

THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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What will Koningsdag be like this year? Let's paint the town orange!

COMING UP: DUTCH WEEK - Go Orange

**Easter * Koningsdag * Orange Bike Rides * Trip South * AGM 22 May
Join us for coffee mornings, Klaverjas and Sunday afternoon socials.**

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Links

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Our club on Facebook	www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/
The Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies	www.dutchcommunities.co.nz
Dutch Connections community website	https://dutchnz.nz
Netherlands Embassy, Wellington	www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand
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What's On

At the clubrooms:

Coffee mornings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10-1pm.

Sunday instuif (social): Sundays 2pm - 5 pm.

Klaverjas: every Tuesday 10am - 2pm. Bring your own lunch.

Spelletjes/Games: Monthly with Sunday social afternoons. Dates TBA. Watch out on Facebook or contact Martin de Jong, 021 909 688.

Elsewhere:

Island Bay coffee group: every last Wednesday of the month, 10.30am – 12 noon, Island Bay Community Centre, The Parade, Island Bay. \$3.00 per person. **(Note change to monthly only).**

Waikanae coffee group, every 2nd Friday of the month, 10am, Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae.

Levin coffee morning: every last Thursday of the month, 10am, Levin Bridge Club.

Koningsdag 2022 – Oranje in Avalon

This year our Koningsdag celebration is going to look a little bit different.

First change is that this year we will be celebrating it on a **Saturday, namely 30 April**. Secondly, we will start a bit earlier, namely at 10am, and lastly it will be cojoined with the “Orange Bike” event for the Hutt Valley as part of Dutch Week. (See sidebar to right).

The gates of Avalon House will be open from **10.30am**. Guests not attending the Orange Bike Hub are welcome at Avalon House through the usual front entrance, or via the back-entrance gate from Avalon Park. (Orange Bike participants will arrive through the back-entrance, after following clues along an “Orange mystery trail”.)

Activities in and around Avalon House will include:

- Bar service with coffee/tea, soft drinks, wine and beer for sale (**Cash only**).
- Food and snack service offering cake, kroketten, rookworsten and broodjes (bread rolls) (**Cash only**).
- Montfoort food truck selling poffertjes.
- “Kleedjes markt” where children can sell or swap their pre-loved toys or home produce.
- Pre-loved children’s books/games for a gold coin donation (while stocks last).
- **11:30am – Prizegiving for the Orange Bike event.** (Avalon House backyard)
- **1:30pm– Singing of the National Anthem.**
- Dutch music and banter throughout the day, for as long as it lasts.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PURCHASES IN THE CLUBROOMS ARE CASH ONLY! Nearest ATM is at Avalon shops, 802 High Street, Avalon.

If you want to soak up Dutch atmosphere, sample Dutch snacks and celebrate our King’s birthday, join us at Avalon House on Saturday 30 April.

Pierre

Volunteers are welcome to help with Koningsdag, the “Orange Bike Hub”, and “Dutch Day” in the Stokes Valley on Friday 29 April (see page 11).

Orange Bike Hub – Hutt Valley



For Koningsdag, parts of Avalon Park will be transformed into an “Orange Bike Hub”. This family-friendly fun event will promote safe cycling as a sustainable and sociable activity, contributing to healthy bodies, healthy minds, healthy cities. It’s the Hutt Valley expression of the “Orange Bike Ride” promoted nationally by the Netherlands Embassy.

Events and activities at the park will be aimed mainly at younger riders, while more experienced riders are encouraged to ride to the event, dressed in orange! Various prizes are up for grabs, including awards for best dressed person and bike, and longest ride in. Young or old, get on your bike and go orange!

Featuring:

- Bike safety tips and confidence course with Pedal Ready
- Free bike checks with Rebicycle/Ekerua
- Children’s rides at the bike park and other paths around Avalon Park
- “Orange mystery trail”
- Organise a group ride-in and win prizes for:
 - * **Best dressed person** * **Best dressed bike** *
 - * **Longest ride in** *
- All riders get a free tea/coffee/drink and Dutch treat.

Register for competitions by 11am.

Prizegiving at 11.30 at Avalon House

Pre-register through link on Dutch Club facebook page: www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/. Contact Martin de Jong 021 909 688.

