

DE SCHAKEL

Dutch Week 2022 impressions

**Christchurch Neerlandia Choir sing
their last hurrah 17-7-2022**

**Stemmen voor eerste kamer vanuit het
buitenland wordt mogelijk**

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Joost de Bruin has been the President of the Federation since 2015. He is also a member of the committee of the Dutch Club Manawatū and was involved in the establishment of the Oranjehof Dutch Connection Centre in Foxton. Joost is an Associate Professor in Media and Communication at Victoria University of Wellington. joost.debruin@vuw.ac.nz

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Wies van den Berg has been the treasurer of the Federation since 2016. She is the president of the Netherlands Society in the Waikato and has been involved with in the Waikato Dutch community since the 1990s in several different ways, starting as a committee member of the Waikato Dutch Choir. Wies teaches nursing at Wintec, is married with Peter, has three adult children and lives in Cambridge. vandenberg@xtra.co.nz / (07) 827 9395



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Van de voorzitter - Joost de Bruin

Dutch Week 2022 went by so quickly. It started with the Big Dutch Day Out in Foxton on 23 April and finished with the Dutch War memorial service in Auckland on 1 May. In between, there was a Dutch Film Festival in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, Orange Bike Rides in 12 different locations from Waiheke Island to Dunedin, a Dutch Speech and Essay Competition for high school students, Dutch language challenges on social media, vrijmarkten at Dutch clubs all over the country and only one King's Day Party I believe, in Christchurch. Several buildings in New Zealand cities were lit up in orange during the week, and thanks to sponsorship from Go Media Dutch Week advertisements popped up on billboards in all corners of New Zealand.



This issue of De Schakel is an excellent opportunity to reflect back on what we achieved with Dutch Week this year and think about what we should do in coming years. In order to facilitate that, I have started a process of strategic planning with all organisations who contribute to Dutch Week – the New Zealand Netherlands Foundation, the Dutch Business Association, the Oranjehof Dutch Connection Museum Trust, the Netherlands Embassy and all of the Federation's Member Clubs and Member Trusts.

If you have any particular ideas on what we should do for Dutch Week 2023, or if there are groups or people who you think should really be part of Dutch Week but who we haven't reached yet, don't hesitate to send me an email with your thoughts and suggestions: joost.debruin@vuw.ac.nz.

Joost.

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Reports and some impressions of Dutch Week 2022



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<https://www.redcross.org.nz>



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Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal

Opening and Big Dutch Day Out



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Oranjehof
Dutch Connection Centre



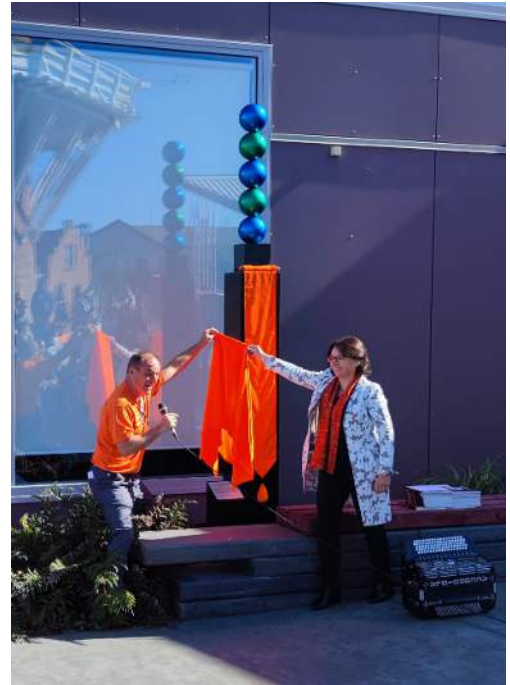
- **300 Kites** for kids to colour in and fly.



Leon van den Eijkel
1940-2021

Memorial Sculpture

An unveiling of a memorial plaque at Leon van den Eijkel's sculpture 'Bonsai Spheres' took place.



