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Irene Schouten won gold in the women's 3000m speed skating event, as she finished the race with an Olympic record of three minutes and 56.93 seconds.
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Editor's note

Greetings in the third month of this year, the time is certainly flying by very fast.

Unfortunately, a number of events across Canterbury and New Zealand have had to be cancelled due to the current red light setting and ongoing issues with Omicron, however, we will be holding as many events as we can under these conditions.

I have been lucky to be able to travel around the South Island in February on many fun adventures, we sure do live in a very big slice of paradise. I highly recommend a helicopter ride to Franz Josef Glacier if you ever find yourself in that part of the West Coast.

It's been an amazing 16 days for the Netherlands athletes that competed at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. You can read more about this on page 12 & 13.

We also have another article that we are sharing about one of our diasporas our very own Hedwig of Lekker Dutch You can read about this on pages 4-7. This article appeared on the Netherlands Facebook page in February. We are always happy to support you putting forward your story about your life in New Zealand, why you came here, what drew you to this country or what drew your family to this country.

Please do not hesitate to share any stories with us as we are always looking for content for the ECHO.



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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
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Hello dear members,

We – the committee of NSC – had our first meeting on 8 February. It's always nice to see everyone back, refreshed and re-charged to take "the bull by the horns" for another year.

As we want to keep the "fun times" going – especially in this COVID era – we planned well ahead for gatherings and events. Have a read on page 9 for what's coming up.

It is not easy planning future activities, as COVID is still around and nobody knows what will happen in the next couple of months. Between Echo's we will update our Facebook page with the most up-to-date information. Of course, we are aware not everyone uses FB, I don't 😊. So, if you want to know if a gathering / event still goes ahead and Facebook is not part of your day-to-day life, please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

On Sunday 13 February we organized our first Dutch market of 2022. It was a wet and cold day. There were quite a few people who expected the market to be cancelled. Luckily, we have enough inside space and can provide all stall holders with one, two or even five tables, so there is no reason to cancel if the weather does not play ball. It was nice to see people enjoying broodje haring and / or broodje kroket / fricandel again. Those are such a treat.

We also want to thank the mystery person who surprised us with all kinds of beautiful and nice gifts. When we arrived for our committee meeting, several boxes were left outside the entrance door. I must admit that 9 out of 10 times this is not very exciting. Because most of the times the boxes are filled with books that have been gifted because people moved house, or in a sadder circumstance when a family member passed away and did not want their books to be binned. This time however, it felt like X-mas. On behalf of the committee, a big THANK YOU to this mysterious person. We really appreciate your gifts and I can assure you they will be used.

The golf club informed us they have a big pile of bark to give away. It's a great way to cover weeds. You will see the pile beside our container.

It's also that time of the year again to pay for your membership contribution or advertisement. As you know a family membership is \$42 and a single \$30. The cost of an ad in Echo is depending on the size. Shortly you will receive your invoice for 2022 – 2023. Your membership card – when we received your payment – will be added into the same envelope as the invite for our June's AGM meeting. If we do not receive your payment before 01 June 2022, we assume you no longer want to be a member of NSC and we will remove you from our membership list.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee

Introducing...

Hedwig from Lekker Dutch



Continuing with our “getting to know you” series we publish here the article that was posted in Netherlands Embassy FB page in February of our very own Hedwig from Lekker Dutch.

When I look at one of my earliest photos, I was 2, I was tied to a long rope while on holiday with my family. My mum told me I went missing and after a search, with the help of other people, they found me near a train rail line. I remember it, the walking, wandering, free, alone, curious what was over that hill, down that path and then being found, I can imagine my mama in tears and how horrible she must have felt. And even though I loved growing up in Amsterdam in the Netherlands feeling free and safe, I always felt that I was born in the wrong country, I needed to roam.



From watching Elvis movies, we fantasised about Hawaii where the sun always shines, and you could live on coconuts and pineapples. Gregory, my husband, heard the stories of the Kon tiki in primary school and dreamed of sailing off to far away islands in the Pacific.

February 1991, with our daughter only 1 year old, we decided that we had saved enough money to travel the Pacific Islands and discover NZ. I loved all of it and in NZ I felt like I was finally home. I wanted to stay and live on love, but there was a huge difference in how the travel world worked in those days as there was no internet and calling our families in Europe was very expensive especially from the islands with satellite telephone. After the money was gone, we returned to Europe to make more money to move to NZ.



14 years, 2 businesses and one more child later, we sold our furniture/interior design store, "Nuts Design", packed up our stuff, had a goodbye party, booked our tickets and left NL on Koninginnedag 2005.



September 2005, we landed in NZ after traveling around the islands and started touring the South Island in a campervan for 3 weeks to decide where

we wanted to live. Dunedin would be it. The beach, beautiful historic buildings and the fact that a traffic jam was 3 cars and the people we met were all so nice.