(Note: Orange Bike Rides also in Wellington and Waikanae: <https://dutchnz.nz/orange-bike-ride>)

From the President – Van de Voorzitter

Hello everybody,

Enjoying summer? So far it has been a good one, if not the best in the 20 odd years that I have been in New Zealand! Having said that, when I went outside this morning it was very nippy. First sign of autumn approaching? Who knows?

The past two months have shown a bit of a void with respect to “events” when compared to the previous two. Having said that, the one event that we did have was a hit. Our lunch at Staglands, which took place on 20th March, was a great success. Read on in this issue to learn more and see some photographs.

Wednesday coffee morning, Klaverjas and Social Sunday have all been well attended and I do believe that all three events serve their purpose and are enjoyed by our members. I consider these events to be the “essence” of our club’s charter and if you know about fellow Dutchies, or people interested in Dutch culture, language or plain Dutch “gezelligheid”, feel free to introduce them to any of these events. There is always room for a few more.

Your committee has also engaged with the Lower Hutt City Council to discuss the upcoming clubhouse lease expiry in April of this year. At our

first meeting, the wheels were set in motion to renew the lease which means we will need to go through the council’s process of paperwork and approvals. I will keep you posted on this topic in our next issue and hope that I have some results before our AGM.

On 17th April we will be giving our Social Sunday an Easter make-over with activities and treats in style. Our Koningsdag/Kingsday event will take place on Saturday 30th April and will be combined with an “Orange Bike” event as part of Dutch Week 2022. The trip to the South Island is planned to go ahead on 11th May (provided there are enough attendees) and this year’s general meeting will take place on Sunday 22nd May. If you would like to know more about any of these events, read on in this issue.

That about sums up what has happened and is in the making in the not-too-distant future. As always, I look forward to seeing you at our events and until then: stay healthy.

Pierre



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

The New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wellington) Inc. cordially invites all its members to the **Annual General Meeting** on **Sunday 22 May 2022** in Avalon House. Doors will be open from 1.30pm and the meeting will **start at 2pm**. After the meeting drinks and nibbles will be served.

Please note, this meeting is for **members only**. The Agenda for 2022 and Minutes for 2021 AGM have been sent with this newsletter.

From the Secretary – Van de Secretaresse

As noted in the last issue of the Double Dutch, the members of the Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club were going to host the Dutch Club for organised games of croquet on Sunday morning 20th of February, followed by a pizza lunch in our club rooms. Unfortunately, it rained so the event was cancelled.

As a reminder: Our financial year ends on the 31st of March and the next financial year 2022-2023 starts on the 1st of April. Those members who receive a hard copy of the Double Dutch would have found an invoice inserted loosely in the February/March issue, and those that receive an electronic copy would have received the invoice as a separate attachment. Most of our members have now paid for their subscription – many thanks for your promptness. For those members who have paid their subscription fees, their member's card will be attached to this issue of the Double Dutch, for those who receive a hard copy, and posted to those who receive an electronic copy.

Enclosed in this issue will also be the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 22nd of May and the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting from May 2021. Those receiving a digital copy of the Double Dutch will receive them as attachments.

The Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club is celebrating its Centennial over the weekend of 5th and 6th of November 2022. I have been a member

of that club for 22 years, so I am one of the “older members”. I have therefore been appointed as the organiser for that event. Also, I have been appointed to research and write a history book of the club – we have all the Minute Books from the club's inception on the 5th of November 1922. As you can imagine, this is a very important occasion for the croquet club – and a very busy time for me and members I have recruited to help with specific tasks. It means that I don't have time to also be the secretary of the Dutch Club – in which role I have been in for more than 20 years, in three separate stints, since the early 1990s. Therefore, I will not be available for re-election to the committee at the Annual General Meeting.



Bye for now,

Dawn

[Editor's note: Thank you Dawn for your many years of service as Secretary, and especially (for me) looking after all deliveries and mailout of the Double Dutch. We wish you well in celebrating the Croquet Club's centenary. May it not rain!]

Toast Martinborough

Bill Wegewijs has suggested a trip to the Martinborough Wine festival (called Toast Martinborough) as a club outing. This event is held on Sunday 10 November 2022 in you guessed it Martinborough!

The idea is to jointly leave from Avalon House in the morning in one or more minibuses, spend all day in Martinborough enjoying local food and wines, then arrive back in Avalon late afternoon.

Details of the itinerary in Martinborough are flexible and will be defined after we have an idea as to how many members will want to participate.

