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Greetings everyone

I trust you are all well and enjoying this beautiful spring weather, although for some of us it does bring on severe bouts of hay-fever. Do however take the time to smell the gorgeous scents of those beautiful blossoms before they all start to fall.

This week for me has sparked a lot of thought processes about how and why my parents decided to emigrate to New Zealand. Part of my memory came about when my younger brother and I were talking about who held all the family photos and mementos of when my parents came to New Zealand, for instance the certificate that my mother received when she crossed the equator. My parents and our family's story will of course be different to so many others, so I'm curious to explore that with many of you as to why you came to New Zealand. Or maybe you are the children of parents who immigrated who may have subsequently passed away. What was their story? It would be fantastic to share those stories and insights with everyone.

I am sure you will enjoy reading the story about Susan and Darren Mullink, or should we say Sanne and Guido, two of our supporters and advertisers in the ECHO on pages 12&13, and why they came to New Zealand.



Enjoy the November edition of the ECHO and we look forward to seeing you at the various events around the club in the month of December.

Best regards

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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

President's greeting



Dee Segeren

President

Netherlands Society
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Hallo beste mensen

Op zaterdag 16 oktober is Annie van der Dussen benoemd tot Lid in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau. Lees hierover op pagina's 6&7.

Allereerst wil ik even vragen: "Heeft het broodje zoute haring gesmaakt?". U heeft even geduld moeten hebben, maar het is beloofd. 60 zoute haringen hebben menig keeltje dorstig gemaakt. Ook voor de markt op 14 november, zijn ze van de partij. Ook de erwtensoepp vond gretig aftrek. Ook een delicatessen die menigeen onder u aan "thuis" doet denken.

Ik heb er al eens eerder uw aandacht voor gevraagd, maar wij – moeten het weer aan de orde stellen: "cleaning up after yourself". Lees hierover op pagina 15.

Ik heb u de afgelopen maanden op de hoogte gehouden over de ontwikkelingen met betrekking tot BVN. De ambassade heeft onze overkoepelende Federatie van de definitieve beslissing op de hoogte gesteld. De Federatie op haar beurt, heeft de "uitslag" naar alle clubs doorgestuurd. Helaas is de definitieve beslissing niet positief. Lees hierover op de volgende pagina's.

Op dit moment zijn er 10 leden die hun lidmaatschap nog steeds niet hebben betaald. We hebben tijdens de laatste bestuursvergadering gezegd: genoeg is genoeg. We moeten ergens een streep trekken, dus vanaf deze maand zullen zij geen Echo meer ontvangen. Wij – NSC – zijn hierbij zeker niet over een nacht ijs gegaan. We hebben iedereen een brief gestuurd en met een telefoontje opgevolgd, maar het houdt een keer op en die keer is nu. Het is jammer maar helaas.

Onze editor Meri opperde het idee om mensen te Interviewen met de vraag "Waarom bent u naar Nieuw Zeeland verhuisd?". We verwachten vele interessante verhalen. Dus als u een telefoontje van Meri krijgt, dan weet u waarom ze belt. Ik hoop dat u hieraan mee wilt werken. De eerste bijdrage leest u op pagina 12&13.

In Christchurch is een nieuw Dutch cafe geopend. Euro Gourmet Meats – de slager die elke maand op onze markt de Nederlandse producten verkoopt – heeft op locatie 303 Colombo Street, The Dutch Cafe geopend. De koffie is bruin.

"Windmill on Marshland" heeft helaas achterstand opgelopen door COVID, maar het is "a project in progress".