After 6 months in NZ, we went back to Amsterdam to get our household and filled a container. My mother came with us for 3 months on the journey back to NZ, via Hawaii, so we could make lots of memories to last us a while.

Somewhere in 2009 or 2010 I participated in a design project with Johanna Zellmer, "Forged" (<https://www.objectspace.org.nz/exhibitions/forged/>) where she explores identity and specifically people that could not hold dual citizenship, see episode 10 of series 1 Neighbourhoods, presented by Kees Meeuws, former Highlanders player. (<https://www.nzonscreen.com/.../neighbourhood-north-dunedin-se...>)

December 2011, after 6 years in Dunedin, and just graduated with a bachelor's degree in product design, we moved to Christchurch to help with the rebuild after the big earthquake, Gregory had already left in July to start work. We soon settled in Christchurch, it is flat, I can cycle here, and our son could make his own way to high school.

February 2012, things weren't great in NL, my mum had booked tickets to NZ twice in 2011 and cancelled too as she was not well at all. The doctors could not figure out what was ailing her the last 12 months. I had only been in Christchurch 2 days and my sisters said I had to come to NL immediately, I had to make, highly likely, my last visit to my mother.

Over the 2 months I was there, she was finally diagnosed, and she was on her way to recovery. This visit made it clear, we were too far away, we missed family enormously especially at birthdays and other celebrations even though we had found great friends and community in both Dunedin and Christchurch. This is something we didn't consider when we went in search of a new lifestyle.

March 2014, my sister, a regular visitor to our shores, said she was finally coming to live in NZ, she had wanted to move here long before we did, and I couldn't be more excited. One month later she was diagnosed with cancer and 6 months later when I was supposed to embrace her at the NZ airport, I embraced her on her deathbed in NL.

September 2014, one week before I travelled to NL to see my sister, I had just started out a stall with our son at the Saturday Christchurch Farmers Market to sell juices and smoothies. After a few months we introduced poffertjes because he loved them, and it was a way to keep him connected to Dutch food.

Not long after, our son got a full-time job so Gregory joined me at the market, he introduced his very own mastered recipe of oliebollen. I researched poffertjes history and recipes. We have our customers, children big AND small, hooked on our poffertjes served with salted butter and icing sugar. At the market we meet a lot of Dutch Kiwis who would love to learn to speak Dutch and we find that almost everyone has an oma and/or opa or a neighbour introducing them to Dutch food.



June 2016 we were ready for something new and during my design study in Dunedin I explored repurposing empty heritage buildings, discovering 23 Mandeville Street, a colourless empty villa, we decided to change our life and go into the hospitality business. Using our interior design skills, we turned the drab colours of the heritage listed villa to pink (this was the original colour) and Villa 23 was born, a vegetarian café using local products from the Christchurch farmers-market and in 2017 I made it into a Dutch café and shop.

One month after opening, we got a great surprise, our daughter and her third generation Dutch-Kiwi partner, told us they were expecting their baby and in August 2017 we welcomed our first granddaughter. I was immediately very eager to sell the business as I wanted to be full-time oma.

January 2018 my 80-year-old mama unexpectedly died. Gregory and I travelled to NL to be there with family for the service and while we were there in her belongings, I found an album. She had documented every email and every photo we had sent during our travels, what a treasure.

May 2020, we sold the café-business, after lockdown and exactly one week before our second granddaughter was born, happy days.

January 2022, luckily our story doesn't end there. Gregory still operates his decorating business and on Saturdays you can find us at the Christchurch farmers market on Kahu Road, with our LekkerDutch poffertjes, oliebollen and broodjes kroket and every 2nd Sunday at the Dutch Society on 637 Marshlands Road, except this February we will be having a little holiday getting prepared for our latest venture, turning vans into tiny living spaces so we can explore this beautiful country.

Hedwig, Christchurch NZ 2022



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Lijkt het je wat om je nederlands op een leuke, gezellige manier op te halen, te testen, te verbeteren of bij te houden?

Lijkt het je wat om origineel nederlands toneel te beleven?

Dat kan in NZ alleen in Christchurch!

Je kunt repetities bijwonen. Of je kan helpen met de techniek of het décor.

Of je kan spelen of gewoon naar de voorstelling komen!!

We zijn in de Everglades; vanaf woensdag 2 maart, 19.30uur.

Voor informatie bel Annie, mob: 021-0625656





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Youth of Yesterday 2022



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- cards - Klaverjas
- adult colouring in
- rummikub
- golfers

Maybe you would just like to get out of the house for a coffee and chat speaking Dutch/English with a group of friends, or maybe you are a group of knitters, crochet, etc. You are most welcome.

