



# NETHERLANDS

SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)

GEYSER NEWS

April and May 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



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### **SATURDAY 15 APRIL MARKET DAY, 10:00-12:00 noon**

The Clubrooms are calling You and We have the coffee, croquettes, "oliebollen", herring and eel ready. The shop is well stocked and in the hall your friends are waiting for you to have a chat.



### **KING'S BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 29 APRIL POT-LUCK LUNCH**

We will celebrate King's Birthday with a Pot-Luck Lunch. Doors are open at 12noon and lunch will be served approximately 12:30.

BYO drinks, but Tea and Coffee Will Be Available. Please bring your ORANGE hat, scarf, wig, shirt or any orange clothing.

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



# **DUTCH WEEK** **Orange Bike Ride** **30 April 2023**



**Dutch Week from Thursday 27 April to Sunday 7 May**



### **ORANGE BIKE RIDE – SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Dutch Embassy has asked all Dutch clubs to organise another "Orange Bike Ride" to celebrate everything Dutch & to coincide with Dutch Week being celebrated nationwide from 27<sup>th</sup> April-7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

We are getting into the spirit of the occasion & have organised our bike ride for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. This will be a fun, leisurely & very social event with stops on the way for coffee, and then lunch & a drink at a local pub at our end destination for those who are keen (pay your own way).

Ride a normal bike, an E-bike, or whatever you prefer and deck yourself and/or your bike out in **ORANGE!!** You can also bring a friend; you don't have to be Dutch! We will have spot prizes to give away on our ride.

We have 2 options for our ride this year, one the same as last year of 12kms one way and another of 8kms one way. For those who want to do the 12km bike ride, we will meet at the clubrooms at 9.30am.

Option 2: For those who wish to do the 8km, you will meet us at Aroma Café (corner of Fenton & Pukaki St) at approx. 10.30ish where we will all stop for coffee & then continue with the ride to our lunch stop.

There is plenty of parking for your car around Aroma Café & of course our clubrooms. We envisage the ride to finish around 3pm depending on which ride you choose. The ride will be at a very leisurely pace on mainly flat terrain on as much cycle ways as possible.

A bit of exercise, socialising, food & fun is what it's all about, with a Dutch connection.

Please RSVP by 28<sup>th</sup> April for this event, so we have a rough idea of numbers participating and so we have your email address if we need to contact you in case of cancellation due to adverse weather conditions.

Remember to pump up your tyres, decorate your bike & yourself, & let's have a fun day out!!

All queries & RSVPs to:

Jo Harvey – 0276684521 or [jobird.harvey@gmail.com](mailto:jobird.harvey@gmail.com)

Lily Prummel - 021354598

First Tuesday of the Month at 11:00



Coffee Mornings: Tuesday 4 April and 2 May



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 some more players: Interested? Come along and enjoy yourself!!

Third Tuesday of the Month at 13:30



Bingo: Tuesday 18 April and 16 May



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



HELP

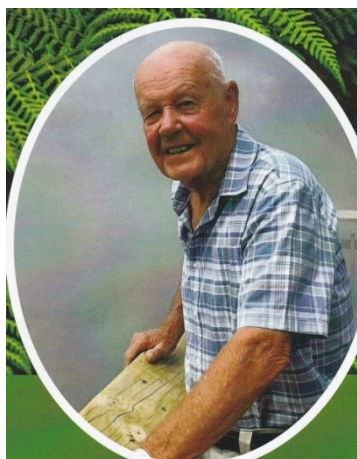
We are looking:

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



**KRUIJNIGER,**  
Marius Nicolaas.  
13 May 1942 -  
5 March 2023.  
Beloved husband of  
Sytske, loved dad of  
Frouke, Anna and  
Lize-Marijke and  
father in law of Chris  
Scott and Matt. Loved  
Opa of Kimberley,  
Brandon, Danielle,  
Ashley, Big Jack,  
Jonathan, Christian,  
Nicholas, Little Jack  
and Abbey. Opa to  
great grandchildren,  
Olivia, Sophie and  
Zed. Loved also by his  
brothers and sisters in  
The Netherlands.  
The service to  
celebrate Marius's life  
will be held at  
Collingwood Funeral  
Home Chapel, 1358  
Eruera Street, Rotorua  
on Thursday 9 March  
at 1pm.  
**Collingwood**  
FUNERAL HOME

