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# Editor's note

Geachte lezers, welkom in het nieuwe jaar en de 1ste markt staat alweer voor de deur, ik verwacht dat deze Echo wat later is dan verwacht omdat we ook echte mensen zijn, met vakantie, (klein)kinderen, nieuwe beginnings etc. en het was soms echt te heet om maar iets te doen anders dan het strand.

Er komt een pop-up ambassade in Christchurch binnen 'n paar maanden dus/so, be on the look-out for that in this issue. Ik deel mijn oma's kroketten recept met u en ik hoor graag uw variaties en results als je het hebt uitgeprobeerd. En ik voel me een beetje uitgerecepteerd dus, alstublieft, deel een recept met ons, vooral familierecepten zijn interessant.

Veel leesplezier gewenst en tot op de markt!

Met vriendelijke groet,

Hedwig



**Hedwig  
Dunbar-Keek**  
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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



**Miryam  
Denny-Ipenburg**

**President**  
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Dear Readers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday break. We ended last year on a high note with our BBQ and play.

My aunt and uncle were there from the Netherlands, and they thoroughly enjoyed it, and especially how brave our angel is for sitting on top of that roof of the 'stall!'

As we went out with a bang, we want to start the new year with a bang too, and are having a Family Fun afternoon on Sunday February 18, see more on page 4.

Our market starts again on Sunday 11 February as do the Dutch lessons.

On a very personal note... I missed the play as my son had an epileptic seizure and we took him next door to the golf club to recuperate.

Many of you know I am running a petition to get new staff working in residential facilities properly trained. Currently, new staff starting out only get 2 weeks training. My petition finishes on 28 February, and I would be most grateful if those who agree would sign it before it closes. If you go to <https://petitions.parliament.nz/> and type in my name, you will see it. Thank you in advance!

Beste Lezers,

Ik wens iedereen een Gelukkig Nieuw Jaar. Ik hoop dat iedereen hele fijne feestdagen heeft genoten, en voor diegenen die vrij van werk waren hebben kunnen genieten van de vakantie.

Het afgelopen jaar hebben we geëindigd met een BBQ en voorstelling.

Mijn tante en oom waren hier uit Nederland en hebben genoten, en konden niet uit over hoe moedig onze engel wel niet was dat ze daar boven op het dak van die stal durfde!

Gezien we het jaar eindigde met een knal, willen we ook het nieuwe jaar ingaan met een knal, en hebben we een Family Fun middag georganiseerd voor zondag 18 februari, zie meer hierover op pagina 4.

Onze markt begint ook weer op zondag 11 februari, net als de Nederlandse taal lessen.

Op een heel persoonlijke noot... Ik heb de voorstelling op de bbq moeten missen omdat mijn zoon een epileptische aanval kreeg en wij hem naar de golfclub brachten om weer te herstellen en bij te komen. Zoals velen van u weten voer ik momenteel een petitie aan voor behoorlijke training van nieuw personeel in residentiële voorzieningen. Momenteel krijgt nieuw personeel maar 2 weken opleiding. De petitie eindigt op 28 februari en ik zou het erg op prijs stellen en waarderen als u ook uw handtekening wilt zetten voordat het sluit. U kunt het vinden op <https://petitions.parliament.nz/> en dan mijn naam in typen. Alvast heel erg bedankt!

The full link is here: [https://petitions.parliament.nz/4a419ec5-85f3-446b-5935-08db75f9464a?fbclid=IwAR2HJQki-WFYFZ19iPWW\\_-gL6u2qdzDZsPnKzJpBgH\\_rZ1o-cF1gv0eZHvo](https://petitions.parliament.nz/4a419ec5-85f3-446b-5935-08db75f9464a?fbclid=IwAR2HJQki-WFYFZ19iPWW_-gL6u2qdzDZsPnKzJpBgH_rZ1o-cF1gv0eZHvo)

# What's On!

## Dutch Market 2024



Sunday 11 February 2024  
10am - 12.30pm  
Netherlands Society Clubrooms

## Youth of Yesterday

Every Friday morning  
9.30am - 2pm approx.

