

THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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Orange Bike Parade for Koningsdag 30 April 2023

**COMING UP: Solstice Lunch (sold out!), 75th Anniversary Celebrations
Join us for coffee mornings, Klaverjas and Sunday afternoon socials.**

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Our club's website	www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz	
Our club on Facebook	www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/	
The Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies	www.dutchcommunities.co.nz	
Dutch Connections community website	https://dutchnz.nz	
Netherlands Embassy, Wellington	www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand	
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What's On

At the clubrooms:

Coffee mornings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10-1pm.

Sunday instuif: Sundays 2pm - 5 pm.

Klaverjas: every Tuesday 10am - 2pm. Bring your own lunch.

Spelletjes/Games afternoon: 2nd Sunday of the month (with Sunday instuif).

Elsewhere:

Island Bay coffee group: every last Wednesday of the month, 10.30am. At Island Bay Community Centre, The Parade, Island Bay. \$3.00 per person.

Waikanae coffee group: every 2nd Friday of the month, 10am. At the Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae. \$6.00 per person.

Levin coffee morning: every last Thursday of the month, 10am. At 64 Highbury Drive, Levin (home of Ans Howes). \$5.00 per person.

Koffiemorgen with the Ambassador

Prior to Koningsdag, members of the Dutch Club were invited to a morning tea on 21 April at the newly refurbished residence of the ambassador, Mr Ard van der Vorst, in Wadestown. A small group took the train from Lower Hutt and met up in Wellington with other club members and 13 of us proceeded in taxis to Wadestown. We were greeted by the ambassador, who was flanked by his magnificent Rhodesian Ridgeback dog. Maartje Thorn and other embassy staff members were there also to greet us and share the morning tea in the former ballroom.

Mr van der Vorst gave a short speech, telling us about the residence and the role of the Ambassador and Embassy which serves not only New Zealand, but many Pacific Islands. The house was built by the Norwood family, whose legacy lives on in the Lady Norwood Rose Garden as well.



We also got a short quiz about the various flags on display – the flags of the countries that comprise the United Kingdom of The Netherlands (Nederland, Aruba, Curaçao and St Maarten) and the European Union flag.

The residence has some interesting new furnishings, all by Dutch or Dutch/Kiwi designers. One of the aims of the refurbishment was to use recycled or upcycled materials, and energy-efficient lighting. We saw very modern and comfortable chairs with frames made of beech wood and the seats from material using recycled soft drink bottles (Maria Tulp pictured in one), and lamps made from re-purposed glass dishes and plates.

I particularly liked the wallpaper in the library; this was designed to reflect the muted colours the old masters used. I also liked the mirror in the dining room (inset), and the photos by Ans Westra that decorated one wall.



The dining room table was already set for an upcoming dinner party in celebration of King Willem-Alexander's birthday.

We all enjoyed this morning at the residence and the coffee and delicious orange cupcakes. We thank our Ambassador Ard van der Vorst for the invitation, and for giving us such an informative tour of the residence.

Anne-Marie Knibbeler



From the President – Van de Voorzitter

Dear members,

First and foremost, congratulations for the 75th Anniversary of your club!

Secondly, I am happy to announce that the full team of committee members has decided to continue serving for another year. This is good news as the team is working great together and, unfortunately, we have not seen any interest by others, especially among the younger generation, in joining the committee. This will create a problem for the future, but we will cross that bridge when we get there.

The committee members will convene at the next scheduled committee meeting on Tuesday 6th June to allocate names and roles.

Looking back on the last two months, we have celebrated a colourful Social Sunday Easter event, a spectacular Kingsday/Orange Bike Ride event and of course our Annual General Meeting. You will find more information about these events when you read on.

Looking forward, we have a Solstice Lunch coming up in June and after that, a lull until Tulip Sunday. The committee is currently in discussion with the Botanic Gardens to see in what shape or form this event will take place if we decide to take part.