Do you think that this a great idea for a club day-trip? Would you like to come along and have some fun?

Express your interest by talking to Bill Wegewijs (027-3907921) or any of the committee members.

At the Clubrooms

Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Results from the first seven weeks of this year:

Week 1 - 1 Feb - Harry v/d Gulik - 5948

Week 2 - 8 Feb - Ann Beyk - 5252

Week 3 - 15 Feb - Nick de Graauw - 5195

Week 4 - 22 Feb - Ann Beyk - 5198

Week 5 - No play

Week 6 - 8 March - Ann Beyk - 4431

Week 7 - 15 March - Julie Tan - 4803

Come along if you like to play cards on Tuesday morning. Doors open at 10am for tea or coffee.

Playing starts at 11am, and we usually finish about 2pm. Bring your own lunch. - Ann Beyk

2021 results – further update

Due to editorial oversight (I did not fully scroll down a document - *Editor*), we omitted the full end of year 2021 results in the February issue. Apologies for the delay, but the missing information is below. Congratulations to all the high scorers, and continued success for this year!

Most pits: Ann Beyk 44

Most nats: Nic de Graauw 143

Highest score during the year: Ann Beyk 5746

Lowest score during the year: Nic de Graauw 3316



Celebrate Easter at Avalon House

On 17th April our Social Sunday event will have an Easter theme. The clubrooms will be decorated accordingly, and we will have fun Easter games and egg decoration for the artists among the visitors. Of course there will be plenty of Easter treats to nibble on as well.

No booking is necessary. The event is open to everyone and there will be some freebies for members. As per usual, doors will be open from 2pm.

So come ye all and sample some Easter delights at Avalon House!

Pierre

Hartelijk Gefeliciteerd!

Birthday congratulations to our members below:

April: Peter Vandeursen

May: Joop Dol, Phemia van Dyk, Rene van Lierop, Yvonne v.d. Berg, Ellen Tavenier, Anna Heythuysen, Piet Romijn, Anne-Marie Knibbeler.

If you want to ensure your name is on the birthday list, please email carolinavanrooy@gmail.com with your details and year.



Lunch at Staglands

On Sunday 20th March, 17 of our members set out to Staglands for a lunch and stroll through the wildlife park. For those of you who don't know, Staglands is a wildlife reserve and adventure park tucked away in a beautiful valley in an area called Akatarawa, about 20 kilometres from Upper Hutt.

The idea to go to Staglands was suggested by Rita some time ago. Suggesting an event to the committee is usually a "risky" business as in most cases the person suggesting the idea ends up organising the event. And so in this case Rita was in the lead.

Most of us met at Avalon House where we car-pooled and left late morning to arrive around noon at Staglands. Tables were set-up for us at the back of their cafe which is located in a traditional log building constructed with local Douglas Fir. The interior of the café is stunning with its impressive wooden beams and trusses.

The menu was simple but effective and we could choose from a range of breakfast, hamburger and nacho dishes, accompanied by chips and salads. The staff was amazing, dealing with our large

group among all other visitors to the park, and there were many people out and about on this sunny day.

After everybody had their fill, we ventured out into the reserve to admire nature and the animals. It was amazing to see the variety of animals that the park features. Most of the animals roam around free or are in pens that allow for the animals to be touched and pampered.

The weather was fantastic, making the stroll through the park so much more enjoyable. Around 3 o'clock we all gathered on the terrace where we enjoyed an ice-cream and slowly made our way back to Avalon House.

All in all, a great experience and a wonderful day out with loads of fun as you can see from the photographs. (see centerspread overleaf)

Thank you, Rita, for organising and thanks to all participants for making this a very enjoyable event!

Pierre



Follow the Staglands trail in more pictures overleaf

Dutch Club Wellington goes to Staglands





Across the Strait – to the South Island

A few people have shown interest in joining the trip to the South Island or, to be more specific, to the Nelson area. After a few iterations the trip has taken on shape and some modifications. **Please advise by Sunday 10 April if you wish to join.**

The most important change is that we are likely to travel by air. Reasons for this are: a shorter overall travel time, shorter travel distance in the South Island and the fact that the price is more or less the same (when travelling light, it is even cheaper).

Currently the plan for the trip is as follows:

11 May

Morning: travel from Wellington to Nelson
Early afternoon: Check-in at motel in Nelson
Afternoon: free to explore Nelson
Evening: joined dinner in Nelson.

