



# NETHERLANDS

SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)

GEYSER NEWS

November-December 2022 and January 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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<p><b>MARKET DAY – SATURDAY 3 December</b> <b>10:00 – 12:30 Noon</b></p>  <p>Annie Heeremans with her children, grand-children and great grand-children. Sinterklaas and Piet will be visiting the Market Day from 10:30 onwards so there will be plenty of time to get a family photo with them!</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b> <b>SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER</b></p> <p>Time: Doors are open at  <b>12:30pm</b> Lunch: to be served at  <b>1:00pm</b></p> <p>Cost: \$20.00 for Members \$25.00 for Non Members</p> <p>This Includes a BeverageP   </p>	<p>Please RSVP before 3 December to Anneke on 357 4273 Ina on 347 0251 or <u>021 159 9097</u></p> <p>Don't miss out <b>BOOK NOW</b></p> <p><i>Merry Christmas From all of us</i></p> 
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 **Coffee Mornings: Tuesday 8 November**

WE WILL HAVE A COFFEE MORNING LUNCH ON **6 DECEMBER at 12 Noon**

This will be a Pot-Luck Lunch. Bring your favourite dish and share this with your friends  
**We will supply the drinks**

 If you like to play **BINGO** and you like to have a laugh or a chat or maybe you like to fill one of these empty chairs. We would like to have more players: Interested? Come along and enjoy yourself.

**BINGO 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 13:30 Tuesday 15 November**

**In December and in January we have NO Bingo**



THERE WILL BE  BINGO IN DECEMBER



PLEASE NOTE!!!! FOR **JANUARY 2023**

NO COFFEE MORNING 

NO BINGO 



"Vele Handen Maken Licht Werk" - -A lot of hands will make the work easy



**HELP**

We are looking:

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

**WHEN**

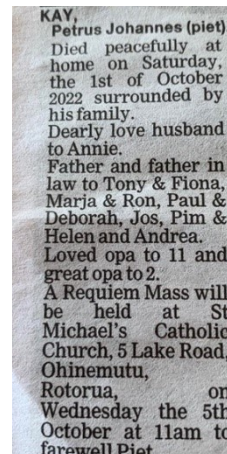
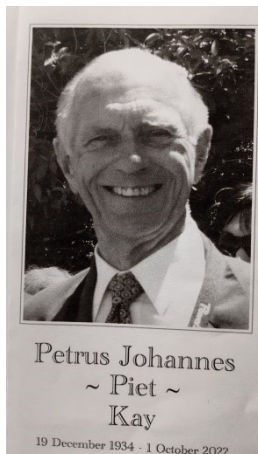
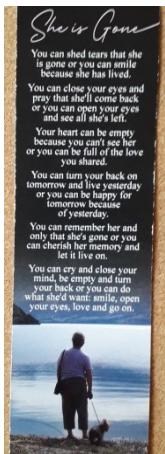
Between 1-2pm on a Friday before the Market Day. Are you that person?

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



Anita Loderus has a number of the Dutch Flintstones and Sjors and Sjimie Comic Books to give away. These books dating back to the mid 1960's are well read. When you are interested do give Anita a call on: 021 440435

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Jo Groot on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and of Piet Kay on 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Croquettes frozen – boxes of 32 = \$60.00 / small box of 8 = \$15.00.**



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



#### FROM THE COMMITTEE

Not a lot has changed in the past year at our clubrooms though Covid has had an impact on us financially with only 4 out of 6 bi-monthly markets days taking place and hall hire is down by \$3000. We are still able to survive with owning our own building and keeping up with maintenance bills at this stage.

Our most popular event is our bi-monthly Market Days, and we are seeing a lot of out-of-town Dutchies coming to spend a morning enjoying a coffee and a croquette and buying some of their favourite Dutch foods. Nice to see you attend and chat to you about your Dutch connection. Our most popular Market day is coming up soon when Sinterklaas and Black Piet will be paying us a visit in their busy schedule to see all the kids, and big kids that have been good this year. This is a great opportunity to bring along your grandchildren and share an awesome Dutch tradition. (see details in newsletter)

We still have the usual coffee mornings, bingo afternoons, Potluck lunches, Xmas lunch. **If anyone has a great suggestion of other events we could hold, please let the committee know. We are open to suggestions if we have enough members interested. We have lovely clubrooms that we can utilise if the interest is there.**

At the AGM the standing committee and sub committees were happy to stay for a further year. We must acknowledge the members who are not on the committee but are so willing to help, especially on Market Days, to do the shopping, cook croquettes, make oliebollen mixture, help with setting up the day before, sell the food on the day and then stay to help clean up! It's a big undertaking and we wouldn't be able to have Market Days without your help. It is always done with a smile and enthusiasm. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!** If you feel you may be able to help out now and again when we are short of helpers, please let us know, as it is nice to have backup on occasions when we are short staffed.

This is the last newsletter for the year. We all hope you have a super time at Christmas with your family and get out and enjoy the summer months ahead, taking advantage of the good weather and fun activities summer brings.