Ans Westra

Exhibition

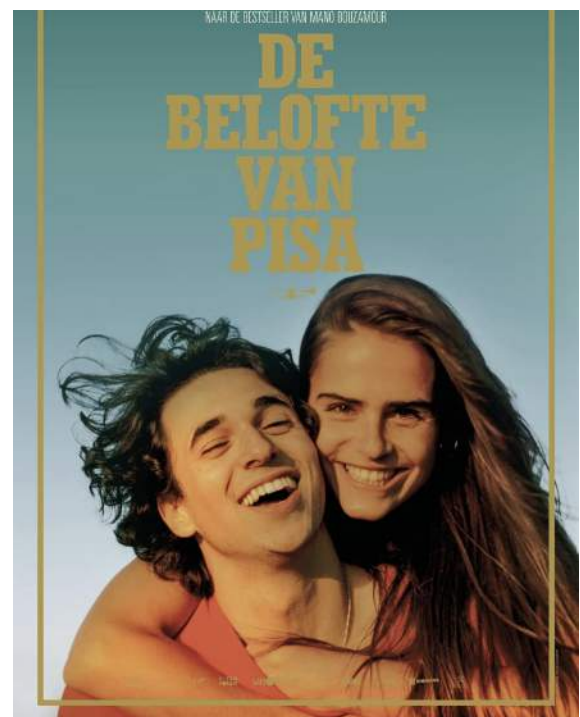
Handboek: Ans Westra Photographs is a large-scale survey exhibition containing work selected from the approximately 48,000 negatives that reside in the Westra archive at Turnbull Pictures in the National Library.



- **Odd Old Dutch Games**, focussed on kids;
 - klompen gooien / clog throwing.
 - steltelopen / stiltwalking.
 - zaklopen / sack jumping.



Film festival



The films "Mijn Vader is een Vliegtuig" on Saturday 23 of April and 'De belofte van Pisa' on Sunday 2nd of May were well visited in Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington.

Orange Bike Ride

Dutch Week Orange Bike Ride – 30 April 2022.

Wouldn't it be great to have a nationwide bike ride during Dutch Week? This was one of many ideas which came up during one of many brainstorming sessions the embassy team had with regards to activities during Dutch Week. Unfortunately due to Covid the bike rides did not go ahead during the first Dutch Week in 2021.

We started putting out the word and approaching local Dutch communities and societies all over Aotearoa New Zealand as early as October last year with the hopes of getting a handful of volunteers to organize a few bike rides. The response was incredible and the people who responded were amazing, all very eager to get involved. From quizzes to cycling workshops to games and even making milkshakes while peddling a stationary bike, the ideas were fantastic.

Hoping for fewer restrictions and glorious weather we were thrilled and very proud to see all the participants and organizers dressed up in orange promoting cycling as a sustainable and fun means of transport.

The result, over 850 participants and 12 Orange Bike Rides across the country in Wellington, Auckland, Waiheke, Rotorua, Hamilton, Christchurch, Nelson, Blenheim, Dunedin, Kapiti, The Hutt and New Plymouth!

Thanks again to a great team of volunteers from these locations putting in all the extra time and effort to make their bike rides such a success, we couldn't have asked for a better outcome and look forward to an even bigger event next year!

Jaco van der Walt

Senior Consular Officer.
Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
New Zealand



New Plymouth



Waiheke



Wellington



Christchurch



Christchurch



Rotorua



Kapiti



Nelson



Hamilton



Dunedin

Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/AucklandOrangeBike2022>

June 2022

Speech and Essay competition

The National Dutch Speech Competition was back for its second year and we had added a new opportunity by adding in an essay division for those who are perhaps a little bit shy to deliver a speech in person.

The Essay.

The topic of the essay was "Wat kan Nederland leren van Nieuw-Zeeland?" and open to all Year 9-13 students enrolled in a NZ Secondary school. The word limit was 750 to 850 words. The covid response should not be discussed in the essay to ensure that there was a good variety of answers to the question.

The winner of our first NZ National Dutch Essay Competition is;

Femke Zandvoort

St Peter's College in Cambridge.

The Speech.

The speech competition had two divisions, for year 9-11 the time limit was 2-3 minutes and for year 12-13 it was 3-4 minutes. The participants delivered their speech live on the evening of the 29th of April during Dutch week (as well as answered a few questions from the judges).

A unique aspect of our speech competition is that it was available in English or Dutch so not just for native speakers but also for those with Dutch Heritage.

The topic this year was "My clogs and my jandals".

The overall winner of the 2022 NZ National Dutch Speech Competition is;

Julie Brouwer

St Peter's College in Cambridge.

Julie won a trip to Wellington to spend a day with Ambassador Mira Woldberg.