I'll leave it at that as far as club activities are concerned, but would like to respond to a few comments I happened to catch in the clubrooms:

- *Nobody is interested in the Souvenir teaspoons, how come?*
Not sure, they are still available but will end up in the Op-shop if nobody wants them.
- *Simon's contribution about Ans Westra (April issue) was very well received: a contemporary and interesting topic and well-written article. What's up from your hand next, Simon?*
- *Is the backyard of the clubrooms soggy after prolonged rain?*

Yes, and if you don't believe me ask Mary or Chris.

- *Is the club joining everyone else and increasing prices according to the New Zealand inflation rate?*

There are no plans to increase our bar prices.....(yet).

- *Did we deliberately forget Piet Romijn's birthday?*

Of course not, sorry Piet. If you want your name mentioned in the Double Dutch birthday column, please make sure that Carolina has your day and month of birth (the year is not necessary).

- *Could we mention the names of any member that has passed away recently in this magazine?*

Yes, we have done so already a few times and will keep doing so in the future. Sorry for those we have missed. If you attend the funeral of a member, please ask for a copy of the funeral card for our club.

That's all from me,

Pierre.



Vini Foster · Follow

Dec 13, 2022 · 🌐

Jumbo, the Dutch supermarket chain, introduced slow checkouts when it discovered some people enjoy chatting while paying for their goods.

The added personal touch is helping many people, especially the elderly, deal with loneliness. The move has proven so successful that Jumbo has installed the slow checkouts in 200 stores. 🥰



Annual General Meeting



On Sunday 21st May we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Avalon House. It was good to see many members turning up for the meeting. As a matter of fact, this was the largest assembly of members for an AGM in my time as chairman.

After meeting formalities, an overview of the past year was presented followed by the results of the financial review. As a special topic the results of the recent questionnaire on what, how and where to celebrate our 75th anniversary was shared. (See opposite page.)

Main points from the meeting were:

- Regular events are well attended and enjoyed by our members.
- Tulip Sunday was cancelled last year due to bad weather.
- All other one-off events enjoyed good visitor numbers, most notably Sinterklaas which drew a record number of children this year.
- Membership numbers are steady.
- The club has a good Internet presence and communication.
- Contract negotiations with the council are ongoing.
- Members will continue to enjoy sponsored events, using available funds.
- The club is in a good financial position.

- The current committee members all agreed to being re-elected for next year.
- We are celebrating our 75th anniversary this year!

For those members who are interested in more details than the above, I would like to refer to the minutes of the meeting that will be distributed once finalised.

Thanks to all who participated.

Pierre



Relaxing over fine food (bitterbollen, haring en kaas) and drink after the 'business' end of the meeting.

Results of the Anniversary questionnaire

To find out when and how our club should celebrate its 75th Anniversary a questionnaire (on paper and electronically) was issued to all members with the following particulars:

- Issued with March-April Double Dutch.
- Requested responses by 25 April.
- 12 Questions on the following topics:
 - Transportation & mobility.
 - Frequency, duration and type of event(s).
 - Location of the event(s).
 - Other ways to commemorate.
 - Cost of the Anniversary celebration.

In total, 28 members replied to the questionnaire. The following overview is a compiled summary of the answers:

- All respondents want to celebrate our anniversary with an event.
- Half prefer using their own transportation (52%), while a third prefer the club to arrange it (34%).
- Half are happy to walk (50%), while the other half are not (19% no walking and 19% only a short walk).
- Most respondents would like to see one big event being organised (67%), a few prefer a summer and winter event (22%), and even fewer more than one event (11%).

- The vast majority would like a Food & Drinks event (88%), some with entertainment (34%), nobody was interested in an activity event (0%).
- Most respondents said that the event should take between half and full day (64%); there was little interest in a multi-day (3%) event.
- Where: External venue (35%), Avalon House (32%), no preference (32%).
- Most popular “other” types of commemoration are: a news article or book (42%), and a gift of some kind (34%).
- As for the budget, the majority (73%) voted for “As much as it takes”.