12 May

Transport from Nelson to Moutere
Morning: Visit to 'Go Snacks'
Afternoon: Activity to be decided
Joint dinner in the oldest Pub in New Zealand (Moutere Inn)
Transport back to motel in Nelson.

13 May

Morning: Free to explore Nelson

Afternoon: travel from Nelson to Wellington. As for the budget, participants need to allow the following cost per person:

Airfare: \$100 (seat only) or \$140 (seat and 23Kg bag) for a return flight (prices at the time of writing, subject to change);
Motel: Estimated \$300 per room for 2 nights;
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner estimated at \$200 for both days.

Pieter Koedijk has kindly offered to be our chauffeur for the trip and up to 10 people can be driven around in his mini-bus. This also means that we would like to limit the number of participants to 10.

Currently six people have shown interest in the trip. When final numbers are known, we will do our best to keep cost as low as possible, however airfares depend on availability and price changes when getting closer to the departure date. That is why those who will be joining need **to confirm participation before Sunday 10 April.**

If you are interested in joining, contact me on pierre.schmits@yahoo.com or call me on 021-08272084.

Pierre

Friendly Support Network Wellington (Inc)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – proposed date is Friday 13 May around 1pm, to be held in Raumati Beach at Bill van Waas's home.

Although very little has happened with FSN this past year, we are required to call a General Meeting. All FSN members are invited to attend. We can carpool from the clubrooms or by arrangement. We can go to the Waikanae coffee morning and afterwards go on to Bill's to have the AGM (which usually takes less than half an hour).

Please ring me on 027 9515 770, email amknibbeler@gmail.com or talk with me at the Wednesday coffee morning, to confirm that you would like to attend so Bill knows how many people to expect. I will post or email further information to FSN members nearer the date.

Kind regards

Anne-Marie Knibbeler (secretary/treasurer)



Go Dutch for Dutch Week 2022



The Dutch Club's Koningsdag celebration and Orange Bike Hub, and Dutch Day at Stokes Valley (below) are just some of various Dutch events being held around Aotearoa for the second annual Dutch Week. News below is from the Dutch Week organising committee.

Dutch Week 2022 is set to cast an even brighter orange glow across Aotearoa New Zealand than 2021. Activities across the country will engage in 'all things Dutch', from Saturday 23 April to Sunday 1 May – including a speech competition for young students, a film festival and traditional games for kids.

Dutch Week aims to enhance the visibility of local Dutch communities, and the contributions they make to a diverse Aotearoa. It lets people share in the strong connections between the Netherlands and New Zealand.

Under the umbrella of Dutch clubs, businesses and associations, volunteers are working together to roll out a wide range of fun activities nationwide.

"As a migrant community, we have traditionally been relatively invisible in New Zealand", says Dr Joost de Bruin, President of Dutch Communities NZ. "Dutch Week is about highlighting who we are. We invite all New Zealanders to participate in Dutch culture, try some new foods, watch a Dutch film or learn a bit of our language".

During the week, many prominent buildings around the country such as the Skytower, Michael Fowler Centre, the Christchurch Airport, the Palmerston North clock tower and others will be lit up orange – the national colour of the Netherlands, that people all over the world strongly identify with.

Support for Dutch Week across Aotearoa New Zealand is provided by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, local councils and businesses.

Dutch Day in the Stokes Valley

Dutch Week in Stokes Valley will be celebrated again this year with a "Dutch Day" on Friday 29 April. On this day we'll have games for children, crafting, dressing up in Dutch costume and more.



I am looking for helpers for either the morning or the afternoon session. You can be there purely for decoration (dressed up of course) but better still, participate to show the children how to sjoelbak, play 'Mens-erger-je-niet' and other games. It was good fun last year and much appreciated by the children who took part, and the librarians/community workers in Koraunui Community House. Please contact Anne-Marie Knibbeler for information and to offer your help: amknibbeler@gmail.com, or phone 027 9515770.



Anne-Marie Knibbeler.

Big Dutch Day Out in Foxton

The **Big Dutch Day Out** in Foxton will officially launch national Dutch Week on Saturday 23 April.

Netherlands Ambassador Mira Woldberg will officially start the event as 300 colourful kites take to the air. They will fly there with a 7 metre orange monkey kite in a Dutch Week t-shirt.

