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Editor's note

Hello dear readers,

Even though it has been a quiet month for the NSC, as we only had the Dutch Market on Sunday 12 March, it was a big month for Christchurch.

First time since 2009 the RNZPBA brought the NZ & South Pacific Pipe Band Championships back to Christchurch on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th March. 50 pipe bands competed in North Hagley Park. The street march on Friday afternoon started from Cranmer Square and was also very exciting. Pete and I had a great couple of days.



The next big weekend was the New Zealand Sail Grand Prix on March 18 and 19.

As not everyone could get a ticket the inner city was transformed with a big screen and heaps of other fun activities. A great month for the city.



Pete & Dee
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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 in Word format (.doc NOT .docx). Please ensure any images are of good quality. Please send to:
editor.nsc@gmail.com

President's greeting



Dee Segeren

President
Netherlands Society
Christchurch (Inc.)

Hallo lezers van onze Echo,

Another month has passed, and we are getting ready for Easter and King's birthday celebrations.

As mentioned in my March's report, our Dutch Market will take place on the 2nd of April (the first Sunday of the month). On this day we also celebrate Easter. This because we expect a lot of people and children to be away on holiday.

NSC will celebrate King Willem Alexander's birthday on Sunday 30 April. For the celebrations on location have a read on page 4. For the Dutch Week national bike ride go to page 5.

This is also the time of year to give you a heads up for June's AGM. We have decided to have the meeting on Sunday 25 June at 2pm. More information about the AGM is captured on page 7. On the same page you will find the nominee information.

As my term of being your president will come to an end, a new president will be chosen, so it is important for you to attend the AGM and have your say.

Every year we are sending all documents for the AGM out by mail, which comes at a huge cost. Even though we have not officially voted for it, we – your NSC committee – has made the decision to no longer do that. We have put a remit in for this which you can find on page 8 but we expect you will agree with this change.

We will send out the information by email before 1st June 2023. If you have not received an email from our treasurer by 4 June (do not forget to look in your junk mail), it means we do not have your email address available in our system. If you are not sure if we have your email address, please let Desiree know, so she can update the system. Of course, there are members who do not have a computer but would like to receive the documentation for the AGM, as they want to attend and be prepared. Give Desiree a call so she can send you all relevant documents. We will also have a couple of documents available on the 25th of June.

Look out for an invoice coming in the first week of April for your subs for financial year 2023 – 2024. Please make sure you pay these by the end of April. At the AGM, only those members who have paid their subs are allowed to vote.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee

What's On!

Dutch Week 2023

Kingsday celebrations



Sunday 30 April, 10.30am

Luncheon and vrijmarkt for the children plus games and bring your decorated bike or scooter. Wear orange. Children can win prizes with their decorated bikes.

Games:

- Spijkerpoepen
- Sjoelen
- Ballen gooien
- Jeu de Boule
- Blikken lopen
- Koning prikken

Stalls: Lekker Dutch, coffee van, suikerspin.
Luncheon at 12 midday.

Menu:

- Pea soup and tomato soup
- Broodje kroket
- Tompouce (custard square)

Cost \$20 for members. Children under 8 free.
Non-members \$25

Children will all receive an ice block.

Bookings before 21 April to Annie:
Mob: 021 062 5656 or Ph: 383 1594

King's Birthday celebrations at Brigittes Cafe



Friday 5 May, 7pm
King's Birthday celebrations
Brigittes Cafe, Merivale

For more details please refer to the ad on
page 11. Wear something orange.

Dutch Market



Sunday 2 April
10am - 12.30pm

What's On!

Orange Bike Ride



Dutch Week which will run from 27 April to 7 May and includes: the Big Dutch Day Out, Dutch Film Festival, Orange Bike Ride, Speech Competition, Vrijmarkten and several buildings around the country lit in Orange.

This year the nationwide Orange Bike Ride will take place on Sunday 30 April. We would like to encourage all participants to wear the Dutch national orange colour, dress to impress, decorate their bikes, and just have fun! It will be an open event for all of New Zealand to enjoy! (More information on Facebook.)

Official ride start: is 10am Corner Ilam Road/ University Drive, but you can start every 15 minutes between 10am and 12pm.

Distance: About 4km, 15 to 60 minutes depending on your speed! There will be a prize-giving at the end for the best dressed cyclist and the best dressed bike.

