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THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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COMING UP: Sinterklaas * 75th Anniversary celebrations * Spelletjes
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: **15 October**; 12 November (with Sunday instuif). (Note: October is the 3rd Sunday, rather than usual 2nd Sunday.)

Elsewhere:

Island Bay coffee group: every **last** Wednesday of the month, 10.30am. At Island Bay Community Centre, The Parade, Island Bay. **\$4.00 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: (on hold til further notice).

Cover photo: Tulips of Aotearoa – at the Botanic Gardens on Sunday 24 September. (See more on pp 6-7).

From the President – Van de Voorzitter

Hallo beste mensen,

I hope you are all well and have been surviving the challenges of winter. Not that it is over yet: at the time of writing this foreword it is cold outside and we are enduring a strong southerly. It is “Waterkoud” as my mother used to say.

Your committee and a good number of volunteers are breathing a sigh of relief though. Not because of the weather but because the biggest event, as far as organising is concerned, is behind us now. Despite some challenges cast upon us by the weather gods, it has been a great success. If you haven't been there and want to know more, you can read the full article and get a feeling of the atmosphere at Tulip Sunday from the images, further on in this newsletter (pages 6-7).

For a few of us there is no relief yet, as we are busy preparing for Leiden Ontzet. This year, again, we will be preparing a full lunch of traditional fare to commemorate the liberation of the city of Leiden some 349 years ago.

After that there will be a bit of a lull until mid-November when we start preparing for Sinterklaas,

our Christmas luncheon and New Year celebration. Time flies!

As Sinterklaas is too close to the issuing date of the next Double Dutch, we won't be able to inform you of the details via our magazine. Therefore, I would like to ask you to keep an eye out for our other communication media (e.g. website, Facebook) regarding timing of and registration for the event. (However, we can confirm the date – see below.)

A bit further down the calendar is our 75th Anniversary event and I am hoping to see as many as possible of our members at this celebration. To make attending easy we will be providing transportation options that suit your needs. In order to find out what these needs are, you will be contacted and asked a number of questions relating to this. Don't hold back in your answers because we would not want your attendance to be hindered by not being able to get there (see page 8).

That's all from me. Keep warm, summer will be here soon!

Pierre



Sinterklaas is coming – 3 December 2023

Hello children in New Zealand, Good news!

Sinterklaas is coming to visit New Zealand again this year and would like to meet as many of you as possible.

I have advised the Dutch Club Wellington that the “Goedheilig Man” will be visiting Avalon House on Sunday 3rd December to speak to the children personally.

All information about this event will be published via posters, the club's website and Facebook page from mid-November onwards. Please make sure that you tell your parents to register early as also this year, we will have to limit attendance.

Be good, behave and see you soon!



The “Hoofd Piet”

From the Secretary – Van de Secretaresse

Hello dear people,

It's been a few very busy weeks for the committee, with getting ready for Tulip Sunday and Leiden Ontzet. As I write this, Tulip Sunday is still to come, and the weather forecast isn't very favourable. I hope it turns out well on the day.

We received an email from one of our members, Boudewijn (Boyd) Klap. He wrote the note below which is also translated.

I was aware of Suzy's Coffee House and went there regularly in the 1980s but didn't know about a Dutch restaurant. I've enjoyed listening to the interview. Thank you, Boyd, for sharing this.

Email from Boyd Klap:

<https://tinyurl.com/454y8vdm>

Een paar weken geleden werd ik opgebeld door Gábor Tóth, de "historian" van de Wellington library. Hij deed een studie over het restaurant leven in Wellington en was geïnteresseerd in het initiatief van de Dutch club in "The Tulip". Hij volgde dit op met een video interview met mij wat op de website wordt geplaatst. Je kan het interview beluisteren op de link hierboven met foto's van de opening.

Het is mogelijk ook van interesse dat de Turnbull Library 2 groepen van video interviews heeft georganiseerd. De eerste groep zijn oorspronkelijke Nederlandse emigranten en de tweede groep de volgende generatie. Diverse namen komen mogelijk nog bekend voor.

Editor's Note:

The video interview with Boyd Klap is the last of 12 items at the weblink <https://tinyurl.com/454y8vdm>. The interview covers Boyd's early life in the Netherlands, his period of military service in the Dutch East Indies and his migration and settlement in New Zealand, as well as the establishment of *The Tulip* restaurant.

The link includes a number of interesting news items and photos relating to *The Tulip*, including stories about its first chef Pierre Meyer and an article entitled "Courage not needed to eat with the Dutch!" (Maybe we should have had that for our Tulip Sunday promo!)