Other activities on the day will include kite-flying, a clogs art KlompenKunst competition, and Oud-Hollandse Spelen or an 'Old Odd Games Competition'.

"Windmill De Molen has successfully organised our annual Big Dutch Day Out for over 10 years now," says Arjan van der Boon, Co-Chair of the local Oranjehof Dutch Connection museum.

"But this time we want to put on a special show. We'll let kids from all over the country play in a competition of traditional Old Odd Games. It will involve clogs, stiltwalking, and jumping around in coffee sacks. With the novelty factor here in Aotearoa – where they've probably never done it before – it should be heaps of fun."

Official Programme: Big Dutch Day Out

Saturday 23 April, 2022 – 11.00am to 3.00pm

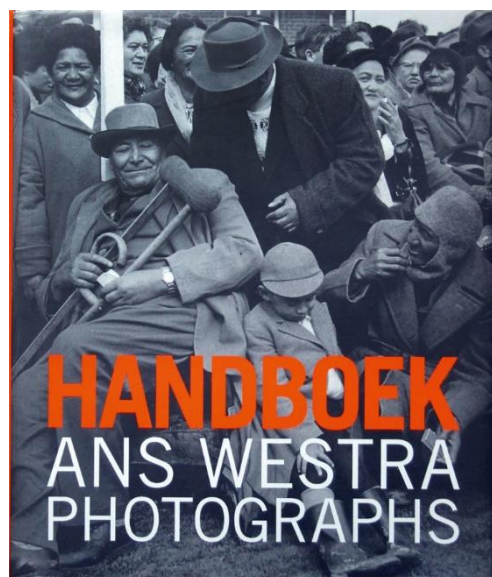
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom / Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park, 92 Main Street, Foxton.

- 11.00 am: **Opening Big Dutch Day Out:** Ambassador Mira Woldberg / Mana Whenua / Mayor
- 11.10 am: Unveiling Memorial Plaque at Leon van den Eijkel's sculpture: *'Bonsai Spheres'*
- 11.15 am: Giant Kites go up. Kids colour in small kites. Kick-off *'Oud-Hollandse Spelen'*
- 11.30 am: Exhibition opening: *Ans Westra Photographs: after Handboek*
- 12.00 pm: **Official Opening Dutch Week:** Ambassador / MPs
'Op de Fiets' + 300 Kids' vliegers go up
- 1.00 pm: Prize Giving: De Molen local art competition on *Diversity*
- 1.15 pm: Prize Giving: national *'Klompenkunst'* Clog Art Competition

Our Nation – Through the Lens of an Immigrant

One of the major events on the Big Dutch Day Out will be the opening of a classic photography exhibition, 'Ans Westra Photographs: after Handboek'. The decades-long contribution by Ans Westra to the New Zealand art scene will be in the Māpuna - Kabinet gallery inside Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom.

The exhibition will feature about 80 black and white, and colour photographs, from the celebrated 2004 retrospective publication and exhibition 'Handboek'. Organised by Suite Gallery, the art exhibition will be opened by the Hon Marja Lubeck and Ambassador Mira Woldberg.



More information and full programmes for Dutch Week at <https://dutchnz.nz/>



News from the Embassy

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Important dates

Pop Up consular desks

Christchurch

19 April
Netherlands Society

Hamilton

15 June
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Tip of the month

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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 t.b.c.
Monday 25 April	ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 26 April	DBA event in Auckland t.b.c.
Wednesday 27 April	Kingsday Start orange lights around the country
Friday 29 April	Speech competition Dutch Language Day
Saturday 30 April	Nationwide Orange Bike Ride Vrijmarkten and Kingsday celebrations
Sunday 1 May	Closing Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington t.b.c. Commemoration of end of WW2 Auckland

The program is subject to change. More information and the program please visit www.dutchnz.nz

The annual Dutch Week that will be celebrated at the end of April, is set to cast an even brighter orange glow across Aotearoa New Zealand than at its premiere in 2021.

Dutch Week aims to enhance the visibility of local Dutch communities, and the contributions they make to a diverse Aotearoa. It lets people share in the strong connections between the Netherlands and New Zealand.

Under the umbrella of Dutch clubs, businesses and associations, volunteers are working together to roll out a wide range of fun activities nationwide.