From a list of specific suggestions earlier suggested by members, the following five topped the list of votes:

1. Lunch/dinner at Wallaceville House (15).
2. Tour/lunch at a Martinborough winery (13).
3. BBQ at the clubhouse (12).
4. New sign for Avalon House (10).
5. Cossie club event with entertainment (9).

The committee will take these results into account when allocating a budget for the celebration and start planning (an) event(s) in the coming month. You will be kept abreast with the progress of this via the Double Dutch or intermediate Newsletters. Anyone interested in more details on the results of the questionnaire can contact me.

Pierre

*How to end a meeting:
Pierre's closing powerpoint slide from the AGM, as he desperately tried to bring the meeting to an end before 8pm (just joking).*



Koningsdag + Orange Bike

For the second year running, the Dutch Club's Koningsdag celebration was run – or should that be 'pedalled out' – in conjunction with the Orange Bike Hutt Valley cycle promo event. This family-friendly event was one of more than a dozen "Orange Bike Rides" promoted by the Netherlands Embassy – and organised by local communities – around New Zealand for the third annual Dutch Week. Activities included a children's confidence course, free bike checks, bike promotion material from Waka Kotahi, Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington, and the Orange Mystery Trail – a series of 16 puzzling questions put together by Pierre.

A highlight of this year's event was Netherlands Deputy Ambassador Maartje ten Brummelaar coming along with her family, and leading the crowd of 70 or so cyclists round Avalon Park on the Orange Bike Parade ending with prizegiving at Avalon House. This was compered by Pierre, with Saskia Knibbeler providing an assessment from the Judges, and the Deputy Ambassador handing out prizes. Thanks go also to Ben Lokum for providing live music on his ocarina and leading us in singing the Dutch national anthem 'Het Wilhelmus'.

More than 70 cyclists officially registered and took part in the event, with others just turning up. An

estimated over a hundred people came through the gates of the Dutch Club to join in the festivities. We didn't have the Montfoort poffertjes van this year, but their stroopwafels were popular with young and old alike. People definitely want to see Orange Bike as a regular event, not just for the Dutch community, but for Hutt Valley cyclists as well.

Thanks to the Orange Bike planning team: Joel Burton, Tom White and Martin de Jong. And to those who made it a success on the day:

Volunteers: Martin & Lucy Ryan; Rhia & Ella de Jong; Karlien Haak; Kathryn Rose; Stefanie Sykutera; **Judges:** Lily Chalmers, Jesil Cajes, Saskia Knibbeler; **Mechanics:** Ross Bailey & Simon Gilbert; and **Photographers:** Mohammad Syed and Susanne Knibbeler (whose photos feature here).

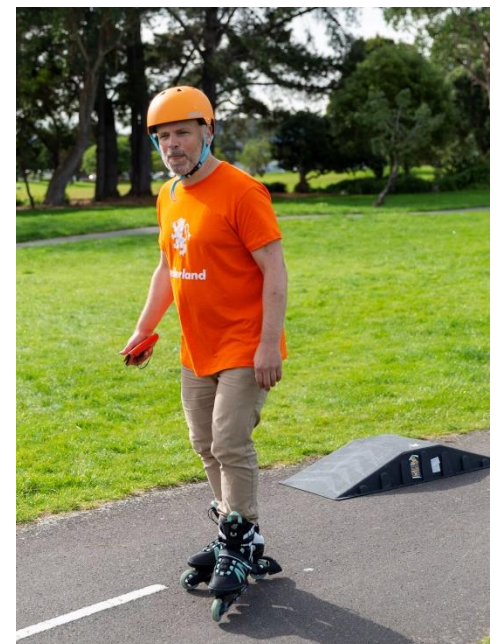
Orange Bike is also grateful for funding support from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, and prizes or giveaways from Kennett Bros, Revolution Bicycles, The Dutch Shop Petone, Montfoort Ltd.