A special Happy Birthday to Bert ten Broeke, who turns 99 years of age in October. I believe he's our oldest member, but we have quite a few members who are (well) in their nineties.

Welcome to a new member, Maria Schrader.

Best wishes to you all; if you are unwell or have suffered a bereavement, I wish you strength and support.

Please also see our survey letter about the 75th Anniversary on page 8 of this issue.

Tot ziens!

Anne-Marie

Translation:

"I was called by Gábor Tóth a few weeks ago, he is the historian of the Wellington Library. He was doing a study of the restaurant life in Wellington and was interested in the Dutch Club's initiative in "The Tulip". He followed this up with a video interview with me, which will be available from the website – see the link above; there are also photos of the opening of the restaurant on the website.

"You may be interested to know that the Turnbull Library has organised two groups of video interviews. The first group is mainly original Dutch immigrants, and the second group the next generation. You may recognise several of the names."



From the Archives

Below are some of the photos and news items relating to *The Tulip* available through the Wellington City Council website: wellington.recollect.co.nz.

The Tulip caused a bit of commotion when it and other European-style restaurants opened in the 1950s. Liquor laws at the time allowed only “hotels” (i.e. pubs) to have on-licenses. See the article below from *The Dominion*, 15 June 1959.

POLICE RAID 3 RESTAURANTS

Some unpleasant scenes developed as police made liquor raids on three Wellington restaurants on Saturday night.

Patrons had sharp words with police as names were taken and liquor confiscated. The restaurant managers were kept apart from their patrons during the raids, leaving the latter without a spokesman.

The restaurants, the Tulip, the Boulevard and Orsini's, all serve meals in Continental fashion.

The raids took place between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. when the restaurants were doing brisk business.

The first was on the Boulevard, in Victoria Street: “We had a big crowd,” said the manager, Mr. Bart Cox. “The first thing I knew there were eight or ten policemen and a policewoman in the restaurant. One blocked the entrance while another stood guard at the kitchen.”

The police started taking names and confiscating wine, he added. “A number of customers had their names taken, though they were not drinking wine. Some protested rather vehemently and there were some unpleasant scenes.

“After the police had confiscated the wine in the restaurant they proceeded to take all the cooking wine from the kitchen. I protested that I needed it for cooking purposes, but it was of no use.

“My personal property was searched, the petty cash book taken and my cheques examined.”

Customers were not allowed to leave or enter during the raid. As a result he lost a lot of business.

At the Tulip, the manager, Mr. Joseph van Bunick, stated that he was held in his office while the raid took place. “Each table was searched individually and my best cooking wine taken from the kitchen. The police found no wine on the tables, but some customers had their names taken.

“I had customers inside and waiting outside and everything was at a deadlock. They have a right to search the place, but not in the fashion they did. It is too bad.”

At Orsini's the method was much the same and some names were taken.

The three managers met yesterday morning to discuss the raids.

Police last night would not comment on the raids.

The three co-Directors of *The Tulip* were Boyd Klap, Jacque van Ralte and a Mr A C Heather. The Dutch Club was its largest shareholder.



Boyd Klap (left), shakes hands with the manager of “The Tulip”, Joseph van Bunnik, at a function marking its opening in 1959.



From left to right: Boyd Klap, Sir Francis (“Frank”) Kitts & Jacques van Raalte (standing). Jacques van Raalte also established the firm “Ralta” (using an Anglicised version of his surname) which began manufacturing electric blankets but soon expanded to produce a wide variety of domestic electric consumer goods for the New Zealand market.

Photos: J Kissling, from the private collection of Boyd Klap, online at: wellington.recollect.co.nz.

Tulip Sunday – first time in 3 years!

As most of you know already, the Dutch Club Wellington has been organising Tulip Sunday since the very beginning of the club's existence. Tulip Sunday is a dedicated day in the week-long "Spring Festival" that is organised at the Botanic Gardens by Wellington City Council every year at the end of September.

The origins of Tulip Sunday, however, even precede the history of the Dutch Club in Wellington as the Botanic Gardens started planting tulip bulbs in the early 1940s. The Dutch became officially involved in 1948 when the Dutch government donated tulip and hyacinth bulbs to thank the people of New Zealand for sheltering children during World War II. From there onwards the show evolved through various stages into what is now known as Tulip Sunday, a day full of Dutch tradition, food and music, and that's where the Dutch Club Wellington fits in.

This year was the first time, after three consecutive years of cancellations (twice for Covid and last year because of severe weather), that the show was on again, although even this time round the weather predictions didn't look too favourable.