Happy New Year 2024 to everyone and so, the New Year starts again. Holidays have been had.

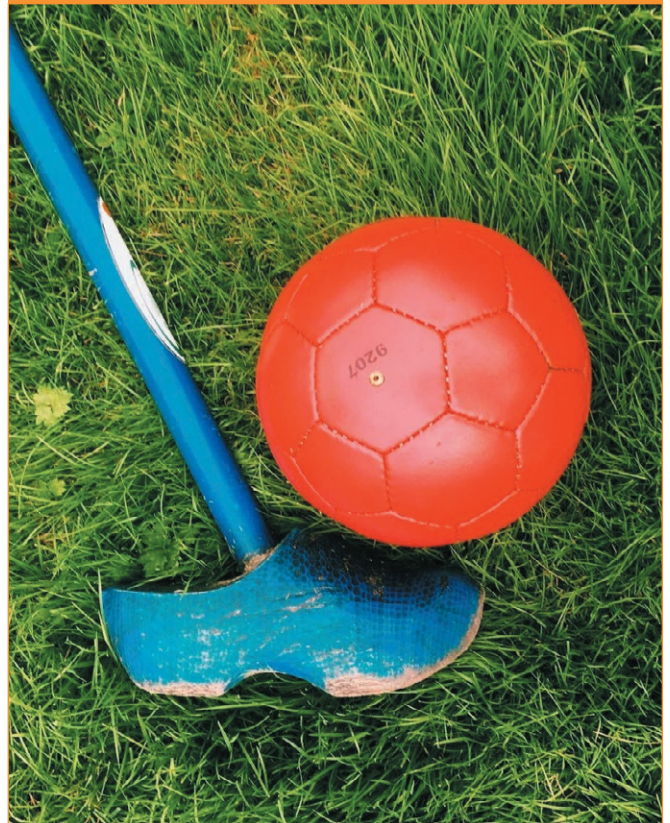
Everyone is welcome. A small charge of \$2 entry. A bottomless cup of coffee/tea with a speculaas biscuit is provided. Bring your own lunch. If you know of someone or a group who would like to come, bring them. There is plenty of room. 4 groups operating:

- 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. We have plenty of space. You do not have to be Dutch to join in.

381-0218 Lilian for information  
lilian\_van\_elk@hotmail.com

## BOEREGOLF and other fun games for all ages!



Sunday 18 February  
2pm

On Sunday 18 February 2024 at 2pm, we would like to kick the new year off with an afternoon of Family Fun!

We will have a BoereGolf parcours setup, sjoelen, and other games that the whole family and/or teams can do.

You don't have to be Dutch! If you think you would like to hit a ball around a predetermined trail using a wooden clog on a stick, come and join the fun!

Afternoon tea provided.

The cost is \$5 per person.

For bookings please give Annie a call before 13 February

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# LLOYD-MAIL

6e jaargang, nummer: 59, januari 2024



*Posthumous 'WWII-Medal of Honour'  
for Captain Dr. Lennox Douglas,  
Surgeon ss Slamet - 1941/2024*



LAST POST .....

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This is the front page of Lloyd-Mail. In this issue the WWII medal of honour is posthumously awarded to Captain Dr. Lennox Douglas.

More next month!



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## HELP NEEDED!

We are again without a Secretary as our current secretary is moving to the very top of the North Island to start a new career.

We desperately need someone who can fill this important position. If you can type up notes on a laptop, keep an eye on and respond to emails, then you have the qualifications required for this position.

The main task is to take notes and type up the minutes of our committee meetings and AGM, and to stay on top of our email correspondence.