Als ik dit report schrijf heeft de ANCM die door de Federatie NZ/NL wordt georganiseerd, nog niet plaats gevonden. De vergadering is gepland op 30 oktober. Aangezien er nog geen agenda is verstuurd, kan ik u niet veel informatie geven. Wat er in ieder geval zal worden besproken:

- Dutch week 2022
- Voorstel om de Federatie's constitutie aan te passen

Wat wij – NSC – aan de orde willen stellen:

- Overkoepelende website die informatie geeft over alle societies in Nieuw Zeeland
- Vice-President Zuid Eiland
- De Schakel
- BVN

Ik zal u in mijn report in November's Echo, verslag uitbrengen.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee



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Dr Joost de Bruin
President of the Federation of New Zealand,
Netherlands Societies, Inc

18 september 2021

Geachte Joost de Bruin,

Dank voor u brief over de zorg binnen de Nederlandse gemeenschap in Nieuw Zeeland over het niet langer aanbieden van BVN via de satelliet. In augustus heb ik deze zorgen en de specifieke context ook aan mijn collega's in Den Haag overgebracht.

Het is jammer dat Vlaanderen uit BVN stapt. Met BVN halen veel Nederlanders en Belgen in het buitenland hun thuisland even in huis. Het is aan de NPO om te beslissen wat het wegvallen van de financiering uit Vlaanderen betekent voor de programmering en het bereik van BVN, mits men aan het wettelijk kader voldoet. De NPO heeft het Ministerie van Onderwijs en Wetenschappen laten weten dat verbindingen met een aantal overzeese gebieden niet langer meer in stand kunnen worden gehouden nu men alleen opdraait voor de kosten. Dit geldt helaas ook voor Nieuw Zeeland. Wel stelde NPO er alles aan te doen om zoveel mogelijk Nederlanders in het buitenland te blijven vermaken met Nederlandse programma's, o.a. via het internet. Over de wijze waarop dit is geregeld en voor nadere informatie over de kwestie wil ik u verwijzen naar de beantwoording van vragen in de Tweede Kamer door Minister Slob. Ik heb de beantwoording als bijlage toegevoegd.

Met vriendelijke groeten,

Mira Woldberg
Ambassadeur

Vragen gesteld door de leden der Kamer, met de daarop door de regering gegeven antwoorden

3904

Vragen van de leden **Wuite** en **Sjoerdsma** (beiden D66) aan de Ministers voor Basis- en Voortgezet Onderwijs en Media en van Buitenlandse Zaken over *het verdwijnen van BVN* (ingezonden 12 juli 2021).

Antwoord van Minister **Slob** (Basis- en Voortgezet Onderwijs en Media), mede namens Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken (ontvangen 3 september 2021). Zie ook Aanhangsel Handelingen, vergaderjaar 2020–2021, nr. 3636.

Vraag 1

Heeft u kennisgenomen van de brief van de Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland (SNBN) van 29 juni jl. inzake onbereikbaarheid BVN per 1 juli 2021 voor Nederlanders buiten Nederland?¹

Antwoord 1

Ja.

Vraag 2, 3 en 4

Bent u bekend met het feit dat met het wegvallen van BVN via de satelliet per 1 juli jl. veel Nederlanders geen toegang meer hebben tot kwalitatief en onafhankelijk nieuws, actualiteitenprogramma's, informatie over politieke partijen, Dodenherdenking, Prinsjesdag, Andere Tijden en andere Nederlandse programma's?

Bent u het ermee eens dat met het wegvallen van de BVN-satellietverbinding voor veel Nederlanders in veel delen in de wereld, het de facto onmogelijk voor hen geworden is om BVN-programmering te ontvangen nu in veel delen van de wereld toegang tot breedband internet überhaupt niet of onvoldoende bestaat en/of financieel niet haalbaar is voor de Nederlander ter plaatse?

Bent u het ermee eens dat de BVN programmering volledig en daadwerkelijk bereikbaar moet blijven voor alle Nederlanders wereldwijd? Zo nee, waarom niet? Zo ja, op welke wijze bent u bereid dit te herstellen?

¹ Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland, 29 juni 2021, «Onbereikbaarheid BVN per 1 juli voor Nederlanders buiten Nederland», <https://www.nederlandersbuitennederland.nl/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Brief-cie-BZ-OCW-inzake-BVN-SNBN-juni-2021.pdf>



Medal for the Member in Order of Orange Nassau. Photo credit: Pete Knuiman



Annie and her proud family. Photo credit: Pete Knuiman

Annie van der Dussen - Member in the Order of Orange Nassau

It has been 7 years since Yoka took the initiative to instigate this award and finally on Saturday night 16 October there was a big announcement at the Everglades Clubhouse after the play "Lockdown" by Toenail Culture Ale.