Finish: Hagley Golf Club. Hand over your filled out quiz form to receive a Dutch treat and win great prizes.

Route:



Easter Egg Hunt



Because this year the second Sunday in April is on Easter Sunday we have decided to bring the market one week forward to 2 April, being the first Sunday of the month.

Since the Easter Bunny always comes on the Sunday before Easter we have decided to combine the 2 events.

For the children there will be several activities to participate in and off course the Easter Bunny will visit and help the children with the egg hunt.

The market will start at the usual time of 10am.

For the children the activities start at 11am.

We expect the Easter Bunny to arrive at 12 midday to take the children to the egg hunt. After that, around 12.30pm we will do the prizes for the colouring in competition.

The "kleurplaten" for the colouring-in will be provided on the day.

Bookings can be made by calling Annie, mob: 021 062 5656

Cost per child is \$5

Adrie & Annie's story – part 1

In November 1980 we immigrated to New Zealand with 4 young children.

For years we had talked about it but finally in 1979 I said to Adrie, my husband, if only I could see for myself so I would have a better idea where we are going. After all, with four children, it's a very big step to move to the other side of the world.

We made contact with the Van Boxtel family in Clyde who were related to a colleague of Adrie. So off I went for a 3-week holiday. Mrs Antoinette van Boxtel came all the way from Clyde to pick me from the airport and the next day we drove back to Clyde. Those very generous people took me in and showed me around Otago and gave me an insight into daily life in New Zealand. The last week of my stay the Van Boxtels took me back to Christchurch where they introduced me to their friends which was invaluable for us after we arrived the following year.



We sold the farm, packed all of our belongings, including the car into a big container and made the long journey to New Zealand.

On arrival at Christchurch airport, we got picked up by Cor and Lenie van Opzeeland who I had met the year before. They dropped us off at Sunny Spot motel on Marshland Road where we stayed for 6 weeks.

The next day Cor talked with Jan van Schaijik about our arrival and straight away Jan offered Adrie a job at his workshop.

Because we had never learnt the English language it was not easy, especially for Adrie, being a qualified crane operator having to work as an unskilled labourer cleaning the steel beams and painting them. But you have to start somewhere and he even invented some new words, like "hand shoes" not knowing the English word for gloves.

He still always says, when I arrived in New Zealand I knew only two English phrases, "I love you" and "seven-up".



In December the St. Nicolaas picnic was on at Spencer Park and Jan van Schaijik dropped us off there. It was a very nice way of meeting other Dutch people and we straight away got signed up to become members of the Netherlands Society Christchurch, and we still are.

Jan and Riet van Schaijik assisted us with finding a suitable house. At the time the house market was so that you almost had to decide on the spot if you wanted to buy a house, that's how quick they sold. As it happened the house was next door St. Paul's church and school. Being raised as Catholics, we sent the children to St. Paul's where they all went till they started high school. Sadly, the church and the school were demolished after the earthquakes.

When school started in February, I went to the Polytechnic every morning to learn English and that's where I met a lot of other Dutchies and with some of them we are still friends.

Coming from a farm we had to get used to living on a small section and so we decided to buy a block of bare land on Burwood Road.



Annual General Meeting – 2pm, Sunday 25 June 2023

Op 25 juni houden wij onze jaarlijkse algemene vergadering, voor welk u allen van harte wordt uitgenodigd.

Wij hebben besloten dit jaar niet onze vorige vergadering's notulen per post te verzenden. Voor diegenen voor wie wij een email adres hebben zal deze per email van tevoren worden toegestuurd. Voor diegenen die het niet per email ontvangen hebben, zullen we op de dag een aantal kopies beschikbaar hebben. U kunt alsnog uw email adres doorgeven zodat u de notulen van te voren ontvangt.

Dit is uw kans om uw zegje te doen en op belangrijke dingen te stemmen.

Zoals aangegeven door onze president in haar rapport zit haar termijn erop en stelt zij zich niet verkiesbaar. Dit betekent dat wij mensen nodig hebben om functies op te pakken binnen ons comité. Als je interesse hebt, en het ook belangrijk vind dat onze Society voort blijft bestaan, sluit je dan bij ons comité aan.

On the 25th of June we are holding our Annual General Meeting for which you are all cordially invited.

We have decided not to send last year's report by post. For those who's email address we have we will email it prior to the meeting. We will also have copies available on the day for those who have not received it. You can still provide us with your email address if you wish to receive the minutes in advance.