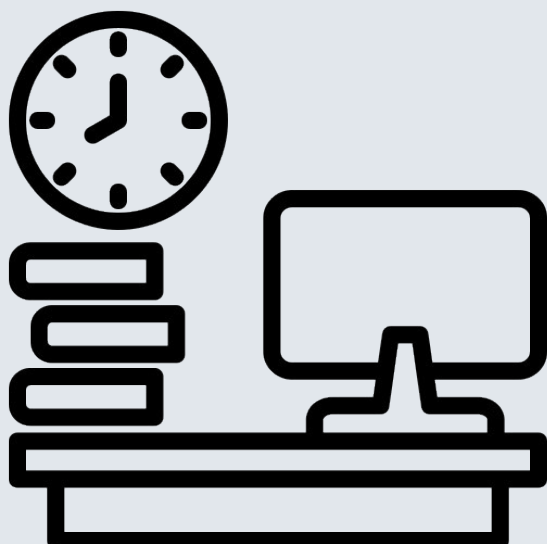
There will be some yearly admin after the AGM, but we are happy to help.

We would love to see an enthusiastic and vibrant person who would enjoy being part of a very motivated committee and help create additional new events for the enjoyment of all our members.

The committee meets every first Monday of the month, starting at 7pm. (we are willing to shift this to another more suitable date/time if needed.)

If you have the time, motivation, and desire to be part of a coordinated team, we want to hear from you.

Please contact Miryam:  
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022 362 3411



## Nieuws voor Nederlanders in Nieuw Zeeland

Wil je graag op de hoogte blijven d.m.v. een nieuwsbrief, probeer het eens uit, bezoek deze website als volgend:

[www.denederlandsevereniging.nl](http://www.denederlandsevereniging.nl)



## Vrijwilliger

Vrijwilliger worden is een kunst  
Vrijwilligers krijgen is een gunst  
Vrijwilligers hebben is een geluk  
Vrijwilliger blijven een meesterstuk  
Want vrijwilliger zijn  
Is vrijwillig maar niet vrijblijvend  
Is verbonden maar niet gebonden  
Is onbetaalbaar maar niet te koop  
Is positief denken en doen met als doel  
Voor de ander en jezelf een goed gevoel  
Want daar alleen kan liefde wonen  
Daar alleen is het leven goed  
Waar men blij en ongedwongen  
Alles voor elkaar doet  
Een zachte blik, een goede daad  
Een vriendelijk woord, een blij gelaat  
Al lijkt het soms weinig wat je doet  
Je geeft veel meer dan dat jezelf vermoedt  
Bedenk dus, je bent beslist niet overbodig  
Want iedere vrijwilliger is hard nodig  
*Poem by Pete Knuiman*

# Oma's Kroketten

A kroket is favoured by the Dutch over a pie, eat it super hot, by itself or on bread, accompanied with mustard. It's hot soft filling inside a crunchy outer layer is hard to describe, for me, it's a time travelling device right back to Saturdays spent at oma en opa where she also would have made 2 soups and an appeltaart.

## Ingredients:

Leftover meat or schenkel  
approximately 300/500 gram,  
boiled in half liter water, till falling  
of the bone

optional, bouillon blokje or spice  
mix

verse peterselie naar smaak  
30 ml olive oil or 30 mg butter  
30 g tarwebloem / flour  
½ tl nootmuskaat / nutmeg

middelgroot ei /egg x 2

paneermeel

2 l frituurolie, olive oil is best

## Notes :

Vegetarians, replace meat with  
jackfruit or thinly sliced carrots  
and potato



## Procedure:

remove the meat and bones from the  
bouillon and add the spices and  
bouillionblokje and reheat.

Cut the meat and chop the parsley fine

Mix the flour with some water so its easy  
to pour and mix this slowly in the hot  
bouillioin while you stir it and add the  
meat also while stirring

When the mix has thickened, add the  
parsley, take off the fire and let it cool,  
then put overnight in fridge and when  
needed, roll sausages that you can  
freeze to handle better.

When ready mix the eggs in one bowl  
and the paneermeel / breadcrumbs in  
another. Dip sausages in egg mix then in  
some flour, again in eggs then in  
breadcrumbs, eggs again and  
breadcrumbs again. Optional freeze or  
fry in hot oil at 160 at 6/7 minutes  
depending size. Can also roll bals to  
make bitterballen instead, enjoy!