Ambassador Mira Woldberg – cited that in view of the extraordinary significance of Annie's activities for the Society and for the relations between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and New Zealand – she had the honour to announce that His Majesty King Willem-Alexander has graciously approved to appoint Annie van der Dussen a Member in the Order of Orange Nassau.

As we all know Annie has been a cornerstone of the Dutch community in Christchurch for more than 30 years. For more than 25 years Annie has been very active in the committee of the Netherlands Society, including: as President, in the Neerlandia Choir and the Youth Choir and even up until today she still volunteers to visit Dutch migrants in need of support or company. Annie has opened her house for many visitors, including for members of the Dutch jeugdkoor De Oosterhouse Nachtegalen during their two tours to New Zealand in 2011 and 2018. Wim Schoones and his Oosterhoutse Nachtegalen created, sang and recorded a beautiful homage for Annie.

Annie established the Toenail Culture Ale Group 20 years ago. She was also part of the establishment of the Orange committee for the Dutch Queen's birthday celebrations along with Arie van der Wiel and Gerald van Looy.

Annie is a "Jack of all trades" and we love and admire her immensely for that.

On behalf of all members, we – the NSC committee - want to congratulate Annie with this well-deserved acknowledgement.



Read more about
Annie's award on
Stuff.co.nz

[https://www.stuff.co.nz/
the-press/news/126732594/
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Take a moment to step back during Lockdown

By Miryam Denny.

It's so easy to get caught up in our own personal situation, that sometimes we forget to walk in someone else's shoes. Remember that each of us experience lockdown differently. Just because someone doesn't say something, doesn't mean everything in their life is 'ok'.

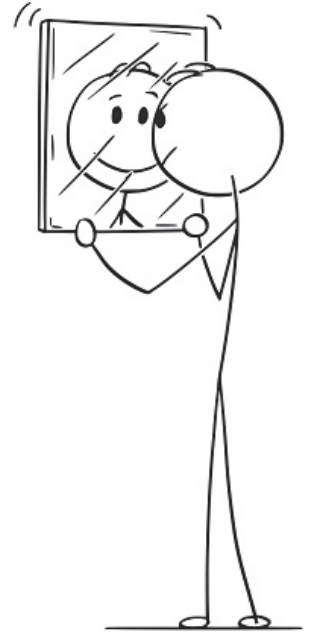
We each need to recognize when we are (unintentionally) part of a problem and not the solution. We can all dig our heels in and be inflexible, but if experience has taught us anything, it's usually because we are stressed ourselves. The lesson here is that we need to take care of ourselves first, and then take care of others.

It is a bit about **self-reflection** when you look to help others. It's about knowing when and how we can help each other, and in a way that is positive, caring and most importantly guilt free.

It's important to adjust your expectations of yourself and others during this time. Your personal, physical, mental, and emotional health is far more important than anything else right now.

You will be kind to yourself and not judge how you are coping based on how you see others coping, and vice versa, you will be kind to others and not judge how they are coping based on how you are coping.

We're all in this boat together. We zitten allemaal in dezelfde boot.



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What's On!

Mystery Bus Trip



Wednesday 17 November 2021

On the 17th November we will be going on another mystery bus tour.

On the last tour we went via the Summit Road over to Birdlings Flat where we stopped for morning tea and a visit to the very interesting fossil museum. On the way we had also stopped at the Sign of the Bellbird to admire the views.

From here it was on to Lincoln for lunch and Eric (our driver and tour guide) surprised us with the opportunity to play a nice game of Petanque.

We don't know where Eric is going to take us on this next tour, but we are sure it will be another lovely day out.

You can still book for the two available days but you will have to be quick as there is a limit of 24 people. The dates of the tours are Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th of November.

Cost \$20pp. Morning tea provided.
BYO lunch or buy on the way.

For bookings, please contact Annie:
Ph: 383 1594 or mob: 021 062 5656

Don't forget the 6-day Dutch Club Southern Memories Tour bus trip.

