

NETHERLANDS
SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc.)
GEYSER NEWS
February and March 2024

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To All Our Members and Friends of The Netherlands Society Rotorua

The committee wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2024

The Netherlands Society has received a Thank You letter from Sint Nicolas. He was very pleased with how well he and his helper Pieter were received at the Market Day in December 2023. They had noted that more children were in attendance and the atmosphere was great. He is looking forward in coming back this year. St. Nicolas has received a few colour-in pictures which he has taken with him. The Christmas lunch was also very well attended and good company. The coffee mornings are for being together, catching up and the "Gezelligheid".

On the last page it shows the good times our members had in 2023.

MARKET DAY 24 FEBRUARY

10 – 12Noon

This is our first Market of the year and time to catch-up with friends. Enjoy a coffee and a croquette while you are chatting away.



The first Coffee Morning in 2024 will be Tuesday

13 February



11:00

Yes your eyes are still OK when you see 13: it is changed because of Waitangi Day
Next Month it is back to the 1st Tuesday of the Month, 5th MARCH

The Rotorua Multicultural Council has assisted many migrants from many different countries to settle in Rotorua. Every month members of a country will show the Rotorua community about their culture such as food, dancing, singing and their country. They also have a guest speaker. They will do this all during a lunch in the library at noon. You will be able to follow the Multicultural Council on Facebook

22 February there will be a Thai lunch at noon in the Library.

28 March it is a South African Lunch. As there are various Dutch influences in the South African cuisine, Henk Buissink has offered to make one large salad for the lunch.

It would be nice if some members of the Dutch community will be attending the Multicultural Lunches
If you have any questions you can always call Margriet

President, Rotorua Multicultural Council
Phone 021 1729697

The 31st Annual **Rotorua Walking Festival** is on 16-17 March 2024 🧑🏻 Join in as a team or an individual and choose from multiple walk options. ❤️ Different walk options will showcase our forests, lake front, city and parks to walkers from all over the world 🌍 Go to www.rotoruawalkingfestival.org.nz/#rotoruawalkingfestival #rotoruasustainablecharter #sustainablerotorua #rotoruanz



Coffee Morning

First Tuesday of the Month at 11:00



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 20 February and Tuesday 19 March



"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 3rd 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.



The Coffee Morning is a week later, only this month, due to Waitangi Day.

The Market Day is the last Saturday in February, the reason for this is that the Hall has been hired out the other Saturdays



Sometimes we are short of an extra pair of helping hands during a Market Day. If you have these pair of hands and are happy to lend them to us Please do so. Just call the committee and we will write your name down on our list of volunteers.



We will have a contest in baking "Apple Taart" on 13th April.

This will be straight after the Market Day

Registration Form is in this newsletter as are the Rules and Program. The Contest will be organised by: Dorien 027 245 0287 and Yske 021-047 2502

Dorien and Yske are Happy to Answer Any Questions You Have.

The members had some good time together in 2023 as you can see on the photos next page. Potluck Lunches are popular as do the Market Days.





Bike Ride



A nice warm footbath, midway of the bike ride



King's birthday Lunch and end of Dutch Week



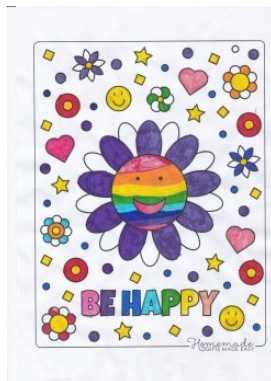
A visit from the Dutch Ambassador



Watching the Dutch Team World Cup Soccer at Pig & Whistle



Christmas Luncheon



A photo has been taken of the colour-in pictures before St. Nicolas could take the pictures away with him.