We have plenty of space.

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Even Bij Kletsen



Last year while 'Dutch language lessons' were discussed some of the older generation said they would be interested in conversing in (and thereby teaching) Dutch with those wanting to learn. This could be at their home (gezellig een bakkie doen) or once Covid allows it, out and about.

If there are any people who would still enjoy that, please contact me so I can see if I can match you up with any of the people wanting to learn to speak Dutch.

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Dutch Market

Sunday 13 March 2022 / 10 April 2022
10am-12.30pm

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

Staying in touch

Dear members,

For any changes to your address, email or phone number, or if you want to change how you receive the Echo, please contact the NSC secretary. We are responsible for the membership list and all changes need to go via the secretary.

Thank you.

Beste mensen,

Kunt u aub de secretaresse informeren wanneer u uw adres, email of telefoonnummer wijzigt, of wanneer u de Echo via email in plaats van de post wilt ontvangen. Wij zijn verantwoordelijk voor het bijhouden van de ledenlijst, en alle veranderingen worden aangebracht door de secretaresse.

Alvast bedankt.



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Netherlands success at the Winter Olympics



The Netherlands competed at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing China from the 4th to the 20th of February 2022.

The Netherlands won eight gold medals at these games matching the gold medal hauls from 2014 and 2018 although the total number of medals won decreased from 24 in 2014 to 20 in 2018 and 17 in 2022.

When you listened to the commentary of the Winter Olympics it was often mentioned how wonderful the speedskating program is in the Netherlands and how the Netherlands allow other countries like Belgium to send their speedskaters to participate in this program. You certainly saw the dividends of this program at the Winter Olympics.

The following is the list of number of competitors participating at the Games per sport/discipline.

Sport	Men	Women	Total
Alpine Skiing	1	1	2
Bobsleigh	4	1	5
Figure Skating	0	1	1
Short Track and Speed Skating	5	5	10
Skeleton	0	1	1
Snowboarding	2	2	4
Speed Skating	9	9	18
Total	21	20	41

The following Dutch competitors won medals at the games.

Medal	Name	Sport	Event
Gold	Irene Schouten	Speed Skating	3,000m
Gold	Ireen Wüst	Speed Skating	1500m
Gold	Kjeld Nuis	Speed Skating	1500m
Gold	Irene Schouten	Speed Skating	5,000m
Gold	Suzanne Shulting	Short Track Speed Skating	1,000m
Gold	Suzanne Shulting, Selma Poutsma, Xandra Velzeboer, Yara van Kerkhof	Short Track Speed Skating	3,000m relay
Gold	Thomas Krol	Speed Skating	1,000m
Gold	Irene Schouten	Speed Skating	Mass start
Silver	Patrick Roest	Speed Skating	5,000m
Silver	Patrick Roest	Speed Skating	10,000m
Silver	Suzanne Shulting	Short Track Speed Skating	500m
Silver	Thomas Krol	Speed Skating	1,500m
Silver	Jutta Leerdam	Speed Skating	1,000m
Bronze	Antoinette de Jong	Speed Skating	1,500m
Bronze	Kimberley Bos	Skeleton	Womens
Bronze	Marijke Groenewoud, Antoinette de Jong, Irene Schouten Ireen Wüst	Speed Skating	Team Pursuit
Bronze	Suzanne Shulting	Short Track Speed Skating	1,500m



Speed skating-Schouten wins gold with Olympic record in women's 3,000m. Photo: REUTERS/Phil Noble



Gold medallist Kjeld Nuis wins gold in 1,500m speed skating. Photo: Getty Images



'An amazing display' - Netherlands celebrate gold in women's 3000m relay. Photo: EuroSport

Klaverjas Club

Wat een troep met die demonstraties. Je zul zo'n vrachtwagen voor je deur hebben staan. Maar ja, zo is de mens nou eenmaal: hard schreeuwen dan krijg je het meeste. Het probleem hiermee is dat als ze ziek worden dan huilen ze het hardste. Ik ben blij dat wij in de kaartclub er geen last van hebben. We zijn allemaal gevaccineerd.

We hebben in de kaartclub een record verbroken wat alle slagen halen betreft. Dat noemen we een pit. Er werd op de 1ste February 35 pitten gehaald door 13 spelers en er waren 15 spelers in totaal. Dat was een goed begin, maar ja je kent het gezegde "hardlopers zijn doodlopers". Er is een andere dat zegt "goed begin is het halve werk", dus we houden het maar bij het laatste.

De winnaars van deze maand zijn 1ste Wim de Winter met 5285 punten en 2de Koos van Nieuwkerk met 5150 punten. Beide heren gefeliciteerd maar volgende keer is het onze beurt.

