

**NETHERLANDS**  
**SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc.)**  
**GEYSER NEWS**  
**September and October 2024**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**



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**MARKET DAY**  
**SATURDAY 5 October**  
**10:00 – 12 Noon**



Have a cup of coffee and a croquette, Or an



Oliebollen

**AGM**  
 Annual General Meeting

**THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

**Meeting starts 19:00 hours in the club-rooms**

**Coffee and Tea will be served at the end of the AGM**

**It is Time to Put Your Thinking Cap On**  
**Does Thinking give you a Headache???**

**NO – NO – NO**  
**ARE YOU KEEN TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE???**

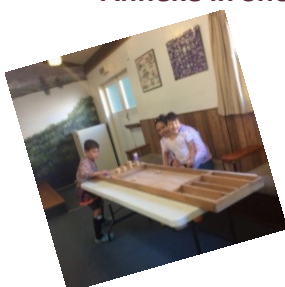
**YES – YES - YES**



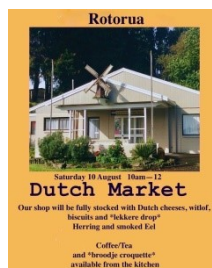
Anneke in Shop



Margaret in Fish Stall



“Sjoelbak” for YOUNG



or NOT SO YOUNG



Every two months Alie and I put the newsletter in envelopes. One bundle for Alie to deliver and one for me to deliver. The third bundle gets the stamps and taken to the post office. These are mainly to out of town members.

Alie is our busy bee and when you see photos on Facebook or in our newsletter from the Market Days Alie has taken these. At the last Market Day, Alie was walking around with her iPad and making photos to let you feel the positive atmosphere at the Market Day. Of course, we know most members, but sometimes it happens that we don't know them or, can't put the name to the face. While making photos, Alie realised that she did not recognize one couple. Alie, not shy of course, asked for their names. It turned out they are Karyn and Vern and are members for a long time already. Next time, when we put the newsletter in an envelope with a post stamp, we can now say we know these members. Thank you Alie!



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Our long time Rotorua members Truus and Koos Brasser are now living in "Ons Dorp", Auckland. On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August they were surrounded by Family, Friends and Flowers, Plants and more Flowers. WHY? They celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Some of our members visited them.



Happy Anniversary from the News-room - Rotorua





## News from the Embassy

August 2024

### Questions?

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)

### Upcoming Consular Pop-Up Dates

Invercargill -  
11/12 September  
(fully booked)

Christchurch -  
8/9/10 October

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

### Message from the Ambassador

Dear Dutch community in New Zealand,

I'm excited to share some quick updates from the Netherlands and our Embassy here in New Zealand.

The Netherlands has a new coalition government, with a new Prime Minister Dick Schoof leading the way. Next year we'll celebrate 60 years of full diplomatic relations with New Zealand and we are looking forward to engage the new government in the activities.

A shared triumph for the Netherlands and New Zealand. They both excelled at the recent Olympics, ranking 6th and 11th in the medal count, respectively. This success is a testament to the strong bond between our two nations. Whether in sports or diplomacy, we're truly partners on the world stage.

From the Embassy perspective we continue to make it easier for you to enjoy consular services by expanding the pop-up consulates initiatives across New Zealand. I am well aware that it's not always as accessible as I want it to be and I apologize for the inconvenience in dealing with the digital processes. We are in it together and push to improve the digital appointment platform. Keep an eye on our social media and website for details on when and where these events will happen—no more long trips to Wellington needed!

Last but not least we're thrilled to introduce two new Deputy Heads of Mission, Carolien Vis and Maarten Heetderks, along with Pieter van Sloten, our new diplomat focused on Pacific relations. This expanded team is eager to work with you and continue building our strong relationship with New Zealand.

Thank you for being an essential part of our thriving community. Together, we're making great strides forward!

Ard M.M. van der Vorst, Ambassador

### Meet Our Deputy Head of Mission Couple



Kia ora! Hallo!

We are Carolien Vis and Maarten Heetderks, the new Deputy Heads of Mission at the Embassy of the Netherlands. We arrived in Wellington early June with our 2,5 year old daughter Julia and have been enjoying these first weeks of settling into a new city and a new country. We are in the unique position where we share the job of Deputy Head of Mission and are both working 3 days a week. As a married couple who are both diplomats, this gives us the perfect opportunity to both continue working for the ministry, while also enjoying quality time with our family. We traveled around the South Island in early 2020 and are looking forward to exploring more of New Zealand in the years to come. We're sure there will also be plenty of opportunities to meet and engage with the Dutch community in the country and we look forward to getting to know you all.

Carolien, Maarten & Julia

### KNVB WorldCoaches in the Pacific

Exciting news! Thanks to the fantastic initiative and cooperation between the KNVB (Royal Netherlands Football Association) and the Netherlands Embassy in Wellington, our embassy team have had the opportunity to meet with the Samoa, Fiji and Tuvalu football associations to organise the first KNVB WorldCoaches programme taking place in Fiji in October.

The WorldCoaches programme trains local people to become football coaches and role models in their community. These coaches inspire children and guide them in their sports and social development.

The KNVB WorldCoaches programme was launched in 2009 as part of their commitment to the global football family. It aims to reduce the impact of social challenges and to contribute to a better society.

More info:

[www.knvb.com/themes/worldcoaches](http://www.knvb.com/themes/worldcoaches)



### Payment Update

From last month all payments made to the embassy in Wellington are charged in Euro.

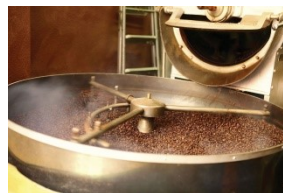
With this change, we are only able to accept payment by Visa or Mastercard issued debit or credit cards. Local EFTPOS cards without the Visa or Mastercard sign are not compatible with Dutch pin terminals as many of you may have experienced while travelling in the Netherlands.



Coffee Plantage



Beans



Roasting



Coffee Morning

Tuesday 3 September and 1 October 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**

**17 September**

**15 October**



"Vele Handen Maken Licht Werk"- -Many hands do make the work easy



H E L P

We are looking:

For anyone who is available to help in setting up the Hall.

**WHEN**

Between 11:00-12:00 on a Friday before the Market Day. Are you that person?

Please Don't Be Shy and Phone Douwe Visser NOW 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**



**Lily in Amsterdam**

**HAVE A NICE HOLIDAY**

**Dorien is in Paris**



**Dorien and Lily are currently traveling through Europe**

Federation Website: <https://dutchcommunities.co.nz>

Federation Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DutchCommunitiesNZ>

For all things Dutch in New Zealand: <https://dutch.nz/>  
Website: [www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz](http://www.netherlandsfoundation.org.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.*

When I start the newsletter the first thing what I always do is typing in the months. This time it is September and October and suddenly I realised that only one more newsletter and we will meet Sint Nicolas again. A week later we have our annual Christmas lunch.

This is also the start of the summer and warmer weather.

Now is the time to take care of the vegetable seedlings and the flower plants



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. 