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Editor's note

Hello dear readers,

Of course, the Easter Egg Hunt was one of those special events last month. There is always a lot of effort put in to make it an awesome time for our younger generation.

Zealandia Horticulture has committed to continue to support The Netherlands Society with their planting around Windmill Maria, which we are very grateful for.

This was their contribution to make it look nice as part of the unveiling of Windmill Maria in February:



This was their latest contribution, which your committee members – Annie, Dee, Desiree, Lilian, Lynda, Marjon and Pete - planted on Saturday 22 April: (Unfortunately Miryam had to go home sick, but Adrie also gave us a hand):



Pete & Dee
Editors, Echo

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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:
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President's greeting



Dee Segeren

President
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Hallo lezers van onze Echo,

Wij zijn altijd op zoek naar interessante onderwerpen. Toen we de mogelijkheid kregen om Dr. Ursula Rack uit te nodigen voor een presentatie over haar Antartica onderzoeken, hebben we die met twee handen aangegrepen. Helaas was de opkomst op 24 maart minimaal. Gelukkig waren er vanuit de Oostenrijkse gemeenschap voldoende aanwezigen, maar de meederheid van ons Nederlanders liet verstek gaan. Ik wil echter degenen die wel aanwezig waren, hartelijk bedanken voor je belangstelling. Ik waardeer dat. Niet alleen gaf Dr. Ursula Rack ons een overzicht wat er allemaal gedaan moet worden voordat je wordt "goedgekeurd" deel te nemen aan de expeditie, maar zeker ook de kleding die nodig is om in Antartica te kunnen werken, eten en slapen.

Op zondag 2 april kwamen we niet alleen bijeen voor een gezellig samenzijn tijdens de Dutch Market want ook de Easter Egg Hunt stond op menig verlanglijstje. De jongere generatie nam enthousiast deel aan de knutsel en kleur activiteiten en natuurlijk de chocolade paas eieren zoektocht. Kijk op pagina 8 voor een fotoreportage.

De jaarlijkse contributie rekeningen zijn verstuurd en de betalingen komen gestaag binnen. Dankjewel aan iedereen die heeft betaald en een dringende oproep aan diegenen die nog moeten betalen. Het zou toch jammer zijn om je lidmaatschap te laten verlopen. Hoe meer zielen, hoe meer vreugd. Als je je lidmaatschap niet hebt betaald vóór onze AGM, mag je ook niet stemmen. Laat je stem niet verloren gaan!

Vergeet alsjeblieft niet zondag 25 juni 14.00 uur in je agenda te zetten: de AGM is een bijeenkomst die voor iedereen van groot belang is.

Ik doe opnieuw een oproep voor diegenen binnen de NSC family, die geïnteresseerd zijn in het wel en wee van onze club. Laat je nomineren om zitting te nemen in ons committee. If you don't speak Dutch, no issue at all. As we speak English at our meetings. However there needs to be a percentage of Dutch blood running through your veins 😊.

In onze laatste bestuursvergadering hebben we gebrainstormd hoe het komt dat het lijkt of niemand geïnteresseerd is zitting te willen nemen in NSC's bestuur. Misschien omdat men denkt dat er te veel tijd in gaat zitten, of "bang" is met taken te worden "opgezadeld". We hebben daarom besloten een overzichtelijke lijst te maken van al die taken die minimaal moeten worden gedaan, hoe die kunnen worden verdeeld onder de bestuursleden en ook hoeveel tijd er mee gemoeid is. Sommige taken vragen niet meer dan een gemiddelde van 2 uur per maand van je tijd. Natuurlijk zijn er ook taken die meer tijd nemen, zoals dat van de editors. Deze taak kost minimaal 10 uur per maand. Wil je die tijd investeren? Het gaat om het wel en wee van NSC voor nu en in de toekomst. We zijn allemaal druk, druk, druk maar vergeet alsjeblieft niet dat het voortbestaan van het bestuur op het spel staat. Zonder een bestuur kan het "reilen en zeilen" niet worden gedaan. Zitting nemen in een bestuur, niet alleen in NSC's, vraagt een commitment en we hopen dat er leden zijn die tijdens de AGM haar / zijn hand opsteken. Kijk voor algemene AGM informatie en het nominatie formulier op pagina 7.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee

What's On!

King's Birthday celebrations at Brigittes Cafe



Friday 5 May, 7pm
Brigittes Cafe, Merivale

For more details please refer to the ad on page 6. Wear something orange.

Dutch Market (on Mother's Day)



Sunday 14 May
10am - 12.30pm

There will be a little present handed out to all Mothers.

AGM



Sunday 25 June, 2pm
Netherlands Society Clubrooms

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

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

Our president's term has finished, and she is not available 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.

