

**NETHERLANDS
SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc.)
GEYSER NEWS
April and May 2024**

UPCOMING EVENTS:



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**MARKET DAY
SATURDAY 20 APRIL**



Have a cup of coffee and a croquette, Yam, Yam



**OMA'S APPELTAART
COMPETITION**

20 APRIL straight after the MARKET

PROGRAM

- 10:00 – 11:00 Hand in of products and display
- 12:00 – 12:15 Introduction
- 12:15 – 12:45 Judging
- 12:45 – 13:00 Time for the judges to deliberate
- 13:00 – 13:15 Award ceremony and announcement of the title "Master Baker of Oma's Appeltaart".
- 13:15 – 13:45 Winner's Exhibition, Tasting and Return of Products

Have you filled-out the Registration Form ???
A Registration Form is attached in this newsletter and when you need more for your friends contact Yske or Dorien.



KING'S BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY 4 MAY

POT-LUCK LUNCH

We will celebrate King's Birthday with a Pot-Luck Lunch. Doors are open at 12noon and lunch will be

served approximately 12:30.



BYO drinks, but Tea and Coffee Will Be Available.

Please bring your ORANGE hat, scarf, wig, shirt or any other orange clothing.

In other words: PLEASE DRESS UP AND HAVE FUN



ORANGE BIKE RIDE – SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Dutch Embassy has asked all Dutch clubs to organise another “Orange Bike Ride” to celebrate everything Dutch and to coincide with Dutch Week being celebrated nationwide from 27th April-5th May 2024

We are getting into the spirit of the occasion & have organised our bike ride for Sunday 5th May. This will be a fun, leisurely and very social event with stops on the way for coffee, and then lunch and a drink at a local pub at our end destination for those who are keen (pay your own way).

Ride a normal bike, an E-bike, or whatever you prefer and deck yourself and/or your bike out in **ORANGE!!** You can also bring a friend; you don't have to be Dutch! We will have spot prizes to give away on our ride.

We have 2 options for our ride this year, one of 12kms one way and another of 8kms one way. For those who want to do the 12kms bike ride, we will meet at the clubrooms at 9.30am.

Option 2: For those who wish to do the 8kms, you will meet us at Aroma Café (corner of Fenton and Pukaki St) at approx. 10.30ish where we will all stop for coffee and then continue with the ride to our lunch stop.

There is plenty of parking for your car around Aroma Café and of course our clubrooms. We envisage the ride to finish around 3pm depending on which ride you choose. The ride will be at a very leisurely pace on mainly flat terrain on as much cycle ways as possible.

A bit of exercise, socialising, food & fun is what it's all about, with a Dutch connection.

Please RSVP by 3rd May for this event, so we have a rough idea of numbers participating and so we have your email address if we need to contact you in case of cancellation due to adverse weather conditions.

Remember to pump up your tyres, decorate your bike and yourself, and let's have a fun day out!!

All queries and RSVPs to:

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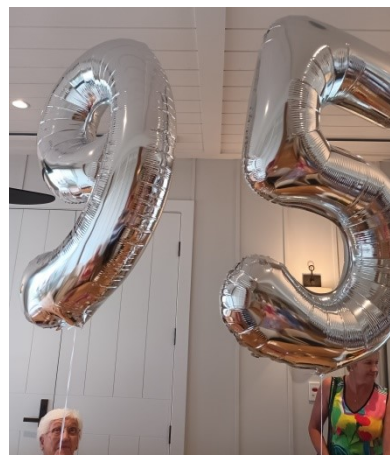
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Dick Bos Celebrated his 90th Birthday



Another Birthday Boy Henk Buissink



Annie Heeremans Celebrated her 95th Birthday with Family and Friends. Annie has moved to Mount Maunganui where she is close to her children and Great-Grand-Children.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!



Do you enjoy baking? Would you like a challenge of baking one of the most popular and comforting pies in the history of pies; Oma's Appeltaart, Apfelkuchen, Nonna's torte di mele or just the good old Kiwi Grandma's apple pie. Then here's an opportunity for you to showcase not just your skill with baking but also to share your grandma's recipe with the rest of us.

