land of tulips, windmills, canals, clogs and coffee shops, but there's also much more to this wonderful country than meets the eye. We've dug deeper to find 5 fun facts about the Netherlands you might not know. Impress your friends and family or use them at your next trivia night – the Netherlands is a fascinating place.

1.

Dutch men are the world's tallest people

The tallest people in the world live in the Netherlands. The average height for Dutch men is 183cm (6ft), while women average 171cm (5ft 7in).

According to military records, the average male height in the Netherlands has risen by 20cm in the last 200 years.

This fun fact about the Netherlands remains a mystery, as the reason for their height is still uncertain. Some theories attribute Dutch genetics, universal healthcare, low social inequality and a diet rich in cheese and dairy products.

2.

Amsterdam has over 1,200 bridges

Amsterdam's beautiful bridges are an icon of the city. There are 1,281 bridges in Amsterdam which connect the city's 165 canals.

There are several historic bridges, while others are decorated with bright flowers or lit up at night. You can even see 15 bridges at once, by crossing the Reguliersgracht and Herengracht bridges.

3.

The Netherlands is the world's biggest flower exporter

The Netherlands is known as 'the flower shop of the world' and for good reason. They produce 80% of the world's flower bulbs and the flower industry makes up over 5% of the Netherlands's GDP.

The country accounts for nearly 90% of the world's total area of tulip farms (around 11,000 hectares), and they produce 4.3 billion tulip bulbs annually.

The flowers are also one of the Netherlands's biggest tourist attractions, with thousands of people flocking to see the beautiful fields each year. Haarlem is one of the best places to see the flowers, with many commercial fields and a Flower Parade.

You can also visit Keukenhof Park, known as the 'Garden of Europe'. It's the largest flower garden in the world, with around 800 varieties of tulips.



4.

One-third of the Netherlands is under sea level

"The Netherlands" translates to "the lowlands" and there's no secret how the country got its name! It is the most low-lying country in Europe, with almost one-third of it below sea level.

Zuidplaspolder is the lowest point, at 6.7 metres below sea level, while the highest point is Vaalserberg hill, at 323 metres above sea level.

A further 50% of land in the Netherlands is only one metre above sea level and 60% of the population lives five metres below sea level.

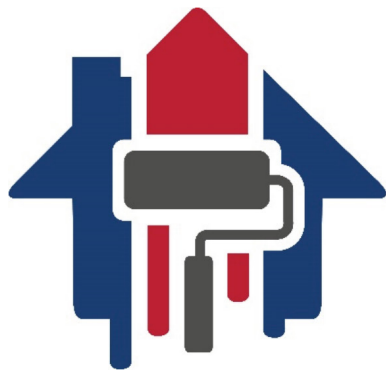
Even Schiphol Airport, the country's main international airport, is over three metres below sea level. Thankfully, the Netherlands is one of the world's best at dredging and avoiding flooding.

5.

The Dutch consume the most liquorice in the world

One of the sweetest facts about the Netherlands is that the Dutch adore liquorice. They eat around two kilos per person per year. That's around 32 million kilos of the sweet treat consumed each year!

You'll be spoilt for choice, with shops in the Netherlands selling over 80 different kinds of drop (the Dutch word for liquorice).



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Dutch Market Christchurch
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Youth Of Yesterday

Every Friday morning
9.30am-2pm (approx)

A small charge of \$2. A bottomless cup of coffee/tea is provided. Bring your own lunch. If you know of someone or a group who would like to come, bring them. There is plenty of room.

We have 3 groups going at present;
Cards, rummikub and adult colouring in.

If you have another group playing something else, great, come along.

Maybe you have a group of 4 etc who just want to come for a chat, coffee morning with a speculaas, you are all welcome. The more the merrier.

381-0218 Lilian
for information



Klaverjas Club "Ons Genoegen"

Het is alweer zover tijd om jullie te laten weten wat gebeurd in de oudste affiliated club van de Nederlandse society die sinds 1964 al aan de gang ging met zo'n 50 leden en dat groeide tot 72 leden maar daarna zakte het tot nu toe nog 20 leden en het is een grote familie, als er wat aan de hand is dan wordt er getrakteerd met wat lekkers bij de koffie en er wordt dan gezongen en dan denk ik wat fantastisch dat we allen mee leven, leuk. Onze volgende kaart drijf is georganiseerd op de Zaterdag de 5de september dan luiden we de Lente in met een lekker bordje soep en vers gesneden brood met beleg van de hollandse slager en niet te vergeten een lekker drankje, limonade of een wijntje, wat we ook niet doen om het aantrekkelijk te maken. We maken er altijd een feestje van.

De prijswinnaars van de maand juni de 29ste Emmy Nederpelt met 5094 Punten 2de Bep van Polanen met 5033 punten. En op de 13de juli Arda Hogendoorn met 5837 punten en 2de Gerard van Kuppevelt 5111 punten de winnaars gefeliciteerd maar de volgende keer is het jouw beurt. Deze week krijgen onze injectie voor tegen de virus, zo als je niets meer van me hoord dan weet je de reden. He ik zou zeggen blijf lekker warm neem er nog een voor je gezondheid en heel veel plezier in het spel van het Leven en veel geluk in tuk.

