



NETHERLANDS
SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)
GEYSER NEWS
February, March and April 2022

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Happy New Year to you all and let's hope we get through 2022 without any lockdowns. We are in a fortunate position to stay in a Low-level Covid-19: (Delta, Omicron) Country and be able to get out and about as normal, not like other countries where Covid is spreading rapidly. Keep using the Covid App. as it only takes a few seconds of your time. Members who like to come to the club to attend an event: You Have to be Vaccinated twice and preferable a booster as well.



Buissink Family



Riet Minnaard



Christmas Lunch



FAREWELL 2021



WELCOME TO A BETTER 2022

HELLO 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:



The Market Day will go ahead under the Current Covid-19 Red Light Traffic System and Conditions. This includes being Fully Vaccinated to enter the clubrooms. If the Government changes the Traffic Light conditions system please check their website at the time. <http://covid19.govt.nz>trafficlight> or phone a committee member. You are required to Produce a Vaccine Pass.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday 12 FEBRUARY Market Day,
10:00am-12:00 noon



ALKMAAR

Saturday 9 APRIL Market Day,
10:00am-12:00 noon



HAARLEM

ROTORUA

D U T C H – W E E K

Saturday 23 April – Sunday 1 May

KING'S BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 30 APRIL

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 orange clothing.

With other words: **PLEASE DRESS UP AND HAVE FUN**

POT-LUCK LUNCH



ORANGE FUN BIKE RIDE: SUNDAY 1 MAY

In Conjunctions with Dutch Week, the Embassy has asked all clubs to organise an Orange Bike Ride to celebrate everything Dutch. We have decided to organise this event for you young at heart Members and "hangers on" for Sunday 1st May 2022. This will be a fun leisurely, social bike ride with stops for coffee, lunch and even maybe a drink or 2 at a local bar on the way home. (Pay your own way). Wear something orange or deck your bike out in orange, or both to get into the spirit of this event. This is not a race, very leisurely, any bike will do an e-bike or push-bike, you can take a friend, they don't have to be Dutch! The route will be flat all the way and 90% ridden on cycle ways or bike trails around Rotorua. At this stage we will meet at the Dutch Club at 10am and with social stops be back at the



club rooms around 3pm.

KEEP THIS DAY FREE AS WE WILL CONFIRM MEETING TIMES ETC. IN NEXT NEWSLETTER THAT IS DUE MID APRIL Any queries please feel free to contact Jo on 0276684521 or 3482280

We won't have the Car Rally in March but we will have this one in September / October. Hank and Ina will continue with the very popular Car Rally. It will be a difficult task to follow in the foot-steps of Ted and Margaret who always organised the excellent Car Rallies. Thank you so much for this.



ATTENTION!

1st Coffee Morning of the year will be 1 February 2022



Coffee Morning Every 1st Tuesday at 10 am

Member Profile



We would like to introduce you to:



Truus and Koos Brasser

Back in the fifties Koos worked on an acoustical laboratory. It was interesting and he loved it. It all came to an abrupt end when Koos was called up for military service. Koos was given a good job in aircraft position and approach because of his knowledge and experience. Koos, however, was not very happy anymore with the way things were going in The Netherlands. The Only Way Out Was To Immigrate into another Country. Of all countries New Zealand was the most interesting. Truus was very much involved with the girl guides. Truus and Koos talked about their Immigration to New Zealand and as they were already engaged made it easier to make a decision. Yes the decision was made and New Zealand was calling. Koos arrived in New Zealand in 1953 and Truus a year later in 1954.

Truus and Koos got married in New Zealand and they were blessed with three girls. Truus got involved with the girl guides again and was away many weekends to a camp somewhere. They needed Truus very much as she was the only person in their area holding a camping licence. Koos' second job was transporting gear to a campsite and putting up tents. This was all done after work on a Friday. Koos heard about a new material that was invented called Fibreglass. This material does not rot or rust and knowing Koos he saw a good future in this material.

About 20 years later they moved to Rotorua and again they were members of the Dutch club. Camping was in their blood and with their bus they travelled all through New Zealand. Now they have moved back to Auckland and living in a very nice unit in Ons Dorp.



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Important dates

Pop Up consular desks

Auckland
22 & 23 February
Holland House

Christchurch
19 April
Netherlands Society

Hamilton
15 June
Zenders

Tip of the month

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news:
Embassy of the Netherlands in New Zealand

DUTCH WEEK

23 April - 1 May 2022

The program for the Dutch week is starting to take form!

Saturday 23 April	Opening and Big Dutch Day Out Foxton
	Official Opening Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington
Monday 25 April	ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 26 April	DBA event in Auckland
Wednesday 27 April	Kingsday Start orange lights around the country
Thursday 28 April	Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington
Friday 29 April	Speech competition Dutch Language Day
Saturday 30 April	Nationwide Dutch Bike Ride Vrijmarkten Kingsday Party Auckland Christchurch Kingsday party
Sunday 1 May	Closing Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington 4th May Commemoration Auckland

More information to come soon on [Dutch Connections \(dutchnz.nz\)](https://dutchnz.nz)

Meet the team!

We would like to introduce you to the consular team at the Embassy.

Hanneke Koolen, Senior Consular Officer, our longest running consular team member, she joined the team in 2015.

Petra Verdoorn, Senior Consular Officer has been with the team for 5,5 years

Jaco van der Walt, Senior Consular Officer, who joined us in 2019.

Maartje Thorns is our Operational Manager & Head of Consular Affairs, she has been at the Embassy for almost 11 years

We are here to help and we look forward meeting you either at the Embassy or at one of our Pop Up Consular desks.

Activating your DigiD

Did you know that your DigiD activation code can now be collected via a video call with a 24/7 Netherlands Worldwide staff member. This means that you don't need to travel to a DigiD collection point. You need the activation code to activate your DigiD.

Visit our website for more information

www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/living-working/digid/collecting-your-digid-activation-code-via-video-call



BINGO The Bingo afternoons have stopped. The Bingo players decided to end this “once in a month” game as only a few players were left to attend.

BUYING A BOX OF CROQUETTES

This has to be ordered by Anneke, 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.



The Rotorua Walking Festival is on 19, and 20 March 2022:
www.rotoruawalkingfestival.org.nz

Federation Facebook Page: dutchcommunities.co.nz

Website: www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz

Events & News

History

Nationality Website: www.bit.ly/nationaliteit

Double Nationality for Dutch Citizens

[Twee apps in ontwikkeling voor het bewijs van in leven zijn](#)

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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.

I like to thank all our Committee Members and Volunteers who have worked very hard for us members in 2021. It is amazing that they always find some spare time between their day time jobs. Our Bingo get-to-gathers have come to an end but the coffee morning is still going strong.

Hank and I are going away with the camper  in February and March and for that reason the car-rally will be in September or October. Enjoy the rest of the summers take car and stay Healthy.



Ina Kroese