# News from the Embassy

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## 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](http://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl)

## Embassy closure

Christmas Closure  
25 Dec '23 - 7 Jan '24

Wellington Anniversary  
22 January '24

Waitangi Day  
6 February '24

### Message from the Ambassador

Looking back at 2023 there is a lot to be thankful for.

Of course Dutch Week with the Big Dutch Day Out in Foxton, the Orange Bike rides all over the country and many more activities. I hope you enjoyed the FIFA World Cup, wasn't that amazing? The Orange Lionesses did very well, but so did you in participating in the Orange Fan Parades.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those volunteers that are part of the Dutch Clubs and Federations all over New Zealand, celebrating the Dutch New Zealand relationship. It truly reflects the Dutch community and hands-on spirit. Dankjewel!

In 2024 we will continue to strengthen our ties with the 150.000 Kiwis of Dutch descent and our friends all over the Pacific. We'll support Dutch Week 2024 and look forward to meeting you there at one of the many activities. Prior to Dutch Week check out our Facebook page and website to see what is happening.

The embassy will continue the NL-NZ collaboration in the agricultural sector to serve our farming communities. Furthermore, we will work on resilience to deal with the impact of climate change and towards a safer and more prosperous world. New Zealand and the Netherlands are natural partners. I believe we are stronger together.

This leaves me, on behalf of the Netherlands Embassy in Wellington and the Consuls in Auckland, Christchurch, Samoa, Fiji and Tonga, to wish you and your family and friends a wonderful holiday period.

Fijne Kerstdagen en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!

Your Ambassador,  
Ard M.M. van der Vorst

### Consular pop-up desks 2024

We are happy to announce our 2024 consular pop-up dates and destinations:

- 03 April - Christchurch
- 28 May - Napier
- 09 July - Christchurch
- 10 September - Invercargill
- 08 October - Christchurch
- 30 October - New Plymouth

If you would like attend one of the above dates, please email us on [wel-ca@minbuza.nl](mailto:wel-ca@minbuza.nl) to be added to our contact lists, we will email you with information regarding your selected date closer to the time. Alternatively, info and appointments will be available one month prior to each date on our [website](#) and our [social media pages](#).

### Embassy Christmas Message

The embassy will close on 22 December for the Christmas break and we will re-open again on Monday 8 December.

From all the staff here at the embassy in Wellington, we wish each and every one of you a very merry festive season.

[Watch the Ambassador's Christmas Message](#)



### Apply for your passport on time

2024 marks the end of the Netherlands passport dip. Passports issued from mid 2014 onwards have a 10 year validity meaning there will be a large influx in passport applications around the world from next year.

Be sure to apply for your passport at least 3 months before it expires at the embassy in Wellington, VFS Global in Auckland, or at one of our consular pop-up desks in the regions.

More information on how to apply can be found on our website:

[www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand](http://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand)



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# Puzzle of the month

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# Dutch Story #2: "Settling in"

## Story by Redmer Yska

source: <https://teara.govt.nz/en/dutch/media>

In the coming weeks, we will publish this story per chapter. Starting this week with the summary, published 8 Feb 2005, updated 1 May 2016.

Redmer Yska, 'Dutch', *Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of NZ*, [www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/dutch](http://www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/dutch) (23 Oct 2023)

## Abel Tasman

Dutch explorer Abel Tasman is the first European known to have sighted New Zealand. When he reached the South Island in 1642, he thought he had found a new southern continent. He anchored in present-day Golden Bay, but left after four of his crew were killed by Māori. Later, the country was named after a Dutch province, Zeeland.

## Pressure to assimilate

On arrival, new migrants faced pressure to discard their Dutchness. In the early 1950s the government wanted settlers to blend, socially and culturally, into the British-influenced society. The attitude was summed up by senior immigration official Dr Reuel Lochore: 'We must make new Britishers: by procreation, and by assimilation; by making suitable aliens into vectors of the British way of life.'<sup>1</sup>

On arrival the 'aliens' were fingerprinted and obliged to carry papers. For some, this echoed the painful years of German occupation. The authorities carried out 'pepper potting' – scattering new immigrants throughout the country. This policy arose from fears that closed communities would form if ethnic groups were allowed to cluster together. Assisted migrants faced further restrictions. For the first two years after arriving, they were directed to specific jobs and localities, often in temporary construction or railway camps.