Dutch club Committee

The Walking Festival of March 2022 was postponed this year due to Covid but will now be held in November 2022. For details about this event search: [www.rotoruawalkingfestival.org.nz](http://www.rotoruawalkingfestival.org.nz)

#### CENSUS 2023

The 2023 Census is almost here and we've been working on some changes to make this census easier for people to participate in and be counted. This includes providing people more choice in how they do the census, and more assistance for those who need it.

As someone with a key interest in the success of the census, we want to keep you up to date with all the latest information as we work towards delivering the 2023 Census to Aotearoa. We are holding 2023 Census Regional Tour: Tatau Tātou – All of us count events across New Zealand from October 17<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup> and you're invited to attend a session.

This event will be brought to you by members of the Census Customer Engagement Team, your local Community Engagement Team and Collections staff who are working in your area. It will include:

- What makes 2023 Census different
- What we are doing within the 2023 Census
  
- How you can make a big impact on its success
- What's changed on the census form and why
- Accessibility initiatives and language support

- Issues that affected your region last Census and what is being done to mitigate these
- The benefits for all of us
- The 'journey of a question' and a whole lot more

To see the full list of locations and dates and attend a session, please register by submitting your details using this online registration form [2023 Census Regional Tour: Tatau Tātou – All of us count](#) or by emailing us at [CensusExternalRelations@stats.govt.nz](mailto:CensusExternalRelations@stats.govt.nz). Please specify any accessibility requirements on the registration form.



Kingdom of the Netherlands

## News from the Embassy

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**Important dates**

**Pop Up Consular Desks**

Followed by meet and greet drinks with the Ambassador. Information will follow soon for registration. Keep an eye out on our social media.

**Auckland**, Holland House  
11 & 12 October 2022

**Christchurch**, Netherlands Society Christchurch  
15 November 2022

**Tip of the month**

You can now follow us on:

**Instagram**  
<https://www.instagram.com/netherlandsembassyinnewzealand>

**Twitter**  
<https://twitter.com/NLembassyinNZ>

**LinkedIn**  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/embassy-of-the-netherlands-in-new-zealand>

and on

**Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/netherlandsembassy-wellington>

for the latest news and events.

### Ard van der Vorst says “Hello”

Despite some classic Wellington weather during my first two weeks, I look forward to getting out and about, meeting with all the fellow Dutchies in Aotearoa New Zealand. Coming originally from Brabant I can deal with some wind and rain. Together with my husband we like to travel and enjoy some 'gezelligheid'.



I am grateful to my predecessors Ambassadors Mira Woldberg and Rob Zaagman for their work and contributions and I will continue to move forward in strengthening the relations between both our countries. We are blessed and at your disposal with a professional Embassy staff in Wellington and the Honorary Consul's Sake Hitman in Auckland and Geordie Hooft in Christchurch. Also, I would like to pay tribute to all the dedicated volunteers of the Dutch clubs and organizations all around the country working effortlessly to showcase Dutch culture and hospitality. Thank you!

Being in New Zealand is not completely new to me. Part of my family came in the fifties and nineties to settle in your beautiful country. Leaving the Netherlands for an unknown destination was not an easy decision but offered an opportunity for a better life. After arriving, and over years of hard work, faith and dedication, their story is now a part of the overall journey to success that Dutch communities have had in New Zealand. Recently, new groups of Dutch immigrants have arrived. Many of them choosing New Zealand as their base for a more sustainable lifestyle. Along with them they have brought innovation and creativity to New Zealand, bringing a new perspective on Dutch-Kiwi collaboration with a common goal of working towards a world that works for everyone and includes all.

My work will very much focus on the Netherlands and New Zealand partnership on Climate Action. Our Embassy-team is here to learn from the achievements of New Zealand. We also would like to hear from you what you think the Dutch can do better in our collaboration with New Zealand. Obviously, we will continue to promote related trade and investments, building on scientific and research co-operation in the Agriculture and Water management. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for news updates on our work and the progress we make.

Looking very much forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks and months.

Yours / Hartelijke groet,

Ard M.M. van der Vorst  
Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands





Autumn



Winter



Spring



Summer





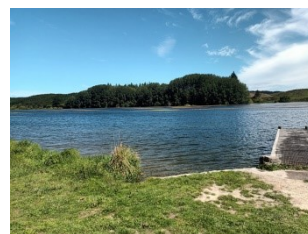
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On the Bike in the snow



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)

### Two 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.*

This is the last newsletter of 2022 but we still have two very nice events in December.

The Market Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee has asked “Sinterklaas and Black Pieter” to bring us a visit. So bring along your Grand-Children and say hello to “Sinterklaas” or take a photo with him. Enjoy a cuppa and a croquette while talking to your friends.

A week later, 11 December we have our Christmas Lunch. The lunch is always very popular. Don't be disappointed – Don't miss out

**Book in Time.**

Hank and I wish you all a very Nice Christmas and a Good and Healthy 2023 and we see you all next year again.

Ina



**The Committee**

**Wishes all Members**

**A Happy Christmas**

**And a Healthy 2023**