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Marius Kruiniger** on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Marius was a member of the maintenance committee of our club. Marius was our master croquettes maker. At the Market Days, Marius was working very hard in de kitchen, to get on top of the demand for croquettes.

We wish Sytske and her family all the strength to cope with this enormous loss.



Passport application desk now open in Auckland. See Newsletter of Embassy .

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March Riet Minnaard sadly passed away after a short illness in the Garden's Hospital.

Riet Minnaard lived in a unit in the Gardens Retirement Village. When we delivered the newsletter to Riet we always had a little chat with her through her speech machine.

Sometimes Riet was by herself but most other times Martha or someone else was there to take care of her.

Riet will be missed by her entire family.



## Onderzoek Nederlandse bankrekening

**Wat wij signaleren; verhoogde kosten voor een bankrekening binnen de EU, en buiten de EU wordt de bankrekening vaak afgesloten en er is een toename in de controle op transacties.**

Naar aanleiding van berichten die we blijven ontvangen hebben de organisaties, Stichting GOED, VBNGB en SNBN, een onderzoek samengesteld. We willen hiermee data verzamelen over het sluiten van bankrekeningen en de gevolgen die dit met zich meebrengt voor Nederlanders in het buitenland. Wij vragen dan ook uw medewerking om aan dit onderzoek deel te nemen.

Met de verzamelde data kunnen we politiek en overheid een duidelijker beeld geven van de huidige situatie en dit aan de orde stellen.

Meedoen kan via deze [link](#) of ga naar onze [website](#).

Alvast hartelijk dank voor uw medewerking!

**de volksbank**



**ABN-AMRO**







# News from the Embassy

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[www.dutchnz.nz](http://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](http://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl)

### Embassy closure

7 April - Good Friday

10 April - Easter

25 April - ANZAC Day

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.





Dear All,

The Embassy has an exciting 6 months contract opportunity for the right person! Please share this with your contacts.





Are you an experienced sports event planner and know everything about communication around big sports events? Look no further, we have the job for you!

The FIFA Women’s World Cup AUS/NZ 2023 will take place from 20 July – 20 August. The Netherlands team, the Orange Lionesses, will play all their group games in New Zealand and the Netherlands Embassy needs your expertise to organize events and to attract as many orange supporters to the stadiums as possible!

More info: <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/new-zealand/about-us/vacancies-and-internships>

Kind regards, *Met vriendelijke groet*, Ngā mihi,



**Jaco van der Walt**  
Senior Consular Officer



**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 VOLUNTEERS. 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.**

**We now also have “Bitterballen” for sale, 25 Bitterballen in a box. Ask the kitchen Helpers for a Price.**













**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.*



I hope that none of our members had troubles with this year's strange weather.

We had family over from December till the end of February. I always tell the family in Holland what very good summers we have. Now, after having been here this summer, the family won't believe me anymore!! Luckily, March was much better. April is next week and two weeks later we have Easter. The highlights for the club in April is:

- 15 April: Market Day
- 29 April: Kings' Birthday Potluck Lunch
- 30 April: Bike Ride

Last year the Bike Ride was a big success and all participants were very happy and keen to do it this year again. You also feel the "Gezelligheid" at our Market Days. When it gets very busy, our volunteer helpers have to work very hard to serve you all.

**FREE FIRE WOOD**



During Cyclone Gabrielle a Big Tree did fall down behind our Club Rooms. It is lying at the back of the building, waiting for anyone who wants firewood. First come, first served!! Please help yourself and take a big chainsaw with you.  
 Ina