



## NETHERLANDS

SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)

GEYSER NEWS

May and June 2022

### UPCOMING EVENTS:



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 **MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

### **DUTCH – WEEK**

**Saturday 23 April – Sunday 1 May**

#### KING'S BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 30 APRIL

In conjunction with the Dutch Week we will be celebrating King's Birthday in traditional Orange Fashion. **DOORS OPEN at 12NOON AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AROUND 12:30pm.**

Make one of your favourite dishes, be it with a Dutch flavour or a bit of orange added and enjoy the "Gezelligheid" of being together to enjoy this occasion.

Please bring your **ORANGE** hat, scarf, wig, shirt or anything orange.

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

Coffee, tea and alcoholic beverages will be available.

#### POT-LUCK LUNCH



#### ORANGE FUN BIKE RIDE: SUNDAY 1 MAY

As you will be aware from our last newsletter, the Dutch Embassy has asked all Dutch clubs to organise an "Orange Bike Ride" to celebrate everything Dutch and to coincide with the Dutch Week being celebrated Nationwide from 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May. We are getting into the spirit of the occasion and have organised our Bike Ride for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. This will be a fun, leisurely, very social event with stops for coffee, then lunch and a drink at a local bar on the way home for those who are keen (pay your own way).

The ride is approx. 12 kms one way and will be done at a leisurely pace on flat terrain with most of ride on cycle ways or bike trails around Rotorua. We envisage the ride to finish back at the club rooms around 3pm but if you prefer to not stop at the last pit stop and head back earlier, that is also an option. Any type of bike will do, and don't forget to embellish your bike in orange/or deck yourself in orange!! A bit of Exercise, Socialising and Fun is what it's all about with the Dutch Connection!

It would be appreciated if you would RSVP by 26<sup>th</sup> April for this event so we have a rough idea of participants and to notify the cafes in advance of numbers. This can be done by email or text.

If we know who is coming we can notify you of a potential cancellation of the event due to the weather etc. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any queries.

Please don't forget to make sure your bike is in good working order, tyres pumped, bike decorated, wear appropriate helmet and warm clothing and let's have a fun day out!!

All queries and RSVP to:

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**Coffee Mornings: Tuesday 3 May and Tuesday 7 June**

### MARKET DAY

**Saturday 11 June**

**10:00am – 12:00 noon**

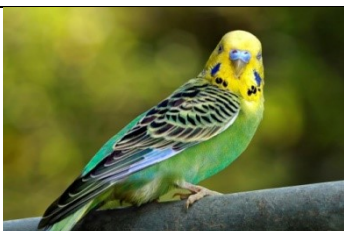


**KEUKENHOF**

### From the Committee:

Unfortunately we had to cancel the April Market Day due to too many of our Market Day Volunteers being unwell with Covid. The Health and Welfare of our Members is most important BUT we will be back on the **11<sup>th</sup> June** for our next Market Day. If you are desperate to buy your Dutch goods and can't wait till June Market Day, Anneke has the shop open on the coffee mornings, so you can buy all Dutch goodies then.

**WE HAVE PURCHASED A NEW LARGER FREEZER AND ARE NOW ABLE TO BUY BOXES OF CROQUETTES IN BULK, SO THERE IS NO NEED TO PRE-ORDER YOUR BOX OF CROQUETTES, JUST ASK THE KITCHEN STAFF. 1 BOX OF CROQUETTES IS \$60.00.**



I am a Budgie and known to many families. I am very friendly, available and free to go to a nice family. I come with a cage, cage mat and seed. If you are interested please give Margaret a call to arrange my pick-up (day and time). Phone 3457565

We have been saddened by the passing of Annie Gerards. Annie and her husband arrived by boat in 1957. She had a daughter in Rotorua and a son living in Wellington.

Annie was a member of the Coffee Club. Her daughter Anita will organise a celebration of Annie's life. This will be most likely held in the clubrooms and is for family and friends. She will let us know the date and time.



# News from the Embassy

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## Important dates

### Pop Up consular desks

**Christchurch**  
19 April  
Netherlands Society

**Hamilton**  
15 June  
Zenders

**Auckland**  
tbc  
Holland House

## Tip of the month

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



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	<b>Kingsday</b>  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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:wel-ca@minbuza.nl) before your appointment.

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



**Coffee Morning Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 10 am**



Federation Facebook Page: [dutchcommunities.co.nz](http://dutchcommunities.co.nz)  
 Website: [www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz](http://www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz)  
 Nationality Website: [www.bit.ly/nationaliteit](http://www.bit.ly/nationaliteit)  
 Double Nationality for Dutch Citizens  
[www.dutchnz.nz](http://www.dutchnz.nz)  
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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.*

Hank and I wish you all a Happy Easter. We go to Pukekohe to our daughter and her family. After Easter we go with all of us to Matarangi in the Coromandel.

The committee has organised some very nice events. We will celebrate Kings Birthday on 30 April with a Potluck Lunch and on 1<sup>st</sup> May we have the Bike Ride for which you have to give your name to Jo or Lily. This will be all in the Dutch Week with the official opening in Foxton on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Anyone who is interested to go to Foxton please visit [www.dutchnz.nz](http://www.dutchnz.nz) to see the programme of the opening day.

Soon it will be time again for sauerkraut, red cabbage and/or pea soup which you can buy at the Market Day. Anneke opens the shop at the last half hour of the coffee morning which is around 11:30.

Otherwise we will see you at the next Market Day on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Take care and stay Healthy



Ina Kroese