Are you the best baker of the Dutch Club, Rotorua, the Bay of Plenty or even New Zealand? Then get your hands dirty, your table messy and paint your face with the colours of war (or flour). And create the most beautiful, aromatic and delicious pie that makes everyone's mouth water to participate in this first edition of Oma's appeltaart contest and bake an appeltaart that makes your Oma (Grandma) proud.

The event takes place:

- **WHERE:** the Netherlands society hall Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road, Rotorua
(There is ample parking space at the Club House)
- **WHEN:** SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024 AT 12.00 pm, commencing straight after the Dutch Market.
- **PROGRAM**
 - Bake your most delicious Oma's Appeltaart at home and hand in the apple pie on the day of contest, for your chance to be crowned as the Winner of the 1st Edition of Oma's Appeltaart Contest!
 - 10.00 – 11.00: Hand in of products and display
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 - 12.45 – 13.00: Time for the judges to deliberate
 - 13.00 – 13.15: Award ceremony and announcement of the title 'Master Baker of Oma's Appeltaart
 - 13.15 – 13.30: Exhibition of the winners
 - 13.30 – 13.45: Tasting and Return of products

'Expert' judges will judge your pie on 4 elements:

presentation, texture, degree of cooking, and flavor combinations.

All bakers can compete for the title: "Master Baker of Oma's Appeltaart".

For all categories a small prize is to be won.


Participants do **not** have to be a member of the Dutch Club or live in Rotorua.

You can participate yourself or compete with your child(ren), grandchild(ren).

Do you have a favorite and popular family recipe, or a specialty from grandma?

Then convince the judges!

REGISTRATION FORM AND RULES

You can register until 6th of April via the printed registration form available at the Dutch Club or the facebook page  Netherlands Society Rotorua. You can hand the completed form in at the Dutch Club, send it to

PO Box 1706 Rotorua 3040, email dutchclub.rotorua@gmail.com or through the online registration form

<https://form.iotform.com/240728270933862>

After registering, you will receive confirmation and a participant number. Registration will be closed once the maximum number of participants is reached. Minimum numbers for the event going ahead is 6.

REGISTRATION FORM AND RULES

REGISTRATION FORM	
First Name and Surname:	
Address	
Phone Number:	
E-mail address:	
Age (optional):	
Name of your Oma's Appeltaart:	
Short description of your pie:	
Short description of recipe origin:	
Composition of ingredients:	
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE:	
<input type="radio"/>	I take my remaining apple pie home
<input type="radio"/>	I don't take my apple pie home and leave at the dutch club
Contest rules agreement:	
<input type="radio"/>	I have read and agree with the contest rules
SIGNATURE:	

RULES:

- The theme is Oma's Appeltaart .
- To take part in this contest you **do not have** to be a member of the Dutch Club or live in Rotorua.
- Deliver cakes **chilled** on the day of the event between **10.00 am and 11.00 am**.
- 'Expert' judges will decide on **presentation, texture, degree of cooking and flavor combinations**.
 - The apple pies are judged by the above categories
 - Judges decisions are final and cannot be contested.
- **To qualify for a prize, you must be present at the ceremony!**
- You can collect **your remaining** Appeltaart up to half an hour after the awards ceremony.
- After the contest, **cakes will be cut up for the public to have the possibility to taste your showcase**.
 - Baked goods not collected will be owned by the Dutch Club.
- The Dutch Club accepts no liability for the consequences of consuming/selling the returned food items.
- Participants of Oma's Appeltaart Contest 2024 accepts the publications of photos taken for non-commercial purposes.
- The organization can at any time disqualify and/or exclude a participant from participation, if the participant in any way acts in contrary to the rules of the game or otherwise acts unlawfully towards the organization.
- Members of the organization of Oma's Appeltaart Contest, and the judges are excluded from participation.