"It's a great family event with lots of fun and we really enjoyed it as a family, the Orange Mystery Trail is a highlight for us. ...Thanks so much for everyone for their organisation." – Participant



Thanks to all those who ensured hospitality and gezelligheid within the clubrooms grounds: our cooks, stall-holders, organisers, quiz checkers (left to right): Nicky, Ann, Pierre (his hat is showing!), Anna, Sara, Rita, Carolina, Marina, Ans, Anne-Marie, Lucy, Elleke, Stefanie – and Willem on the gate!

More Koningsdag photos



Dutch Day at Kōraunui Hub

On Friday 14 April, as part of the school holiday programme, we held a Dutch day at Stokes Valley in two sessions. Children who came along were invited to try on Dutch costumes and clogs, and parents took photos of their children dressed up.

There were games for the children such as blikken lopen (can walking), koek happen and sack races. Craft activities of colouring and creating paper chains were popular. Games like mens-erger-jeniet and sjoelbak (shuffle board) were keenly in demand. We had a selection of Dutch books to read and kinderliedjes (children's Dutch songs) were played in the background.

The sampling of Dutch food, speculaas biscuits, bitterballen, sliced apple and yummy oliebollen proved popular. Zoute drop (salty Dutch liquorice) drew an interesting reaction from some children.

Families came with children of all ages and spent time enjoying what was on offer. It was an enjoyable relaxed time.



For Dutch Day 2023, the glass display cabinet at Kōraunui was filled with Dutch items and books.

Thank you to the club for sponsoring this event and to Anne-Marie, Riekie, Saskia, Willem and Carolina for volunteering their time to share some Dutch culture and food with the families.

Carolina van Rooy

'Senioren Doen Mee' research

(An edited version of an invitation to participated in research on aging by the University of Amsterdam.)

Are you 55 years old or older? Have you emigrated from the Netherlands to New Zealand? Then you may be eligible to participate in online research project revealing unique insights into various factors contributing to healthy mental aging. The online study aims to map out how older people organize their lives and how this affects their life quality and late-life resilience.

By participating in the online study, your information will help us to develop evidence-based interventions promoting healthy mental aging, thereby contributing to a resilient society. You will also help us understand the factors that promote mental wellbeing in later life, and enable a unique comparison of these factors between aging in the Netherlands and aging in New Zealand.

You are eligible to participate if you...

- Are aged 55 or older,
- Have a reasonable command of the Dutch language,
- Don't have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or dementia,
- Are able to operate a computer/laptop/tablet independently.

As a thank you for participating, you will receive a brochure with scientifically-based advice to promote healthy aging. We will also eventually share the results of the research in our newsletter.

If interested, go to: <https://seniorendoenmee.nl/>. If you hesitate to click on unknown links, then google 'seniorendoenmee' or its research leader Prof. Richard Ridderinkhof. The study has been fully approved by the University of Amsterdam. Or email: info@seniorendoenmee.nl.

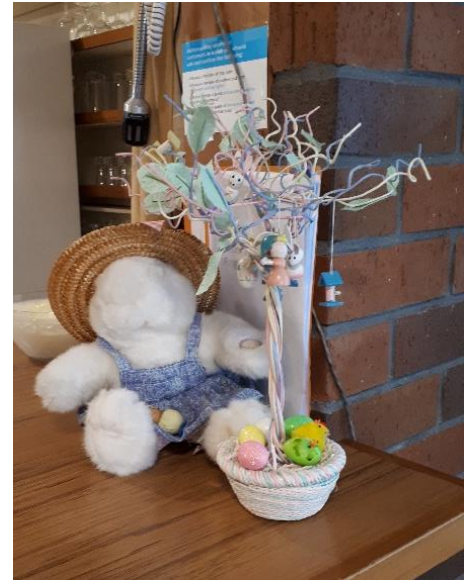
We would greatly appreciate your participation.

Celebrating Easter!



On Sunday 9th April our weekly Social Sunday gathering was themed in an Easter spirit. We had a beautiful Easter display made by Anna Heythuysen.