For more information go to www.dutchspeechcomp.nz

King's day party Christchurch

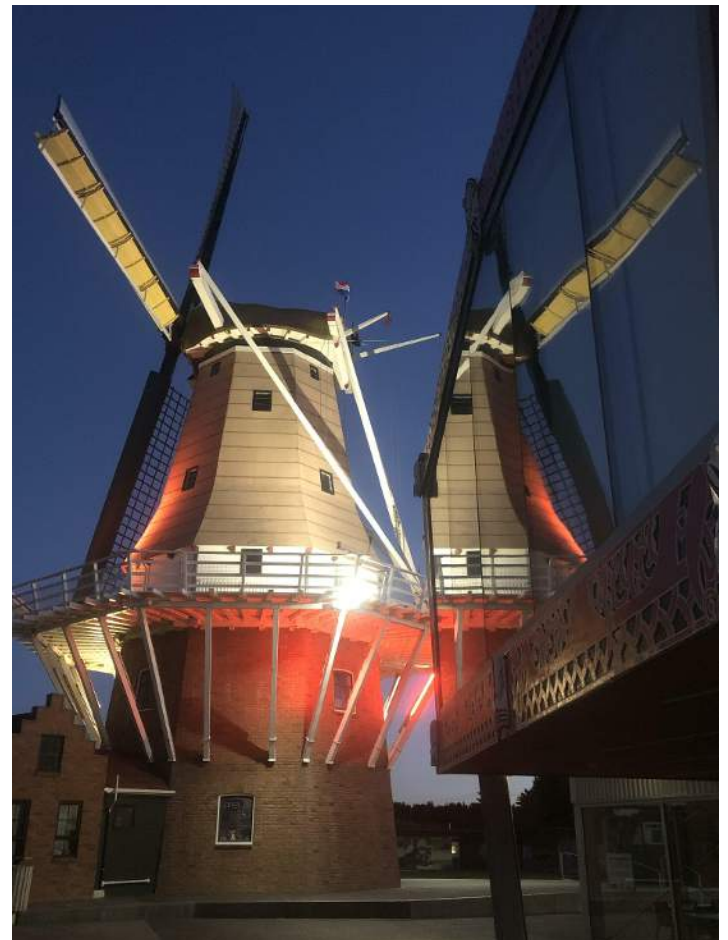
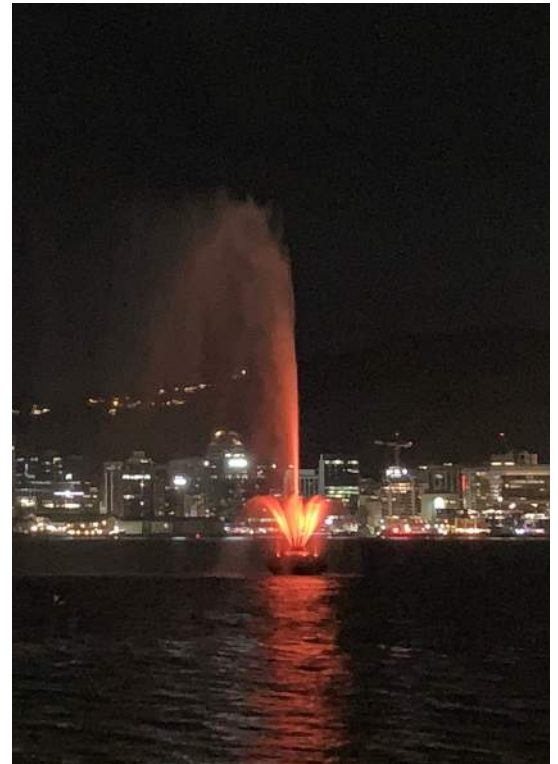


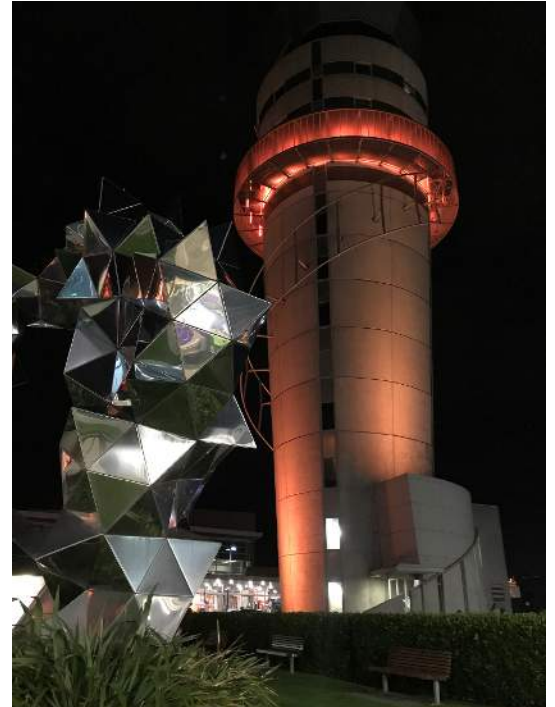
Aikmans Sports Bar
154 Aikmans Rd
Merivale
Christchurch



Orange lights

- Auckland;
- Christchurch;
- Foxton;
- Palmerston North;
- Wellington;
- The Sky Tower (27th of April)
- Airport exterior walls and Tower
- Art Gallery
- Canterbury Museum
- De Molen
- The Clock Tower
- Michael Fowler Centre
- the Carter Fountain
- the Dutch Embassy





In Memoriam Jose Nijstad.