Youth of Yesterday



Every Friday morning (public holidays incl.)
9.30am - 2pm approx.

Easter has now come and gone and a tree with named Easter eggs was provided as an adult Easter Hunt and miniature Easter cheesecakes.

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

What's On!



It's almost time for the 3rd annual Dutch Week! Dutch Week is filled with fun activities and events to celebrate all things Dutch and to enhance the visibility of local Dutch communities and the contributions they make to a diverse Aotearoa New Zealand.

Join the King's Day festivities, visit the "Big Dutch Day Out" in Foxton, partake in the nationwide Orange Bike Ride, give the Speech Competition a go, or watch a Dutch film, there's something for everyone!

See what's happening near you:
dutchnz.nz/dutch-week

Highlights of Dutch Week:

Big Dutch Day Out



29 April, Foxton

The 10th anniversary of the Big Dutch Day Out will once again be a fun day out for the family filled with castle games, old odd Dutch games, straatorgel muziek, art, and klompenkunst voor de kinders. You can also feast on yummy traditional Dutch treats.

dutchnz.nz/big-dutch-day-out

Dutch Film Festival



29 April, 2/3/7 May
AKL, CHCH, WLG, HAM, PALMY

Dutch movies are different. They love to explore the more sensitive topics. Get together with other Dutchies and immerse yourself in cultuur uit Nederland - sit back and enjoy a movie at the Dutch Film Festival.

dutchnz.nz/Dutch-Film-Festival-

Orange Bike Rides



30 April, Nationwide

Dress up in orange and join one of our family friendly nationwide Orange Bike Rides promoting cycling as a sustainable means of transport for all of Aotearoa New Zealand to enjoy. Great prizes up for grabs!

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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.

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**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: _____

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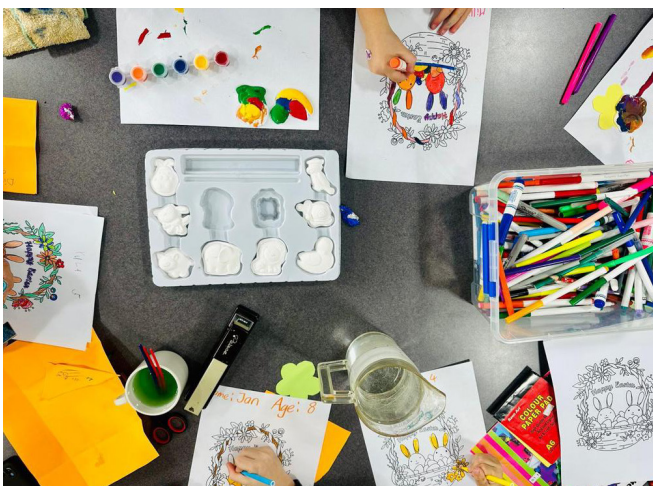


Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday 2 April we held our Easter egg hunt for the children together with the market.

We were very lucky with the weather. The children got into the creating and colouring with great enthusiasm. And we had 9 children who won a prize for all the effort they put into the colouring-in competition.

Easter bunny arrived and he took the children to the field at the front where all the Easter eggs were to be found. All the children came back with happy faces and lots of eggs and the Easter bunny had still enough eggs leftover to hand out chocolate eggs to the adults and visitors of the market.



Klaverjas Club "Ons Genoegen"



We spelen elke dinsdag van 10.30 tot ongeveer 15.00 uur

Alweer een maand voorbij en voor je het weet staat de volgende maand voor je deur. Wat de kaartclub betreft: het wordt steeds gezelliger want de meeste mensen willen het niet missen. De meeste leden komen al sinds de laatste veertig tot vijftig jaar en je kunt ze niets wijs maken. Dat is het leukste: we zijn allemaal geraffineerd.

De kaart drijf die werd gehouden op de 8ste april is goed verlopen en we bedanken vooral de lady die ons heeft geholpen in de keuken. Er waren precies 16 deelnemers dus niemand kon in de keuken zijn voor de lunch en wat er bij komt. Al met al werd het weer een gezellige dag. De winnaars waren 1ste Agnes Stolp met 8,611 punten, 2de Gertruud Steltenpool met 8,165 punten en 3de Dora Niesten met 8,127 punten. Iedereen kreeg natuurlijk een Paas Ei want dat hoorde er natuurlijk bij. We bedanken Jean Blik die ons hielp om "volle tafels" te maken.

De laatste wekelijkse prijs winnaars zijn als volgt:

- 21 maart: Agnes Stolp met 5,596 punten en 2de Bep van Polanen met 5,049 punten
- 4 april: 1ste Agnes Stolp met 5,596 punten en 2de Olga Verstappen met 5,234 punten
- 18 april: 1ste Olga Verstappen met 5,178 punten en 2de Koos van Nieuwkerk met 5,023 punten

We feliciteren de winnaars en de volgende keer is het onze beurt!!