This year Denise, one of our latest members, added to that by presenting us with two stunning Easter-themed collages. (see below)



In this happy atmosphere we enjoyed hot-cross buns and many varieties of Easter eggs.



For entertainment, Rita and Pierre had prepared a quiz containing three sections namely: Spelling, Who/What am I?, and Guess the Gesture. Serious pondering, lots of laughs and some hilarious situations finally crowned Julie Tan and Mary Mason as winners of the quiz.



Looking forward to the next Easter celebration!

Pierre

Solstice Lunch

Summer is coming! I know, it doesn't look like it, especially when I look out of the window now, while writing this article and seeing rain bucketing down. My statement above is merely based on the fact that in another month's time, on 21st June, the earth will reverse its course on the ellipse and get closer to the sun each day. This means that nights will get shorter and, hopefully, days warmer.

As is now customary, the club will be celebrating this event with a heart-warming luncheon on **Sunday 18th June**. After having tried menus inspired by various different continents, we will revert back to New Zealand-style "Christmas" fare this year. Doors open from 11:30; lunch at 12:30.

Pierre

Just as we were going to press, we heard that the Solstice Lunch was fully booked at 45 attendees. Sorry – keep an eye out for Leiden Ontzet on 1 October, and our 75th Anniversary celebrations.



Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Thanks to Ann Beyk who keeps the Klaverjas Club going every Tuesday at the Dutch Club and keeps up posted on the results to date. The latest here:

21 March	Harry v/d Gulik	5166
28 March	Jo de Graauw	5460
4 April	Jo de Graauw	4644
11 April	Julie Tan	5834
18 April	Jo de Graauw	5350
25 April	Harry v/d Gulik	4375
2 nd May	Jo de Graauw	4043
9 May	(no playing)	
16 May	(half game) Ann Beyk	3079

Ann Beyk

Birthday Greetings ...

Firstly, belated birthday wishes to Peter Romijn for 21 May. Congratulations to our members celebrating birthdays in the next two months:

June: Dinie Bode, Rini van Vliet.

July: Pieter Laterveer, Hans Peters, Lis Visser and Jo de Graauw.



Een stukje Nederland midden in Nieuw-Zeeland

In February, we were visited by a Dutch Journalism student visiting New Zealand, and wanting to talk to Dutch migrants about their experiences. Since then, Nathalie Kobus has written an article, which she has shared with us in Dutch and English, over these pages.

In een oud boswachtershuis, iets ten noorden van de stad vind ik de Dutch Club Wellington, die al bijna 75 jaar bestaat. Het gebouw staat wat verborgen tussen de bomen, maar desondanks is het niet te missen dankzij de Nederlandse vlag die aan de vlaggenmast wappert. In de tuin word ik begroet door een van de leden en tevens de tuinman van de club, die de planten water geeft. We kletsen even en hij wijst me de weg naar binnen.

Meteen bij de ingang kom ik een enorme gele klomp tegen, met daarin bloemen en een Nederlandse vlag. Op de koffietafels liggen blauw-wit geblokte tafelkleedjes, Delfts blauwe potjes met daarin tulpen en lepeltjes met daarop Holland, Dokkum en windmolens. Voorzitter Pierre introduceert mij aan de groep en ik klets met wat leden van de Dutch Club. Ik spreek onder andere met Ann Beyk, erelid van de club. Met een advocaat met slagroom in de hand vertelt ze over haar reis naar Nieuw-Zeeland, haar familie en het klaverjassen, dat ze elke dinsdag organiseert. De meeste gesprekken zijn in het Nederlands, maar ook aanhang van de Nederlanders en Nederlandse kiwi's zijn aanwezig. Zo ontmoet ik ook Carolina Hofman, die kroketten staat te bakken. Ze is een Kiwi, maar voelt zich een echte Nederlandse.