Wim

Introducing the new Netherlands Honorary Consul of the South Island



It is a great pleasure to introduce you to our new Honorary Consul of the South Island, **Geordie Hooft**.

Geordie is a long time Christchurch citizen with Dutch heritage and after working many years for international accounting firms he has just started his own consultancy 'Hooft Consultancy Ltd'. Geordie is the Chair of Cashmere High School, Chair of Canterbury Education Services Ltd, and Deputy Chair of the Bone Marrow Cancer Trust. Geordie also chairs the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Institute of Directors.

"The role of Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of the Netherlands reflects my Dutch heritage, as my Amsterdam-born parents emigrated to New Zealand a few years before I was born."

We are delighted to have Geordie on board and are looking forward to our collaboration.

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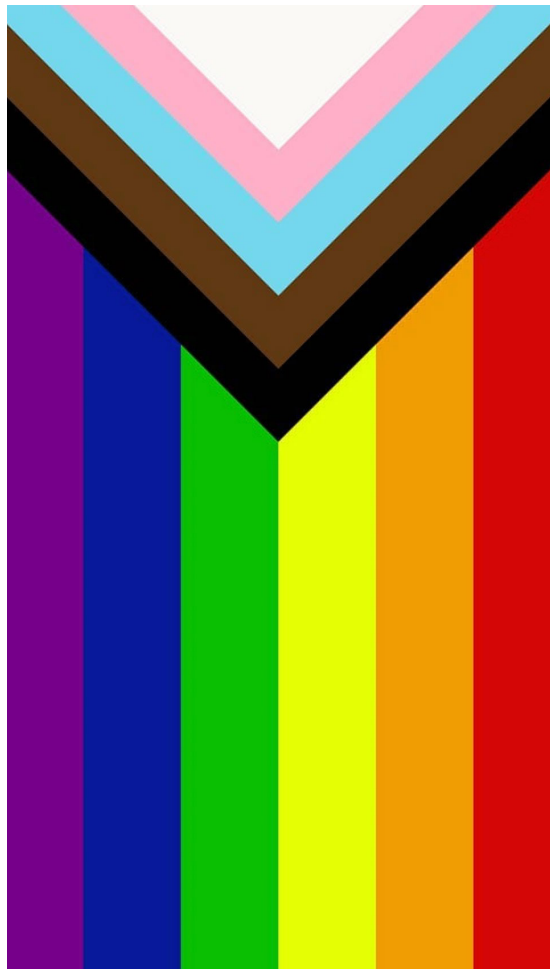
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Embassy of the Netherlands in New Zealand news:

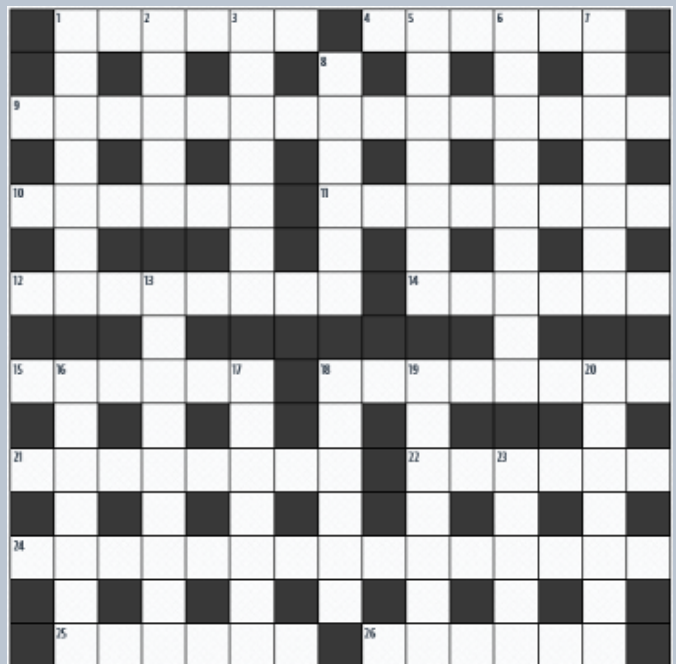
On July 8th the embassy acknowledged as New Zealand celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Homosexual law reform, an important milestone for the LGBTI community in Aotearoa New Zealand. As stated by MP Chris Bishop “it’s important that you look back at what is accomplished, but part of today is also about looking forward to the battles to come”.

As an embassy they joined this celebration, because promoting LGBTI rights is a key priority for the Netherlands. All over the world, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people face discrimination and violence. But everyone should be free to be themselves, no matter who they are and who they love.

This is why the Netherlands is committed to decriminalising sexual orientation and gender identity, fighting discrimination and violence and promoting social acceptance around the world.