## Alone in a far-flung land

The first arrivals welcomed the fresh air, the wide open spaces, the huge helpings of meat and dairy products. But women in particular suffered isolation and homesickness, pining for the tight-knit communities of home. They found that the spirit of *gezelligheid* (conviviality), which is at the heart of Dutch culture, was in short supply.

Some arranged for loved ones to follow, and the legendary Brides' Flight of 1953 brought out young women engaged to Dutch men. But a large proportion married locals, settling down where they had first gone to work. A decade later, almost half of them had not moved. Other Dutch settlers dispersed throughout the country.

## Naturalisation

While thousands renounced their Dutch nationality in order to become naturalised Kiwis, some came to regard naturalisation as a form of second-class citizenship. Residency in another country for more than six years, or any criticism of the Queen of England, could have seen their nationality stripped from them. Protests about these restrictions led to a change in the law by 1960. By 1970 only about a quarter of the Dutch-born migrant population had transferred their allegiance to their adopted country. Yet two-thirds of the Dutch who came here have stayed.

## Rejecting and reclaiming culture

The 1950s Dutch migrants have been called a 'lost generation', scarred by the disruptions and trauma of economic depression and military occupation in the Netherlands. On reaching their adopted country, many kept their heads down and suppressed their heritage. Some believe their experiences made them assimilate too well.

Efforts were made within the migrant community to keep cultural roots alive through Dutch clubs, and celebrations of annual festivals like Sinterklaas (Santa Claus), where St Nicholas arrives 'from Spain'. But many rejected these trappings of communal identity – some even stopped speaking their native tongue. A 1984 Christchurch survey revealed that half never or rarely attended Dutch clubs or listened to Dutch radio broadcasts. Four out of five never read Dutch newspapers. Studies show that the children of Dutch migrants retained less of their parents' language than their counterparts in other ethnic minorities.

But as the wave of 1950s migrants aged and became more affluent, they often reclaimed their cultural origins. The 1992 Tasman anniversary celebrations sparked interest. Some chose to recreate their childhoods in distinctively Dutch retirement villages like *Ons Dorp* in Henderson, Auckland. Others returned to the Netherlands.

Speaking Dutch is increasingly seen as the key to keeping the culture alive. Since the 1990s there have been efforts to establish Dutch language schools. Broadcasts from Echo Radio, a Christchurch-based network, and satellite radio from the Netherlands, also play a role.

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Or from the Secretary

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# Klaverjas Club "Ons Genoegen"

Wel, we wensen jullie allemaal nog een gelukkig en gezond nieuwjaar toe en wat je wil bereiken dat het uitkomt, we hebben een schone lijst, zo laat het maar komen. De break-up van de klaverjasclub is goed verlopen, het was gezellig en genoeg te eten en te drinken en we bedanken alle medewerkers voor het succes. We waren met z'n zestienen, zo volle tafels, de koffie was bruin en de gevulde koek was lekker. De lunch was perfect en de lady die de keuken overnam deed het fantastisch, ik zou zeggen een tien met een griffel of voor herhaling vatbaar. De winnaar van het jaarlijkse Roster was Koos van Nieuwkerk en de meeste pitten werden gehaald bij Wim de Winter. De eerste zeven in het roster kregen een prijsje en de eerste drie in de pitten en voor alle kaartspelers een doosje chocolade en de lady in de keuken ook een doos want die had het wel verdiend. We beginnen weer op de 23ste januari met volle moed, zo, als je al eerder dit spel hebt gespeeld, kom eens langs en zie hoe wij het doen, altijd welkom. Wel luitjes, dit is mijn verhaal voor deze keer en wens jullie veel plezier in het spel van het leven.

Wim.



## New members welcome!

Are you or a friend considering becoming a member of the NSC?

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