Ik vraag de Nederlanders waarom ze de club en mede-Nederlanders opzochten. Voor de gezelligheid en de gemeenschap, is het gedeelde antwoord. Terwijl de kroketten en advocaat rondgaan en iedereen lekker aan het kletsen is, kijk ik rond. Veel van de leden vertrokken in de jaren '50 uit Nederland hierheen en de meesten kijken zonder spijt terug. Veel kwamen hierheen met het idee dat ze nooit terug zouden komen. Het was simpelweg een moeilijke en vooral veel langere weg terug naar Nederland in die tijd. Velen gingen pas 20 jaar na aankomst voor het eerst terug om

familie te bezoeken. Eenmaal daar was er veel veranderd. Het was er druk en vol. In Nieuw-Zeeland hadden ze ondertussen hun leven opgebouwd met een baan en een familie. Velen hebben kinderen gekregen, die ook af en toe wat Nederlands hebben geleerd.

Ik vind het mooi om te zien hoe verschillende mensen samenkomen in de Dutch Club en om naar hun verhalen te luisteren. De gedeelde Nederlandse identiteit brengt ze bij elkaar, maar de gezelligheid (en misschien ook wel de kroketten) maakt de club een succes. Het is een bijzonder stukje Nederland aan de andere kant van de wereld.

Bedankt voor de gastvrijheid en bedankt aan iedereen die ik heb mogen spreken en fotograferen!

Groetjes,

Nathalie



Lis and Len Visser on Nathalie's visit!

A piece of the Netherlands in the middle of New Zealand

In an old forester's house just north of the city, I find the Dutch Club Wellington, which has been around for 75 years. The building is somewhat hidden between the trees, but it is nevertheless impossible to miss thanks to the Dutch flag waving on the flagpole. In the garden I am greeted by one of the members, who also happens to be the gardener, who waters the plants. We chat for a while and he shows me the way inside.

Immediately at the entrance I come across a huge yellow clog, with flowers and a Dutch flag in it. On the coffee tables lay blue and white checkered tablecloths, Delft blue pots containing tulips, and spoons with Holland, Dokkum and windmills on them. Chairman Pierre introduces me to the group and I chat with some members of the Dutch Club. I speak, among others, with Ann Beyk, an honorary member of the club. With an 'advocaat' with whipped cream in hand, she talks about her trip to New Zealand, her family and the 'klaverjassen' she organizes every Tuesday. Most conversations are in Dutch, but also partners of the Dutch and Dutch Kiwis are present. That's how I also meet Carolina Hofman, who is baking 'kroketten'. She is a Kiwi, but also really feels like a true Dutchie.

I asked the Dutch why they joined the club and find fellow Dutchies. For fun and community, is the

shared answer. While the 'kroketten' and 'advocaat' go around and everyone is chatting nicely, I look around. Many of the members moved here from the Netherlands in the 1950s and most look back with no regrets. Many came here thinking they would never go back. It was simply a difficult and, above all much longer, way back to the Netherlands at that time. Many returned to visit relatives for the first time in 20 years after arriving. Once there, a lot had changed. It was busy and full. In New Zealand, meanwhile, they had built their lives with a job and a family. Many have had children, who have also learned some Dutch now and then.

I really like seeing how different people come together in the Dutch Club and to listen to their stories. The shared Dutch identity brings them together, but the 'gezelligheid' (and perhaps also the kroketten) makes the club a success. It is a special part of the Netherlands on the other side of the world.

Thank you for the hospitality and thank you to everyone I had the opportunity to speak to and photograph!

Greetings,

Nathalie

De Laatste Woord – van de Redacteur

From one King's Day to the next: as I wrap up this issue of the Double Dutch, New Zealand is preparing to 'celebrate' its first 'King's Day' in 73 years (6 June holiday). In a much more low key fashion than the 'Oranje' variety.