"Last year we celebrated with numerous events, and the Sky Tower and other major landmarks were lit up in orange – during our first ever Dutch Week" says Ambassador Mira Woldberg. "This year, we want to build on that and add more typically Dutch activities for family and whanau to enjoy, like nationwide orange bike rides."

Travelling to the Netherlands

The Netherlands have loosened their Covid restrictions on travelers coming into the country.

To keep up to date with the most recent news. We recommend you check the following websites:

www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist-entry and <http://reizentijdenscorona.rijksoverheid.nl/en>

Reminder for people visiting the consular pop-up desks

The process for the consular pop-up desk has been slightly altered.

- Make a personal checklist (www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand/living-and-working/applying-for-a-passport-or-id-card-when-you-live-abroad) per person to see which documents you will need to provide with your application. If you do not have all the necessary documents, your application may be delayed.

- To avoid handling of documents, please send all required documents to wel-ca@minbuza.nl before your appointment.

- Applicants are still required to bring copies of all original documents to their appointment for verification purposes.



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If you want to hire space at Avalon House, please contact the Club secretary.

Hire fees (excl GST):

Half-day (4 hours)	\$40
Full day (9am – 5 pm)	\$75
Evening (5-10pm)	\$50
Bond	\$100
Cleaning (if required)	\$50

Liefde en Leugens – Dutch Film Festival

Dutch Week includes a Dutch Film Festival with two movies screening at the Roxy Cinema, Miramar. Dates are shown, times to be advised.

Mijn Vader is een Vliegtuig



“My Father is an Airplane”:

When Eva’s mother dies unexpectedly, the life of Eva turns out to be built on secrets and lies. The fear of losing her mind, just like her father, becomes more and more threatening. Eva starts a quest

for her past, to face her demons. **Saturday 23 April.**

De Belofte van Pisa



“The Promise of Pisa”: The story of a Dutch-Moroccan boy who tries to survive at an elite music academy in posh Amsterdam South, while his brother is in prison. Based on the Bestseller novel, by Mano Bouzamour. **Sunday 2 May.**

Check out <https://dutchnz.nz/Dutch-Film-Festival> .

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Het Laatste Woord: Van de Redacteur

Once again, I've really enjoyed pulling together this issue of the Double Dutch. At the same time, I've been organising the "Orange Bike Hub/Ride" at Avalon Park that will – hopefully – connect a lot more people to the Dutch Club and Dutch culture. At the very least, it will show people that the Netherlands is more than tulips, clogs and windmills. And we can be quite colourful.

At time of writing, we're yet to 'go public' with our Koningsdag plans and Orange Bike event (page 3). Numbers of bikers will depend on the weather, but please spread the word about.

I also plan to bring back the games/spelletjes trial, on a monthly basis – integrating it with Sunday afternoon social. Watch this space, and follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/>



Cover picture features children on Koningsdag in the Netherlands, last year's celebration at Avalon House, and the 'Bloemkool Koor' from Koningsdag 2014. Where are they now? Spot yours truly, and Pieter Koedijk.

National Dutch Speech & Essay Competition

The National Dutch Speech Competition is back for its second year, but this year there is a new essay division. The topic of the essay is **"Wat kan Nederland leren van Nieuw-Zeeland?"** and open to all Year 9-13 students enrolled in a New Zealand secondary school. The word limit is 750 to 850 words and must be submitted by 15 April, in Dutch. (The New Zealand covid response should not be discussed in the essay to ensure that there is a good variety of answers to the question.)

The speech competition has two divisions, for year 9-11 the time limit is 2-3 minutes and for year 12&13 it is 3-4 minutes. Pre-entries for this are due on **25 April** and the participants must be available to deliver their speech live on the evening of the 29th of April during Dutch week (as well as answer a few questions from the judges). A unique aspect of our speech competition is that participants can speak in English or Dutch, so it is not just for native speakers but also for those with Dutch heritage. The topic this year is "My clogs and my jandals".

Some great prizes to be won with the overall winner of the speech competition getting a trip to Wellington to spend the day with the Ambassador. For more information go to www.dutchspeechcomp.nz.

Deadline for the next Double Dutch is 20 May for the June/July winter issue.

Send contributions to the Editor at dutchclubwgn.editor@gmail.com; or post to The Editor, c/- 61 Taita Drive, Avalon, Lower Hutt 5011.

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Next Double Dutch: June/July 2022. Deadline: Friday 20 May

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