



**NETHERLANDS**  
 SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)  
 GEYSER NEWS  
 September and October 2022

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**



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**✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



**THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

**STARTS: 7PM – At the end of the meeting we will serve Coffee and Cake**

If you are keen you could join the Committee or Maintenance Committee or Put Your Hand Up to help from time to time. Whatever you do: you are ALWAYS Welcome.

**POTLUCK Lunch**

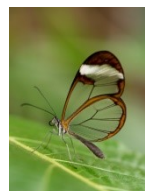
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Bring along your favourite dish to share with friends and fellow club members. Enjoy your afternoon in our warm and cosy clubrooms. Doors will be open from 12 pm and Coffee and Tea will be supplied.



**MARKET DAY – SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER**

**10:00 – 12:00 Noon**



**Spring Time: Come to the Market and enjoy a coffee or a cup of tea while talking to your friends.**



**Coffee Mornings: Tuesday 6 September and 4 October  
 Tuesday 1 November and 6 December**



Please note!! The Coffee Morning will start at **11 am** until further notice.

We are back to Coffee with a Biscuit and/or Cake for \$2.00 and the shop will be open after the coffee.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 13:30**

**Tuesdays 20 September and 18 October  
 Tuesday 15 November**



### HELP

We are looking:

For anyone who is available to help in setting up the Hall.

### WHEN

Between 1-2pm on a Friday before the Market Day. Are you that person?

**Don't be Shy and Please phone Douwe Visser on 345 9383**

ULRICH,  
Manfred Edsard (POW).  
Born March 26, 1928.  
Passed away in  
Rotorua on 1st July  
2022, aged 94. Loving  
husband of Engelina  
Ulrich Veldt for 56  
years. Father and  
Father in Law of  
Robin van Eck Ulrich  
and Yoop van Eck.  
Opa to Richard and  
Edward van Eck.  
Loved Brother in Law  
to his two sisters in  
England, and four  
brothers in the  
Netherlands. In  
accordance with  
Manfred's wishes, a  
private cremation has  
been held. Special  
thanks to Rotorua  
Hospital, Rotorua  
Hospice, and  
Visionwest for their  
support during this  
time.

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It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Manfred on 1st July 2022


Kingdom of the Netherlands

## News from the Embassy

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**Important dates**

**Pop Up consular desks**

Auckland

11 & 12 October 2022

Christchurch

15 November 2022

### Mrs. Mira Woldberg says "Tot Ziens"

Beste allen,

After four years, my term as Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Aotearoa New Zealand is almost over.

It is sad to leave, both my husband and I really enjoyed our time here and our sons had great kiwi teenage years in Wellington.

Of course this posting was quite different because of the impact of the COVID pandemic, at the start of which we had to arrange a huge repatriation effort of stranded Dutch travelers.

It was nevertheless a real privilege to represent the Netherlands in this beautiful and diverse country, together with my great team at the Dutch Embassy and Honorary Consul Sake Hitman in Auckland and Geordie Hooft in Christchurch. The Netherlands and NZ work closely on global issues such as climate change, agriculture, sustainable transport (cycling) and to strengthen the rule of law and human rights in the Pacific. Both NL and NZ are truly like-minded partners in most areas.

New Zealand is also a special country for a Dutch diplomat because it has such a big Dutch community and therefore many people-to-people links.

I had the opportunity to meet so many of you around NZ, from Invercargill to Whangarei. Your stories about building up a life in a new country so far away from family and friends in the Netherlands left me touched. Without a doubt the Dutch have left a mark on Aotearoa New Zealand! You worked hard, and contributed much to your new home country, be it in farming, arts, hospitality, business and as volunteers to your community, for example in the Dutch clubs or the Friendly Support Network.

I was happy our great consular team could bring the passport service to the community by introducing the Pop Up Passport desks from 2019 onwards. We will continue to look for ways to improve our service so please stay informed about new developments in the coming months through this Newsletter or via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/netherlandsembassywellington>). The latter will also include other information about the Embassy, including events we organize such as the annual Dutch Week together with other NL NZ organisations. We surely hope to see even more people joining our Orange Bike ride next year!

My mahi here is over after these four years. However I hope you extend the same warm welcome to my successor Ard van der Vorst. Ard will start in August and will introduce himself as well through this Newsletter and on social media.

I wish you all the best, Kia Kaha and Tot Ziens!

Mira Woldberg  
Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to New Zealand.



**Consular Information Event**

We recently held our first consular information event online. This took place during lunch time and many topics were covered.

People could ask questions during the session and others had already emailed their questions prior.

It was a successful session and greatly appreciated.

We will have another consular information event in October 2022.

If you are interested, please keep an eye out for the announcement on Facebook.

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



**Tip of the month**

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





An Inspiring Exhibition about Anne Frank

*"let me be myself"*

Is on display at Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri,

2 August – 23 October 2022



**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.**

**We realise that some people don't want to buy a whole box of 32 frozen croquettes, so we have organised containers of 8 croquettes to sell at the Market Day.**

**This is 1 of 8 frozen croquettes for \$15.00 or 2 for \$30.00.**

### Membership Renewal

It's that time of the year again to renew your membership. You are critical to the continued success of our club, so it is important that you continue to be a member and also spread the word amongst family and friends about our club.

To make it easy for you, we have enclosed a form to fill in and you can pay by internet banking as indicated on the form. Please include your name in the reference details.

You can also give it to Alie at a coffee morning or at the Market Day. If you are a new member, please complete the form and post or scan the form to us as we need your postal/email address.



**Coffee Morning Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:00**

**Bingo Afternoon Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 13:30**

**BINGO**

Autumn

Winter

Spring

Summer



Giethoorn



On the Bike in the snow



Flower Parade



Lake Rerewhakaaitu



Federation Website: <https://dutchcommunities.co.nz>  
Federation Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DutchCommunitiesNZ>  
For all things Dutch in New Zealand: <https://dutch.nz/>  
Website: [www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz](http://www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz)

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.*

Spring is in the air. We had already a few nice warm days and when you travel through Rotorua you can see the Magnolia trees are in bloom.

Our AGM is on 8 September and support the club by coming along. When you can't come to the AGM maybe you like to come to the Potluck Lunch.

In October we have the Market Day which is always well attended. Not only by our members but also by the public.

I do hope that anyone of you who is fit and have some spare time to come to our club house on Friday afternoon before the Market Days. This is to help to set-up the Hall for the next day. Your help will be very much appreciated.

However, coming Market Day 8 October, we will be away with two of our grandchildren during the school holidays.

See you again after that!

Ina