Als je denkt dat je ook het klaverjassen zou willen spelen, vooral als je het vroeger hebt gespeelt, kom dan eens langs. Ook al win je niet, er is altijd een

kop koffie met een speculaasje erbij. Probeer het.

Wel mensen dit is mijn epistel. Veel plezier in het spel van het leven.

Wim.



New café in Sydenham

Euro Gourmet Meats, well known for great meats and a huge range of Euro-style charcuterie, all made in-house, now has an instore café!

The Dutch Café opened last month, featuring great coffee, tasty Dutch treats (think kroketten and frikandellen) plus paninis and bagels filled to order with salad and your choice of meats from the deli. And there's even hot chips and a variety of sweet treats.

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Pete's handy work



Dutch inventions

1. Orange carrots

Did you know that the first carrots cultivated were white, purple or yellow? The orange carrot, that we know and love, came much later and yes, you guessed it – the Dutch were at the heart of this caroty invention! In the 17th century, the first orange carrot was grown and proved very popular with Dutch carrot farmers who started growing these fancy, new orange carrots as a tribute to William of Orange. The fancy, new orange carrot was so popular, that all other carrots were snubbed in a vegetable apartheid and the orange carrot reigned supreme!

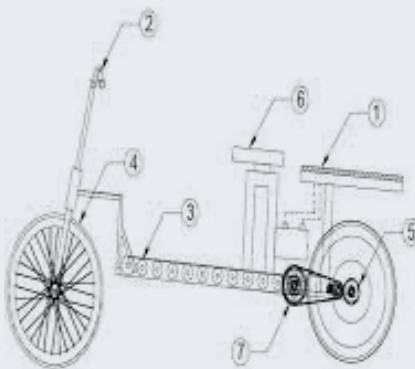


2. The ‘Dutch door’

We are sure you’ve come across a stable door. You know the type that looks like it’s been sawn in half? Well guess, what? The Dutch invented that. You can open the top bit so light and air can get in, yet you can have the bottom bit closed to keep the animals out of your house, and your kids inside (unless you are having a bad parenting day and you might want to reverse that!) This type of door was common in the Netherlands in the 17th century and can still be seen in most country homes worldwide.

3. Brandy

In the 16th century, a Dutch Shipmaster decided to try his hand at making wine easier to transport. He heated the wine up, to concentrate it with the plan of eventually adding water to dilute it back to wine. However, he discovered that his concentrated wine was rather nice and called it ‘Burnt wine,’ (‘brandewijn’ in Dutch.) His friends all liked his potent new drink and it became the brandy we now pour into our coffees each morning. Or wait, is that just us?



4. A bike treadmill

Dutch entrepreneur, Bruin Bergmeester invented a hybrid between a bike and a treadmill. He was inspired by his cross trainer and designed an electric bicycle powered by a small treadmill between its wheels. He called a lopifit and it can reach up to 25 km per hour. (Ed.: to see this working watch: <https://www.lopifit.nl/>)

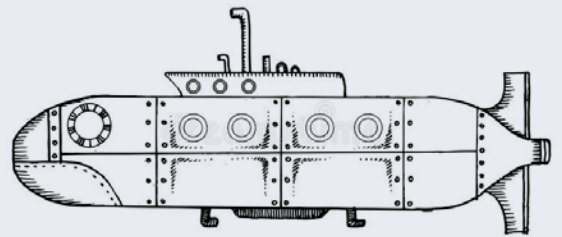


5. The Microscope

Dutch Father-Son team, Hans and Zaccharias Jansen, invented the microscope in the 1590s as spectacle-makers in the city of Middelburg. The original prototype, which magnified between three and nine times an object's size, was used primarily as a novelty item. Today, Nutricia Research uses the microscope to study early life nutrition in their Innovation Center, established at the Utrecht Science Park in 2013 with the help of NFIA.

6. Submarine

Without Cornelis Drebbel's invention, Stromberg's underwater Atlantis basin in "The Spy Who Loved Me", would not have existed. Drebbel, a Dutch 17th century physicist, invented the first submarine – a big wooden structure, covered in greased leather, which used tubes to bring air underwater. Drebbel's inventions were so unusual, people thought he was a sorcerer. He designed and built his submarine in 1620, in England, and tested it in the Thames.



7. The Eye Test

If you're wearing glasses right now, you might take a moment to thank the Dutchman Herman Snellen. Snellen invented the original eye test in 1862. A modern version of this letter chart is still used to diagnose vision problems today.

8. The Stock Market

As a way to fund East India Company's long trade-based voyages from the Netherlands, Dutch legislators and businessmen invented the first stock market in 1602. Everyone, regardless of social standing, was invited to invest in the voyages. This widespread availability ultimately assisted in the growth of the Netherlands' economy during the 1600s.



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