Wel mensen dit is het voor deze keer. Het wordt buiten weer wat koeler, met andere woorden blijf in de warmte en heb veel plezier in het spel van het leven.

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Theo Boekel



On Friday 7th April Theo Boekel passed away, aged 76 years. The funeral service was celebrated on Wednesday April 19th at the Clubroom of the Netherlands Society and we want to pay tribute to Theo's life.

Theo is largely remembered by the older members within the NSC family and everyone remembers the Echo radio programme on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Theo moved to New Zealand in 1976. He had to go back for family circumstances but after six months he felt he had to go back to New Zealand.

Theo was the programme producer at Echo Radio. Echo Radio was a non-profit voluntary organisation providing an information service to the Dutch community in New Zealand.

Its broadcasts included news from the Netherlands

as well as community news from the different regions in New Zealand.

When Theo knew there would be an event at the Netherlands Society, he would interview the entertainment manager on air. In this way he would promote and support the NSC.

Echo Radio provided a unique service in New Zealand, as the only Dutch-language program in the New Zealand broadcast media. Its first broadcast aired on 8 March 1988 and it continued to be on air for over twenty-four years.

In November 2012 Echo Radio's last broadcast via Access Radio (Plains FM) could be heard.

Radio With Pictures (Echo) became Theo's next project. Here he also created films and videos about the Dutch community. His archive will be of huge value not only for those who participated in them but for the whole community. Dutch-born Theo Boekel presented and produced the programs.

In 2005 Theo received the Christchurch City award, was also made a member of Oranje Nassau by the Dutch Queen Beatrix.

From 1989 Theo was NSC's president for 5 years and under his reign it became a reality to build the new clubrooms which were finished in early 1992.

The members of the Toenail Culture Ale remember Theo as a very helpful person who would always be willing to create a small film or soundtrack to make the play a great success. With his knowledge he could do almost anything and it always turned out very well. He still has a very special place in their hearts and the drama group members are grateful for all his contributions over the years.

Remit for the AGM on 25 June 2023

The committee of Netherlands Society Christchurch would like the members to consider the below remit to the constitution as a permanent change 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.



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Adrie & Annie's story – part 2

Some people must have thought we were mad buying a piece of land that was so overgrown with blackberries and fallen trees that you could hardly walk around on it. But especially Adrie saw the potential of it which has worked out really well for us after 30 odd years.



In November 1981 Adrie's parents and an aunt came here for 3 and half month on holiday, which was very nice but not always easy because they couldn't speak English. In those days we didn't have BVN and all those easy ways to keep in contact with the family in the Netherlands. But Adrie's father kept himself busy with making a vegetable garden on the land. To keep the ladies occupied I bought a lot of wool and Oma and Aunty did a lot of knitting for all the dolls, and we still have all the dolls with the beautiful knitted garments which even our grandchildren have played with.



After 2 years it was time for Adrie to move on and started doing building work. Together with Arnold

Calje he build a new shop for them on Lincoln Road. Trudy, his wife was making drapes and bedspreads in her garage and I had started working for her the year before.

While building, Adrie met Art Grieves, a drain layer, who was getting on in age and was looking for someone to take over his work. He taught Adrie the ins and outs of drainlaying. Adrie really liked the work and studied the theoretical part so he could sit the exam.

Unfortunately for him it was not so easy being a written exam. The first year Adrie got 33% and the second time he got 44%. After several requests he finally was allowed to do an oral exam in Wellington for which he passed with flying colours.

From then on Adrie could do the work under his own name which he has done till his retirement at the age of 60.



Adrie met Cees Jorna who was setting up a new nursery on Mairehau road and needed help filling the little troughs for the plants. Cees needed a lot of building done so Adrie started doing building work for Cees. Building a new work shed, shade house, several tunnels and a new house for Cees and Miep

In the meantime, I was looking for work closer to home and asked if I could work at the nursery as well, which was fine but Cees didn't take on anyone who smoked so that was a very good excuse for me to stop smoking.

I worked there for several years but got problems with my shoulders and neck so had to stop. Being a qualified tailor, I started making wedding dresses and in no time had a lot of work. Because of my problems with my osteoarthritis, I joined the Arthritis society so I could go to their exercise classes in the hydro therapy pool in Burwood hospital. I volunteers to be a supervisor in the pool and soon they roped me in to take one of the classes, which I did for about 25 years.

In 1983 we sold the house and moved to the land on Burwood Road. We couldn't afford to build the house we wanted so we build a workshop in which we made living quarters for ourselves. Nothing fancy but very liveable and like all our visitor did say, very "gezellig"

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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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