This is your opportunity to have your say and vote on important matters.

As mentioned in her report, our president's term has finished, and she is not putting up for re-election. This means we need people to pick up certain functions within the committee. If you are interested, and believe in the importance of our Society's continuation, join our committee.

**The Committee of
Netherlands Society Christchurch**



**From the NSC Secretary:
Should you wish to nominate someone:**

NETHERLANDS SOCIETY CHRISTCHURCH INC. NOMINATION FORM

I, _____
being a financial member of the Netherlands
Society Christchurch Inc, nominate:

Name: _____
being also a financial member of the Netherlands
Society Christchurch Inc. for at least the period of
2023-2024.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ 2023

I, _____
accept the above nomination.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ 2023

**This form must reach the Secretary, PO Box 35177,
Christchurch not later than 8 June 2023.**

*Should you wish to vote but will not be able
to attend the AGM:*

INSTRUMENT APPOINTING A PROXY

I, _____
being a member of the Netherlands Society
Christchurch Incorporated hereby appoint:

Proxy Name: _____
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the
Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held
on Sunday 25th June 2023, commencing at 2pm
and at any adjournment of any such meeting.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ 2023

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Youth of Yesterday



Every Friday morning
9.30am - 2pm approx.

Well it is still beautiful weather at the Everglades on Friday mornings, if you are at a loose end, come along. Everyone is welcome.

A small charge of \$2 entry. A bottomless cup of coffee/tea with a speculaas biscuit is provided. Bring your own lunch. If you know of someone or a group who would like to come, bring them. There is plenty of room.

4 groups operating: 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. You do not have to be dutch to join in.

Phone Lilian on 381-0218 for information
lilian_van_elk@hotmail.com

Remit for the AGM on 25 June 2023

The committee of Netherlands Society Christchurch would like the members to consider the below remit at the AGM on 25 June 2023:

As the cost to print and post out the previous year's AGM minutes is exorbitant, we have emailed the previous year's AGM minutes to those for whom we have an email address.

We propose to make this permanent and make this change in our constitution.

We will email the minutes to all members whose email address we have on file, and to have a few printed copies available on the day for those who do not have email.

Klaverjas Club Ons Genoegen



Wij spelen elke dinsdag van 10.30
tot ongeveer 15.00 uur

Even laten weten dat we nog steeds gaande zijn. Er was gezegd dat we te veel koffie maken en het overblijfsel in de gootsteen gooien. Het antwoord was "drink meer koffie" daarop kregen we "je maakt teveel!!" Ik dacht ik ga het eens vragen aan de experts of de Youth of Yesterday of zij dezelfde lasten hadden en ja hoor. Hun oplossing voor dat probleem was erg simpel: minder koffie of ga over op Instant koffie. Dat voorstel kwam, maar dat was pet zo terug naar de koffie machine alles netjes uitgemeten zet het aan en de ketel bleef koud. De machine was naar je weetje wel. Gelukkig stond er nog een ander, dus die ingeschakeld en ja hoor werkte als een trein. Wat we allemaal niet moeten doen om de vrede te houden en we doen dit met liefde, maar je moet zo nu en dan een heel groot hart hebben en dat hebben we.

De competitie voor het jaarlijkse rooster is weer in volle gang en we krijgen klachten dat ze geen goeie kaarten krijgen, maar dat probleem is universeel. De uitslagen van het prijs kaarten zijn als volgt 21ste februari 1ste Anna Fekkes met 5,177 punten en 2de Koos van Nieuwkerk met 4,887 punten. Die dag waren er geen uitschieters. Maar deze dag wel: 7 maart: 1ste Theo van Vuuren met 5,718 punten en daar zeg je U tegen, 2de Ada Hogedoorn met 5,326 punten. Op zaterdag de 8ste april Paas zaterdag, organiseren we een Kaart Drijf. Als je daaraan mee wil doen, laat het ons even weten voor de 5de april. We zullen proberen om er een gezellige dag van te maken.

Wel mensen dit is mijn epistel. Ik hoop dat alles gezond blijft, want we komen in die tijd van verkoudheid. Neem daar geen notitie van, neem er een borreltje op of een glaasje wijn "dat is of er een engeltje op je tong piest" dat zei mijn moeder altijd als ze een glaasje Boerenjongens dronk. Kennen jullie dat nog? Ik geloof dat het brandewijn met rozijnen was of niet?