By Yoka Saris



Yoka Saris:

I arrived from Wellington 32 years ago not knowing many people in this city. And at first I felt rather lonely without my family and friends.

How José heard about this I don't know but one day she turned up at my place and after a short conversation she suggested I would start a coffee morning with Dutch ladies.

When I told her that I did not know many in Christchurch José said to leave that up to her.

"You set the date and make sure you have coffee and something to eat and I'll get the girls."

Well, she did. I hardly had enough chairs but said José: "At least you have enough to eat!" That morning we chatted and laughed a lot. The coffee club lessened my loneliness for quite a while.

After some time I got a job at the Dutch Consulate as Migration Officer.

There together with the Consul's secretary, Mayo Oorthuys, I set up the Christchurch branch of the Friendly Support Network.

We gave aid to the many Dutch migrants who were in need of all kind of things, such as

translating diplomas, job references; finding work; home rentals but most often giving support with the battle against homesickness.

José, of course (who else), was our number one woman to help us out as a volunteer at the FSN.

She was an amazing support organising to clean the homes of mostly little old men, who she always cheered up with her boisterous jokes.

One day, when José was unable to attend this certain old gentleman's housework, he rang me and asked if next week he could have 'the big lady' again, the one who told the great jokes.

He told me he really liked her as he did not even have to put his hearing aid in. He could clearly hear every word she said!

José was also at hand at all times during the time when the FSN had to take care of a family with quadruplets. The mother had to take one of the girls to the Netherlands for an operation and the Father, who had just started his own business, could not always be there to take care of the other three babies.

The FSN members did what they could but José became the stand-in mother. She worked tirelessly for a long time for this young family.

I wonder sometimes if these parents still remember José and all she did for those little ones.

These are but a few memories. All of you here in Christchurch know that José was the queen of the Dutch Club's kitchen; the cleaner-upper; the wiper of tears when things got on top of some people. José was always there with her special 'bear-hugs' and tea-towel to wipe our faces.

How we laughed, when she got older and went from a sweet soprano voice to a dusky alto and when that became too much she did a stint as a bass singer with the men!

José was known for her loud voice but more-so for her heart, which was as big as Texas. Nobody was ever sent on his or her way when they came to ask her for help.

So to the Nijstad family I like to say you can be proud that you are related to this very special lady.

And all others, myself included, we thank José for all she has done, we will miss her because ladies like José don't come around very often.

And....if you are listening up there, José, don't forget to keep telling them your corny jokes!!!

Yoka Van Urk-Saris

Editor Ron van Santen:

The text above describes my experience with her as a previous Christchurch President. Like others I've been a recipient of many of her bear-hugs. At events at the club you always knew where she was without looking for her. Oh! That voice travelled!! I'll never forget her positive attitude or her big smile, her directness in expressing herself or how she took care of business in her final days.

A very special lady who is missed by many.

The Neerlandia Choir sing their last hurrah..

Celebrating 40 years of the Neerlandia Choir

With pride and sadness in my heart I write this.

The Neerlandia Choir is celebrating their 40th jubilee on Sunday 17th of July. This will also be the last day for the choir to sing or perform. We only have ten members left in the choir and that is not enough to keep on going, we just simply cannot afford to pay the conductor and the accompanist any longer.

The choir has had many highlights over those 40 years and in the afternoon recital of the 17th of July we will reminisce and think back of the glory days of the choir.

The choir thanks The Netherlands Society for the free use of the hall over the years, which is one of the reasons the choir has been able to keep on going for so long.

For me personally what I will miss the most is the Christmas celebration and I hope we can manage to do something around Christmas time to keep a little bit of the "Nederlands" tradition going.

The choir invites everyone for a farewell afternoon tea and especially those people who over the years have either been a part of the choir or who have always supported the choir.

Please come along and share our last performance.