But as often happens, it all worked out fine in the end and we were able to have our full range of "Dutch treats" available, so visitors could enjoy freshly brewed coffee, homemade cakes, kroketten, rookworst and haring.

Manager of the Botanic Gardens, David Sole, opened the speeches around noon where both Maartje ten Brummelaar, Netherlands deputy ambassador, and Laurie Foon, Wellington deputy mayor, spoke about the Dutch – New Zealand relationship and the importance of cultural events like Tulip Sunday.

If you attended and would like to share your thoughts, please help our club and the Botanic Gardens by answering a few questions in a quick survey about this year's Spring Festival available on this page: <https://forms.office.com/r/4fVFn4fyfm>

Events like Tulip Sunday take a lot of preparation and planning but above all help from many people during the day. It is to those volunteers that I would like to say THANK YOU for your time and effort helping to make Tulip Sunday a successful day! Enjoy the images.

Pierre



From left to right: Pierre Schmits, Laurie Foon, Ann Beyk, and Maartje ten Brummelaar.



Thanks to all our much valued volunteers, in food preparation, sales, decorations, organisation, heating it all up in the kitchen – and just looking Dutch!



Ann Beyk sorting out our Club President's attire before he meets the Deputy Ambassador!

A convivial and warm atmosphere inside on a cold day – though the sun did come out mid-afternoon.



Ann Beyk, Anna Heythuysen and Rita Langerak before the main influx of visitors at Tulip Sunday.

DUTCH CLUB 75th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Dear people,

The committee is organising a celebratory lunch for its current adult members at The Lodge in Pauatahanui, to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary. We have chosen The Lodge as it's centrally located just a few minutes off Transmission Gully Rd, at 182 Paekakariki Hill Rd, Pauatahanui and is wheelchair friendly. We've engaged a small band so there will be live music, some entertainment, a singalong, and there's a small dance floor for those who like to practise their dance moves.

We would really, really like most of our members to be there on the day and will do whatever we can to make that possible. This includes help with transport, which we can organise, and the option of having a support person with you, if you need assistance because of physical or mental disability.

The support person will also be a guest, but we will expect her or him to take care of you if you need help. It can be a family member or friend of your own choice, but he/she must be competent and able to deal with your needs and take you home if necessary.

We've decided with Lodge management to have food set out on the tables, 'family style', so that no-one has to get up to get food from a buffet. Wine, juice and water will be served; if you want something stronger, or a cocktail, there's a bar where you can purchase those.

Every club member/household will be called or spoken with by a committee member in January, and you will be asked a few questions to help the committee arrange things. Questions we will be asking are:

1. Would you like to attend the lunch?
2. Are you having any mobility issues? Do you use a wheelchair or walker?
3. Do you need to have a support person with you to assist you, i.e., push your wheelchair?
4. Do you have any other issues that would make it necessary to have a support person with you?
5. Do you have or do you prefer to use your own transport to the venue? (There's plenty of parking space)
6. If NOT, would you like the club to organise a minibus or taxi to share transport with others in your area?
7. Is there a special dietary requirement we have to be aware of?
8. Is there anything else we should know about that would make it possible for you to attend?

Please think about this so you are prepared with answers when we call. Also, ask your chosen support person so you can give us a name when we call you or speak with you about this.

Kind regards,

On behalf of the committee

Anne-Marie Knibbeler
Secretary



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At the Clubrooms

Spelletjes/Games – 15 October

Please note, our next Games Afternoon will be on **Sunday 15 October**, but we will be back to the 2nd Sunday of the month for 12 November.

Games afternoon for all ages are usually on every 2nd Sunday of the month as part of our weekly Social Sunday, from 2-4pm approximate. Sjoelbak (shuffleboard), Rummikub, "Mens erger je niet" (Ludo), Twister, cards and many other board games. Plus you can bring along your own favourites. We usually offer a sweet treat to the highest scoring sjoelbak player on the day!



Above: Anouk Hellendoorn gets acquainted with sjoelbak with her father Arie at September's 'Spelletjes'.

Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Here are the results from the recent games:

1 August	Ann Beyk	5290
8 August	Harry v/d Gulik	4786
15 August	Ann Bosch	5416
22 August	no playing	
29 August	Jo de Graauw	4850
5 September	no playing	
12 September	Harry v/d Gulik	5484
19 September	Ann Beyk	4897
26 September	Ann Bosch	4946

Klaverjas is played every Tuesday at the Clubrooms. We start with coffee from 10am. Play commences at 11am and continues till 1.30 or 2. Bring your own lunch.

