



**NETHERLANDS  
SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc.)  
GEYSER NEWS  
June, July and August 2024**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**



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**THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR THREE MONTHS, TWO MARKET DAYS – JUNE AND AUGUST**

**MARKET DAY  
SATURDAY 8 JUNE**



**MARKET DAY  
SATURDAY 10 AUGUST**



Have a cup of coffee and an Oliebol, Yam, Yam

**OMA'S APPELTAART BAKING COMPETITION**

Our first "Appel Taart" bake-off competition was held after April Market Day with over seventy people present to see and taste the best "Appel Taarten" made by 13 contestants. Two Judges had the task of picking the winners in different categories.



20 APRIL 2024



**A Huge THANK YOU to Everyone who made our first-ever contest a success!  
Congratulations to our talented winners**

Presentation  
Texture  
Flavour  
Degree of Cooking  
Overall Winner:

Master Baker

Shelley de Raad  
Mandy Myles  
Piet Elmiger  
Jo Harvey  
Gwen Baars

"Zondag Appeltaart"  
"Appeltaart van Margriet"  
"Rookie Taart"  
"Oma's Oma Appeltaart"  
"Oma Baars Appeltaart"

KING'S BIRTHDAY    SATURDAY 4 MAY    POT-LUCK LUNCH

We celebrated King's Birthday with a Pot-Luck Lunch.



ORANGE BIKE RIDE – SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024



On a stunning Autumn's day, our 24km Orange Bike ride, in conjunction with the Nationwide Dutch Week, attracted over 30 enthusiastic Orange clad cyclists. The weather was perfect, no wind, and the sun followed us all day. After 5km, we stopped for a coffee and a chat at a café. Supporters, who did not wish to cycle, joined us for the "gezelligheid". We continued on our bike ride on the Ngongotaha Rail track to our lunch stop. There we had a quiz about Dutch stuff with a few prizes given out to some clever clogs who knew the answers! Then back on our bikes for a leisurely ride back to a local pub for a well-deserved drink and more socialising.

Thanks to all of you who participated, a fun filled day out with a Dutch connection.





Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4 June, 2 July and 6 August at 11:00  
First Tuesday of the Month



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:

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The Third Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday 18 JUNE at 13:30

Tuesday 16 JULY at 13:30

Tuesday 20 AUGUST 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.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 13:30



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of the year again to renew your membership. You are critical to the continued success of our club, so it is important that you continue to be a member and also spread the word amongst family and friends about our club.

To make it easy for you, we have enclosed a form to fill in and you can pay by internet banking as indicated on the form. Please include your name in the reference details.

You can also give it to Alie at a coffee morning or at the Market Day. If you are a new member, please complete the form and post or scan the form to us as we need your postal/email address.

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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 April Market Day was a very busy one and we ended the day with our first Winner of the Master Baker Competition.


**“Oma’s Appel-Taart”**

King’s Birthday Potluck Lunch, was good food, nice company lots of orange and every one had a good time.



Next in the Dutch Week was the Bike Ride. On a nice Sunny day 30 people with a Dutch Connection got together for a bike ride to Ngongotaha. All were dressed in Orange and bikes were decorated in Orange.



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. 



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