



# NETHERLANDS

SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc.)

GEYSER NEWS

November, December 2023 and January 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



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## SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER MARKET DAY

10:00-12:30

### As this will be the last Market Day of 2023

We have invited two special guests to join us, and Yes, Sinterklaas and Piet will bring us a visit. They also have asked us if we can invite all the Grandparents, Parents, Children and Grand-Children.

**Therefore: We invite all our members and their families to join us to say Hello to Sinterklaas and Piet.**

You will have plenty of time to get a family photo with Sint and Piet



Sint and Piet



Pepernoten




Speculaas



Dam Square Amsterdam



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER**

Time: Doors are open at  12:30pm  
Lunch: to be served at 1:00pm



Cost: \$20.00 for Members  
\$25.00 for Non Members

This Includes a Beverage



Please RSVP  
before  
3 December to

Anneke on 357  
4273

or  
021-1329363

Ina on  
347 0251

or  
**021-159 9097**

Don't miss out

**BOOK NOW**

*Merry Christmas  
From all of us*



Looking for a snack this Christmas? The club has boxes of frozen Croquettes and "Bitterballen" for sale. A box of 32 croquettes is \$60.00. We also have boxes of 8 croquettes for \$15.00.

A box of 25 Bitterballen is \$20.00.

This will be a delicious bite during the busy Christmas time.

We had the privilege of having the Dutch Ambassador attending our October Market Day. Ard Van der Vorst took the time to speak with members of the club that were present & was impressed with the stalls at the Market Day. He loved the atmosphere it created. The committee had a meeting with Ard to discuss concerns we had with communication with the Dutch Embassy and on ways we could boost numbers of club members. Ard is a very approachable Ambassador.



Anneke joined the Rotorua Netherlands Society late 1989. Anneke started helping Erna Molijn in the kitchen with Potluck lunches/dinners. These are only a few and when Erna retired, Anneke took over the catering of the club. Currently Anneke is our President and she also takes care of the purchases for the kitchen and the shop.



First Tuesday of the Month at 11:00

Next Coffee Mornings: Tuesdays 7 November and 5 December

NOTE: No Coffee Morning in January.

*The first Coffee Morning in 2024 will be Tuesday 6 February.*



If you like to play **BINGO** and you like to have a laugh or a chat or maybe you like to fill one of those empty chairs. We would like to have some more players: Interested? Come along and enjoy yourself!!



**Bingo: Tuesday: 21 November**

NOTE: No Bingo in December and January

*The first Bingo in 2024 will be Tuesday 20 February*

## Voting in the Dutch parliamentary elections on 22 November 2023

### How to vote?

If you are registered as a Dutch voter abroad, you will receive your postal vote certificate by post. You will receive your ballot paper (stembiljet) by email or post approximately 4 weeks before the day of the election.

To vote, send your postal vote by post to the postal vote polling station in The Hague.

Alternatively, you can post or hand deliver your postal vote to us here at the Dutch embassy in Wellington.

#### Postal address:

PO Box 840, Wellington 6140

#### Physical address:

Kiwi Wealth House, Level 10, 20 Balance Street, Wellington 6011

#### \*Attention:

Your postal vote must be received by the embassy by post or hand delivered by: 16 November 2023. This is due to the time difference and to ensure the votes reach The Hague on time.

#### Sending your postal vote to the Netherlands:

Together with your voting documents you will receive detailed instructions on how to send your vote to the postal vote polling station in The Hague. You must send your vote by post.

#### \*Attention:

To vote in the Dutch parliamentary elections on 22 November 2023, your postal vote must be received by the postal vote polling station in The Hague by 15.00 Dutch times on 22 November 2023.

**Your voting documents:**

**Postal vote certificate, return envelope and ballot paper envelope**

A postal vote certificate is a voting pass for voters outside the Netherlands. The municipality of The Hague sends the postal vote certificate, return envelope and ballot paper envelope by post about 12 weeks before the elections. Keep these documents safe and do not send them back at this time.

**Ballot paper and list of candidates:**

You mark your vote on the ballot paper. The municipality of The Hague sends the ballot paper and list of candidates about 4 weeks before the elections. You will receive them by email (or by post if that's what you requested when you registered). If you would like to change how you receive your ballot paper, contact the municipality of The Hague.

**Attention: Find out what to do if you haven't received your voting documents**

**Other ways to vote:**

If the postal service in the country where you live is slow or unreliable, you can arrange for someone in the Netherlands to vote on your behalf. This is called voting by proxy and is only possible in the elections for the House of Representatives and the European Parliament.

If you are in the Netherlands at the time of the election, you can vote with a voter's pass in a Dutch municipality.

**General information:**

You can find all relevant information regarding the elections on this website.

<https://www.denhaag.nl/en/municipality-of-the-hague/elections/dutch-voters-abroad.htm>

As we have little mail passing through our mail-box, this box will be closed in a few month time. Some of our members are using the box to contact us. If you are one of those members, please use another way to contact us. You can talk to us at a Market Day, you can phone one of the committee members or email Jo.



"Vele Handen Maken Licht Werk" - -Many hands do make the work easy



**HELP** We are looking:  
For anyone who is available to help in setting up the Hall.

**WHEN**

Between 10:30-11:30 on a Friday before the Market Day. Are you that person?  
Please Don't Be Shy and Phone Douwe Visser on 345 9383 Today



**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



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**From the Editors Desk:**



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*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.*

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October we had the AGM. The first thing what you noticed when entering the clubrooms was the hall. By asking what had happened they told me that Marius Lagerweij had asked the committee if he could do some maintenance in the hall. Marius took down the old brown trellis and the province flags. Marius also painted the poles white. This is excellent and it is not even finished yet. Yske will order new flags as the material of the old flags were deteriorated. Thanks Marius and Yske well done so far!

We had a special ceremony as Anneke was made a life member at the AGM. Congratulations Anneke, you deserve it.

In December we will have the last Market Day of the year and we expect Sint Nicolas and Piet to come along. A week later we will have the Christmas Lunch. This is always a very nice and relaxing lunch.

Hank and I are representing the Rotorua Dutch Club at the Federation Meeting in Wellington. We go with the camper and take some extra time to come back. Maybe via the East Coast.

I will see you all on 2 December at the Market Day as I like to say hello to Sint Nicolas.

Ina



**The Committee**

**Wishes all Members**

**A Happy Christmas**

**And a Healthy 2024**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**HAPPY 2024**