Kingdom of the Netherlands

News from the Embassy

February 2024

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

Good Friday
29 March 2024

Easter Monday
1 April 2024

Message from the Ambassador

Dear members of the Netherlands community,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. The team of the Netherlands Embassy in Wellington plus the Consuls in Christchurch and Auckland are looking forward to supporting you in the coming year by making it easier to renew your passport and other needed consular services. Check out our website and the info in this newsletter for the dates that we will be coming to your region with our mobile passport application station.

Also this year, I look forward to celebrating Dutch Week, starting with the Big Dutch Day Out on 27 April, Orange Bike Rides and King's Day parties all over the country, and many more activities. I am immensely grateful to all the volunteers who contribute their valuable time to celebrate the Dutch - New Zealand relationship.

Remember that the Embassy is always open for ideas, but we can't support you if we don't know. You are welcome to contact me at ard-vander.vorst@minbuza.nl if there are topics that you would like to share with me personally.

Looking forward to another great year in New Zealand.

Vriendelijke groet,
Ard van der Vorst



Consular pop-up desks

Our consular pop-up desks are very popular and due to the limited number of applications we are able to accept on each of the dates there will be people who will unfortunately miss out on appointments. Appointments are made available one month prior and will be on a first come first served basis. If you miss out on your preferred date or location, we encourage you to apply in Wellington or Auckland.

Dates:

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

If you would like to be added to our contact lists for any of the above dates, please email us on wel-ca@minbuza.nl we will email you with information closer to the time. Alternatively, info and appointments will be available on our [website](http://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl) and our [social media pages](#).

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

Dutch Week 2024

Dutch Week will take place from 27 April to 5 May this year! We are very excited about all the events that will be taking place all over the country celebrating all things Dutch.

You can look forward to events such as the Dutch Speech Competition, the Orange Bike Rides, the Big Dutch Day Out in Foxton, the Dutch Film Festival, King's Day parties, to name a few.

Information about Dutch Week will be available soon on <https://dutchnz.nz>



VFS Auckland Appointments

There has been some feedback regarding difficulty when booking appointments on the VFS website. We have investigated and found that many applicants do a Google search for VFS Auckland and pick the first VFS webpage they find. This often leads to landing on the incorrect VFS webpage as VFS represents many other countries in New Zealand and abroad. This causes issues when trying to book Dutch passport applications as there is no such option.

We encourage applicants to use the link on our webpage to access the correct VFS page: www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand





Coffee Morning Tuesday 2 APRIL at 11:00

Coffee Morning Tuesday 7 MAY 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 16 APRIL at 13:30

Bingo

Tuesday 21 MAY at 13:30



"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

We realise that some people don't want to buy a whole box of 32 frozen croquettes, so we have organised containers of 8 croquettes to sell at the Market Day.

Croquettes frozen – boxes of 32 = \$60.00 / small box of 8 = \$15.00.

We now also have "Bitterballen" for sale, 25 Bitterballen in a box.



Coffee Morning Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:00

Bingo Afternoon Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 13:30



Federation Website:

<https://dutchcommunities.co.nz>

Federation Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DutchCommunitiesNZ>

For all things Dutch in New Zealand: <https://dutch.nz/>

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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.

We are having a Baking Contest: "Who can bake the Best Oma's Appel Taart". This will be straight after the Market Day

The Contest will be organised by: Dorien: 027 245 0287 and Yske: 021-047 2502. Dorien and Yske will have the Registration Forms.

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

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.

The last weekend of March is Easter and Hank and I will travel in "OmaOpa Truck" to Apiti for a wedding. After Easter we will be a few days home and off we are again to travel around the Coromandel. On our way back home we pick-up the two grandchildren for the April School Holidays. I have booked tickets for the four of us to see "Cats" and "Madagascar" at the Sir Howard Morriison Theatre in Rotorua.

Day Light Savings Ends Sunday 7th April, the clocks go back. Good way to remember this:

In Spring the clocks Spring forward, in Autumn the clocks Fall back