If you haven't booked yet, please get in touch with Annie to ensure you have a place on this trip. You can find all of the details in the October ECHO. In summary:

6 days, 8-13th November inclusive, \$1190PP

Dutch Market



Sunday 14 November 2021

10am-12.30pm

Poffertjes, een broodje kroket, witlof, kaas, broodje haring en allerlei lekkere Nederlandse etenswaren.

Please note: The 14 November is the last market in 2021 and the next one is on 13 February 2022.

Youth of Yesterday



Every Friday morning, 9.30am-2pm.

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. **3 groups operating: cards, adult colouring in, rummicub**

Maybe you would just like to get out of the house for a coffee and chat with a group of friends, or maybe you are a group of knitters, crochet, etc.

Phone Lilian for information: 381-0218

Sinterklaas Afternoon for the Seniors



**Sunday 28 November,
NSC Clubrooms, 637 Marshland Rd.**

Starts at 2pm.

Afternoon tea will be served and the bar will be open.

Sinterklaas with his helpers will pay us a visit and everyone receives a little gift.

Cost is \$5 pp

Please book with Annie before 24 November.

For more info please call Annie:
Ph: 383 1594 or mob: 021 062 5656

Sinterklaas Picnic



**Sunday 5 December
At the grounds of the Netherlands Society Christchurch at
637 Marshland Road.**

Games will start at 11.30 am and we expect Sinterklaas with his helpers around 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome and all children up to 12 years old can participate in the games.

All children receive a bag of lollies, a juice and an ice block.

It is free for children of members and \$5 for children of non-members.

For more info please call Annie:
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Christmas BBQ



Sunday 19 December

Importance Notice:

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Please keep an eye on the NSC Facebook page for announcements about cancellations.

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What brought Susan and Darren Mullink to NZ?

We are Guido and Sanne (or the Kiwi's know us as Darren and Susan). We moved to New Zealand almost 9 years ago. We started in Christchurch and moved to North Canterbury 6 years later. We now live in The Pines Beach with our 2 kiwi kids and really enjoy it!

We have been a member of the Netherlands Society for over 8 years, and you might have seen our advertisements in the Echo. Meri asked us if we could write something about ourselves, so that the other members would get to know us a bit more.

People always ask us, what brought you to New Zealand? We visited New Zealand in 2010 for a 6-week holiday and like so many others, we fell in love with the country. Unfortunately, at that time there were no options for us to stay and start a new life in New Zealand.

But then the February 2011 earthquake hit the Christchurch area. There was a huge lack of trades people to build up the city again. Guido has been a qualified painter most of his working life, so with his skills we were able to fulfil our dream and move to New Zealand.

After having worked for a few businesses in the Christchurch area, Guido decided to become self-employed. This resulted in the creation of Mulholland Painting Solutions in January 2016.

Sanne has been in the sales industry for a long time; first in recruitment, then she worked for a Christchurch company that makes additive-free baking products. About two years ago, she started her real estate career. She has been helping vendors and buyers in Christchurch and North Canterbury with the sale and purchase of properties and providing information and advice about real estate.

We added our 6-year-old son Ben and 4-year-old daughter Yula to the mix. We teach them the Dutch language and in return they help us to improve our English language skills! We both find it very important that the kids 'sniff up' as much of the Dutch culture as possible, so we try to attend the events organised by the Netherlands Society as often as we can. And of course, we make sure that

they get their portion of Dutch food; boerenkool met rookworst is their favourite meal, and so are dropjes and pepernoten!

We are both proud of our Dutch roots and want to pass our Dutch traditions onto our children. That is also the main reason why we support the Netherlands Society. Without their activities it is much harder to bring the kids in contact with the Dutch habits, culture, and Dutch language. My son was quite surprised that there were other people, apart from his parents, who speak Dutch!

You will see us often at the markets and we will definitely attend the Sinterklaas celebration (if this doesn't get cancelled due to covid). We're happy to be part of the Dutch community and will continue to support the Netherlands Society whenever we can!