Heel veel plezier toegewenst in het spel van leven
Wim

7x fun facts about the Netherlands

1. In the Netherlands, there are no less than 37,000 kilometres of cycle paths.
2. Almost a third of the Netherlands is below sea level.
3. The Dutch are the tallest people in the world.
4. More sheep than people live on the Wadden Island of Texel.
5. Amsterdam is built entirely on piles and has 1200 bridges.
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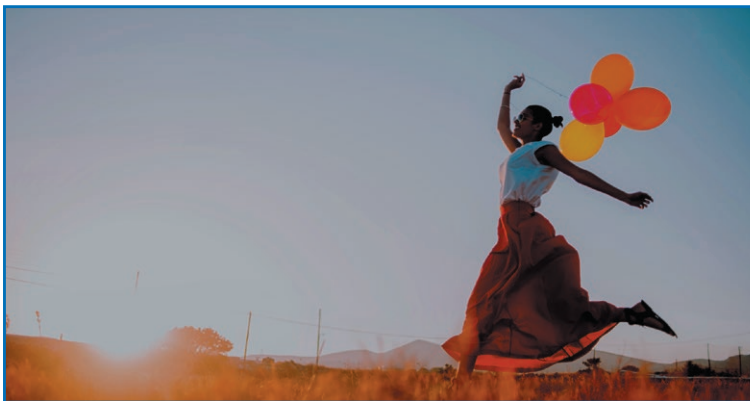
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News from the Embassy

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Message from the Ambassador

Are you also counting down to Dutch Week, 27 April – 7 May 2023? Check out your local Dutch clubs and www.dutchnz.nz to see what they are organising!

I am grateful to all the volunteers that are putting together bike rides, speech competitions, business events, flea markets, film festival, lighting up buildings in orange, and organising King's Day parties! Again this year the Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies received a grant from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities in support of the associated Dutch societies and the activities organised in Dutch week.



I had the opportunity to meet the Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities recently thanking her for her continued support for the Dutch societies and cherishing our Dutch heritage. We looked back on the hard work the first immigrants had to endure

and the severe impact of the assimilation process the Dutch had to deal with after arrival, recognising the valuable contribution immigration brought to New Zealand, including those of Dutch heritage.

Within New Zealand, but also in its partnership with the Netherlands, the Minister and our Embassy team look forward to strengthening the Dutch organisations, especially in relation to newcomers with a different ethnic background, assisting and supporting them in cultivating their culture, and sharing the lessons learned on how to organise and move forward successfully.

Last but not least, I want reach out to those that are affected by the floods in January, followed by the impact of the Cyclone. Our hearts and thoughts are with you all. Please, reach out if you have suggestions on how we as a community can support you in overcoming these tragic events.

Ambassador Ard van der Vorst

FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

In July and August we welcome the Oranje Leeuwinnen to Dunedin and Wellington for the FIFA Women's World Cup.



Matches played in New Zealand:

NL vs Portugal, 23 July in Dunedin

NL vs USA, 27 July in Wellington

NL vs Vietnam, 1 August in Dunedin

Get your tickets from www.fifa.com

There will be events and fan zones all over the country during matches and if we have enough orange supporters there will be orange marches to the matches. Let us know if you want to join, email the embassy at wel-rsvp@minbuza.nl. Let's support the Leeuwinnen and paint New Zealand Orange!

Passport application desk now open in Auckland!

On 1 March the embassy team celebrated the official opening of the Dutch passport and ID card application desk at our external service provider, VFS Global, in Auckland.



Appointments can be booked here:

www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand

Please note that VFS Global charges a service fee, however, this is cheaper than a trip to Wellington!

Successful voter turnout

Thank you for sending your voting papers to the embassy. We received a good number of votes, which were sent to The Hague.



www.dutchnz.nz

Tip from us

For all your questions relating to any Dutch government organisation, call our 24/7 contact center:

0800-388-243

Or visit:

www.netherlandsworldwide.nl

Embassy closure

7 April - Good Friday

10 April - Easter

25 April - ANZAC Day

Puzzle

Star Wars

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New members welcome!

Are you or a friend considering becoming a member of the NSC?

For more info contact the Membership Secretary: 022 362 3411, secretary.nsc@gmail.com

Post this application to: Miryam Denny, PO Box 35177, Christchurch 8640

Or, email application to: secretary.nsc@gmail.com



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