Which is why I'm looking forward to the FIFA Women's World Cup on 20 July – 20 August! Wellington will host Netherlands (ranked 8th in the world) as they play the top-rated US team on Thursday 27 July. As you'll see overleaf, the Dutch Embassy is encouraging the Dutch community to deck out in orange (again) and join Orange Fan Parades and fan festivals in the host cities. (Note: Wellington also hosts NZ v Philippines on 25 July.)

Follow www.facebook.com/Orange.Fans.AUSNZ or search for "Oranje Leeuwinnen" on the website: <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl>





News from the Embassy

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[FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™](https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/fifa-womens-world-cup-australia-new-zealand-2023)

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

29 May - Pinksteren

5 June - King's birthday

14 July - Matariki

Message from the Ambassador

Dutch Week was again a reflection of a strong community with a shared interest to celebrate Dutch heritage, language and culture in New Zealand. A community that works hard and contributes to New Zealand's success. I am grateful to all the organizations and volunteers that made it happen. A special thank you to Honorable Minister Priyanca Radhakrishnan and her team of the Ministry of Ethnic Communities for their support.



Dutch Week was a great success due to all the people volunteering their time and organising King's Day parties, a Big Dutch Day out in Foxton, a Film Festival in 5 cities, 11 Orange Bike Rides attracting 700 participants, a Speech Competition, a DBA event in Auckland, many buildings were lit in orange on King's Day and more Orange initiatives. We even welcomed a few new Dutchies at a naturalization ceremony.

THANK YOU!

But you can keep your orange stuff out of the closet, as you need it in support of the Dutch football team, the Lionesses, taking part in the FIFA Women's World Cup in New Zealand and Australia. More information below.

Looking very much forward to seeing you there!

Ard M.M. van der Vorst

Kicky has arrived for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023



We are very excited to welcome Kicky, the official mascot of the Oranje Leeuwinnen to Aotearoa New Zealand.

Kicky made the long trip over from the Netherlands to invite all of you to join the **Orange Fan Parades** to support the Dutch team in their group matches in Dunedin and Wellington, and, if all goes according to plan, the knockout matches in both Australia and New Zealand.

Follow Kicky on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) @orange.fans.ausnz to stay up to date with all the action!

Match tickets are very affordable and you can join the festivities happening in all host cities, it's sure to be a fantastic event!

Let's paint New Zealand and Australia **Orange!** [More information here.](#)

Consular pop-up desk

We will visit Hamilton on 13 June 2023 where you can apply for a passport/ID card and activate your DigiD. Info and appointments here:

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



Auckland passport application desk

If you live in the Auckland region or if it is closer than Wellington you can apply at our permanent passport application desk in Auckland.

Book your appointment here:

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

The Netherlands Passport and ID Card Centre

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Hire fees (excl GST):

Half-day (4 hours)	\$50
Full day (9am – 5 pm)	\$90
Evening (5-10pm)	\$60
Bond	\$100
Cleaning (if required)	\$50

Oude Rijkdom

Een stokoud echtpaar ging nar bed
Op het kastje twee bakjes met tanden.
Vol liefde keek de man haar aan
Hij streelde haar rimpelige handen.

En zei "al meer dan zestig jaar"
zijn wij gelukkig meid.
Geloof me als ik zeg, "ik wil jou
voor EEN miljoen niet kwijt".

"Dat weet ik jongen", zei zijn vrouw
"Ook jij bent niet te koop"
en nog niet voor EEN miljoen
en dat is een hele hoop!

Ze lagen daar tevreden
in de avond van hun leven
twee mensen die elkander
zo veel hadden gegeven.

Ze zeiden: "Slaap maar lekker hoor!"
Hij gaf haar nog een zoen
en fluisterde: "is de deur op slot?"
Hier ligt voor twee miljoen".

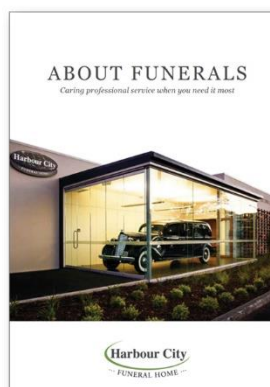
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