What's been happening around the Club?

Review of Neerlandia Choir recital

On Sunday the 3rd of October the Neerlandia choir had their yearly concert in the club rooms followed by afternoon tea.

Although the choir is smaller than in previous years, they still put on a lovely concert together with several new songs and even involved the audience with the very up-beat song, the "Wellerman".

The choir has now started practicing for the Christmas celebration. We welcome people who would like to join us, even it is only for the Christmas celebration.

Every Wednesday evening under the guidance of Teresa Jones and Michael Zon we practice in the club rooms at 637 Marshland Road, from 7pm till 9pm with a short break for a cuppa and a biscuit.

This year the Christmas celebration will be on Wednesday the 22nd of December in the St. John Church, Ferry Road.

For more info please contact Annie:
Ph: 383 1594 or mobile: 021 062 565



A captivated audience listens to the Neerlandia choir. Photo credit: Pete Knuiman

Clean up after yourself!

Elke keer als we het clubgebouw binnen lopen, zeggen we: "wat zijn we toch rijk met zo'n mooi gebouw". Alle affiliated clubs mogen er gratis gebruik van maken:

- Klaverjas club Ons Genoegen
- Youth of Yesterday
- Toneel club
- Zang koor

Wat we daarvoor alleen als tegenprestatie vragen: laat de hal schoon achter als je vertrek. Dus geen kruimels op de grond en stoelen.

Het is toch niet teveel gevraagd om de zaal op te ruimen na gebruik.

Iedereen weet waar de bezemkast is: tussen de dames en heren toiletten. De stofzuiger hoeft ook geen gebruiksaanwijzing, dus kleine moeite. Komen de volgende gebruikers in een schone hal.



Ons clubgebouw wordt maandelijks professioneel schoongemaakt, maar wij Nederlands zijn toch niet te mooi "to clean up after ourselves"?

Dankjulliewel namens Dee & Pete (responsible for the hall hire).

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Vaccine update from Annie

Recently I had my covid vaccination.

I am sure that in time to come when you want to travel you will need some sort of vaccination passport.

And then it occurred to me that my **Dutch passport is in my maiden name** and on the vaccination papers I had my married name. It might be a good idea to think about that and have your vaccination passport in your maiden name. I have been talking to a lot of people about this topic and some have thought about it and others not, and that is why I wanted to share this little snippet of information with you all.

Vaccine rates in New Zealand compared with the Netherlands.

As at today's date and after "super Saturday", New Zealand is sitting at 86% first dose and hopeful of getting to 90% in the next few weeks. We couldn't find accurate data on the numbers vaccinated in the Netherlands, so we thought we would just give you a quick global update. This information is of course changing daily, but as at the 20/10/21 these were the statistics according to the World Health Organisation.

239,437,517 confirmed cases globally
4,879,235 deaths globally

Here is a really interesting statistic of the global situation:

Americas: **91,875,767***

Europe: **72,855,186***

South-East Asia: **43,523,205***

Eastern Mediterranean: **16,069,482***

Western Pacific: **9,011,031***

Africa: **6,102,082***

* Confirmed. Source: World Health Organization



“Lost and found” or is it “Missing Pieces”?

Many of you will no doubt have watched these wonderful television series hosted by David Lomas. Well we have our own hunt for a missing family link.

We have a request below, let's hope you can help out or may know of some tenuous connection to this family.

OPROEP van Hans Hoen

LOOKING FOR Fam. Ton en May van Rooijen-Simmelink in Christchurch.

I am interested in finding the family van Rooijen-Simmelink. Married to Maria 'May' Simmelink in 1945, Ton was born in Jutphaas (prov. Utrecht) and emigrated to New Zealand.

I know they have one daughter named Loes.

I am interested in de papers of WO 2 of the time that Ton was in Huissen, in 1938-1940. He was ir. and was stationed at the Looweer in Huissen.

Perhaps the family van Rooijen in Christchurch has some papers of that. I have tried to locate them via hr. Harrie Simmelink in Roermond but without results.

Please have them contact me at the below email or via the NSC Secretary.

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