The performance starts at 2pm 17th July at the clubrooms of the Netherlands Society, 637 Marshland Road.

For catering purposes can you please call Annie, mob: 021 062 5656 or (03) 383-1594.

Annie van der Dussen

President

Neerlandia Choir



Informative..



Automatisch verlies Nederlandschap mogelijk vanaf 13 jaar i.p.v. 10 jaar

Korte maar wel belangrijke mededeling: waar het automatische verlies van het Nederlandschap tot voor kort mogelijk was na 10 jaar, is deze termijn recentelijk opgerekt naar **13 jaar**. Zoals bij Everaert Advocaten beschreven staat: 'Dit betekent dat je tot 3 jaar nadat je Nederlandse paspoort is verlopen de kans hebt om een nieuw Nederlands paspoort te verkrijgen zonder dat je Nederlandschap gevaar loopt.'

Dubbele nationaliteit in het regeerakkoord

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In het nieuwe **coalitieakkoord** is een passage opgenomen over meervoudige nationaliteit en behoud van het Nederlandschap:

*"De **Rijkswet Nederlandschap** leidt in sommige situaties tot onwenselijke problemen. We herzien het automatisme waarbij Nederlanders met een meervoudige nationaliteit buiten het EU grondgebied (na 10 jaar) hun Nederlandschap verliezen en maken het voor hen makkelijker het Nederlandschap te behouden naast hun andere nationaliteit of, voor degenen die het na 1 april 2003 verloren, te herkrijgen."*

Het lijkt erop dat de nieuwe regering soepeler zal willen omgaan met dubbele nationaliteit, waardoor Nederlandschap bij langdurig verblijf in het buitenland makkelijker kan worden behouden en minder snel kan worden verloren.

We kijken uit naar de uitvoeringsstrategie die in de loop van 2022 van de staatssecretaris verwacht zou mogen worden. Vervolgens zullen debatten over het onderwerp uiteindelijk moeten leiden tot een voorstel voor een wetwijziging. Het is te hopen dat er nu echt iets gaat gebeuren op dit gebied en dat ook de modernisering van het nationaliteitsrecht uit het regeerakkoord 2017-2021 wordt opgepakt, en dat dubbele nationaliteit mogelijk maakt, ten uitvoer wordt gebracht.

Overigens is in oktober 2021 een wetsvoorstel aangenomen om de automatische verliestermijn op 13 jaar te zetten. Dit betekent dat je tot 3 jaar nadat je Nederlandse paspoort is verlopen de kans hebt om een nieuw Nederlands paspoort te verkrijgen zonder dat je Nederlandschap gevaar loopt. De nieuwe wet treedt in werking met ingang van 1 april 2022.

Everaert Advocaten zal zich blijven inspannen om een bijdrage aan het debat te leveren en om het onderwerp dubbele nationaliteit op de politieke agenda te houden.

AANVAARD & VOLBRACHT! Grondwet wordt gewijzigd!



Stemmen voor Eerste Kamer vanuit buitenland wordt mogelijk



5 juli 2022

Wat in 2015 met een motie op het D66-congres begon, eindigde vandaag, zeven jaar later, met een overwinning voor en erkenning van de rechten van de Nederlanders buiten Nederland: nota bene in de Eerste Kamer zelf werd vanmiddag de laatste horde geslecht om de grondwet te wijzigen.

Met die wijziging staat de weg open om Nederlanders buiten Nederland voortaan óók voor de Eerste Kamer te laten stemmen, op indirecte wijze, net zoals Nederlanders binnen Nederland. Met meer dan de vereiste tweederde meerderheid van de 75 kamerzetels (54 voor, 21 tegen) werd het wetsvoorstel vandaag aangenomen. Een groep SNBN'ers – letterlijk vanuit de hele wereld – was ter plaatse aanwezig, onder leiding van bestuurslid Jan Joosten, in SNBN ornaat.

Rond kwart voor twee 's middags lokale tijd was het dan zover: de stemming – de allerlaatste horde.

De politieke partijen die de Nederlanders buiten Nederland die vóór stemden waren: OSF (1), PvdA (6), GroenLinks (8), D66 (7), PvdD (3), Fractie-Otten (2), ChristenUnie (4), CDA (9), VVD (12) en 50PLUS (2)

Tegen waren: Fractie-Nanninga (7), SP (4), PVV (5), SGP (2), FVD (1) en Fractie-Frentop (2)

Lees dit online: <https://www.nederlandersbuitennederland.nl/stemmen-eerste-kamer-mogelijk/>

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