Ann Beyk

Hartelijk gefeliciteerd ...

Congratulations and best wishes for club members who are having upcoming birthdays:

October: Bert ten Broeke, Rieke van Dorrestein.

November: Harry van de Gulik, Chris Veenswijk, Bill van Waas, Pierre Schmits and Jan Bakker.





News from the Embassy

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Consular pop-ups

3 October
Christchurch

31 October
Queenstown

14 November
Tauranga

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

23 Oct - Labour Day

Christmas Closure
25 Dec '23 - 7 Jan '24

Message from the Ambassador

Record ticket sales and viewing numbers for the Women's World Cup in New Zealand, but still it was a bittersweet moment when we had to say farewell to our Orange Lionesses. Proud, I look back on how you all in New Zealand organized yourselves in support of the Dutch team – with a little bit of help from the Embassy and the KNVB. We can all agree that we enjoyed the qualitative football during the tournament and can expect the Dutch to win a World Cup in the near future. I am grateful to the organizing countries and FIFA for this impactful World Cup. It has inspired many girls to take up football and lowered barriers for women to play on a world stage.

As we close the chapter of the World Cup we look forward to our next challenge: elections in the Netherlands, 22 November 2023. Check out this newsletter on how to register, participate and vote. If you are worried that your vote is not counted or you are not able to access a voting opportunity, please, reach out to the Embassy at wel-ca@minbuza.nl or call us on our regular number during office hours!

We continue to be here to assist you!

Your Ambassador,
Ard M.M. van der Vorst



FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

A huge congratulations to our Oranje Leeuwinnen for making it all the way to the quarter finals of the World Cup! A great result for the team who proved to be very popular among the local crowds.

A massive thank you to all of you who supported the team, whether you were a volunteer, joined the open training in Tauranga, participated in the famous Orange Fan Parades, cheered from your seat in the stadium, from the fan festivals, viewing parties, or from home, we are all so very proud of the team and the fans for leaving an orange legacy here in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia and for famously creating #TheOranjeBeat.

What a fantastic tournament and what a great spectacle of women's sport that will have an unimaginable impact on the inclusion of women and girls in sports in the Pacific region and all across the world.

Register to vote in the upcoming NL elections

Dutch citizens living outside of the Netherlands who want to vote in the upcoming Dutch elections in November have to be registered to vote.

If you have not yet registered do so before 11 October. Make sure to follow the instructions here:

<https://www.denhaag.nl/nl/bestuur-en-organisatie/verkiezingen/kiezers-buiten-nederland/registratie-voor-kiezers-buiten-nederland.htm>



Consular pop-up desks

We will visit Christchurch, Queenstown and Tauranga later in 2023 where you can apply for a passport/ID card and activate your DigiD.

Info and appointments will be available one month prior to each date here:

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



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If you want to hire space at Avalon House, please contact the Club secretary.

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

From the Netherlands Embassy

VACANCY – Consular Officer

The Embassy of the Kingdom in the Netherlands in Wellington is looking for a candidate for the position of Consular Officer. This role is for 13.5 hours a week and will start mid-November 2023.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/web/new-zealand/vacancies>

Voting in Dutch elections 22 November

Dutch citizens living abroad can vote in the upcoming 22 November elections for the Tweede Kamer (House of Representatives), but need to register online by **Wednesday 11 October** with the Municipality of The Hague. You can vote if you:

- live outside of the Netherlands and are not registered in a Dutch municipality
- have Dutch citizenship (nationality)
- are 18 years or older.

For full details and online registration, go to:

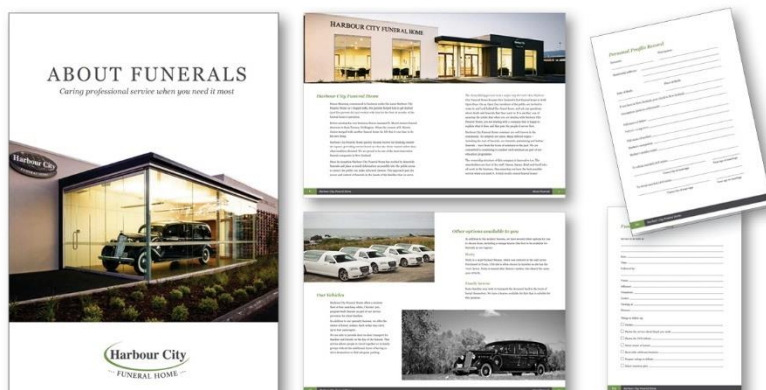
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