Puzzle July 2021



Across

1. 100 Romans abandon backers of pastry cooks (6)
4. Rise up! Dance around leading star (6)
9. “Rapunzel, Rapunzel, loosen up and have a good time!” (3,4,4,4)
10. Lied about Ned Kelly initially being related (6)
11. Were fowl mutilated by fictional creature? (8)
12. Grad is indeed humiliated (8)
14. Give pleasure to Donald Pleasence, partly at least (5)
15. Set off backwards to counterbalance (6)
18. Looking haggard? Let this glove throw down the challenge (8)
21. Can start to change and conduct business (8)
22. As leaving, decrease order (6)
24. Use computer technology to re-design furs on the work-wide-web (4,3,8)
25. Join up damaged tinsel (6)
26. Ass is first to help (6)

Down

1. Honey-makers make their home in this hairstyle (7)
2. Watercraft looks the same from top or bottom (5)
3. Grounded after losing top gear that was smooth and curved (7)
5. Stir up by including the right footrest for jockey (7)
6. Women tend to get agitated over bequest (9)
7. Lad weds in a strange way, and wastes time (7)
8. Defrosted and thrashed wheat before the first of December (6)
13. Rents fuel out, but is begrudging (9)
16. Type of teller that deals with great wealth (7)
17. Instructs to remove the end of tea chest (7)
18. Medieval period got head and tail removed from chick (6)
19. Latest reports keep up with romantic liaisons (7)
20. First woman to rest on high mountain (7)
23. Canine of royalty generally idolised at the start (5)

Are you interested in learning Dutch?



Recently some people approached us with the question: "Where in Canterbury can an adult attend in-person Dutch language classes?". Unfortunately, our answer had to be: "We are sorry but as far as we know, nowhere!" Which was not a very positive reply to put it mildly...

There is a variety of Dutch language classes available on the World Wide Web. Some of the organisations offering this kind of education are www.stichingnob.nl / www.learnndutch.org / www.taalthuis.com / www.dutchgrammar.com / www.duolingo.com but that is not what the people who contacted us are looking for. They want to talk Dutch face to face.

This prompted us to consider organising some classes ourselves. As the existing Dutch knowledge level of each person wanting to participate will vary, we might even have to set up different level groups.

The purpose of this article is to identify how many people are interested and whether it would be worthwhile starting to organise the classes. At this moment we do not have any information yet on the costs or the frequency of the classes as the whole concept is in an orienting stage.

If you are interested, please let us know by sending an email to Ingrid Rammers (infochapado@gmail.com) before the end of August.

Please include your **name** and your **phone number** and indicate what **Dutch language knowledge** you think you have. Please choose one or more of the following levels:

- 1 – No knowledge at all
- 2 – Basic writing skills
- 3 – Basic conversation skills
- 4 – Intermediate writing skills
- 5 – Intermediate conversation skills
- 6 – Advanced writing skills
- 7 – Advanced conversation skills

We also are looking for teachers!

Some persons already have indicated their willingness to be considered for the task but it would be great to have more people willing to teach. Thus, if you are interested in and able to teach or conversate in the Dutch language (you do not have to be a real 'professional'), we would be very pleased to hear from you! On behalf of the future participants, thank you very much!

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Tree removal

We, the committee of the Netherland Society, had to act quickly in making the decision about the tree removal of a damaged tree on the golf course as it had become a safety issue.

There was a great deal of wood once the tree was felled. The golf club was entitled to half of the wood and we the other half. We worked quickly to remove the excess wood.

Jan Hollestelle
Property Manager NSC

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The modern wonders!

When the BVN was still on the satellite, we were watching a Dutch movie,

In the movie somebody said something that sounded like google,

At the same moment my tablet lying next to me answered "can I help you" ???

Jan

Did you know...

There are over 1,000 windmills in the Netherlands!

The windmills traditionally harnessed the wind for a variety of purposes, such as grinding grain and draining wetlands, but there are only a few still in commercial operation.

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In Memoria

Trudo Johannes Wijlaars 9 August 1930 – 27 August 2021

Trudo was an ex-president/committee member and a founding member of the Christchurch Netherlands Association.

Please find below details about the memorial service in August for Trudo – all welcome.

August 15th at 2pm
St Gregory's Catholic Church, 26 Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale
Parking at rear of church

The family welcome contributions to the service, please contact them if you would like to speak or sing.

The family warmly invite you to gather with them afterwards at the Papanui Club, 310 Sawyers Arms Road, Bishopdale for refreshments, catch ups and reminiscing.

Feel free to share this invitation.

RSVP very much appreciated to help with catering.

RSVP to: Email: wylaarsfamily@gmail.com
Marina: 021-027-189-42 Jozefa: 0274-680-332



New members welcome!

Are you or a friend considering becoming a member of the NSC?

For more info contact the Membership Secretary: 022 362 3411, secretary.nsc@gmail.com

Post this application to: Miryam Denny, PO Box 35177, Christchurch 8640

Or, email application to: secretary.nsc@gmail.com



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Age Group: (Please tick and add in the number applicable to each category)

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