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Editor's note

Geachte lezers,

Welkom in de tweede uitgave van dit jaar.

De opkomst voor de First Market '25 / carbootsale was geweldig en ik hoop dat iedereen een leuke tijd heeft gehad en kon bijpraten met iedereen.

We hebben foto's gemaakt om een indruk te geven hoe het eruit zag voor degenen die er niet bij konden zijn.

Veel dank voor iedereen die heeft bijgedragen om er een leuke dag van te maken, wij hechten veel waarde aan uw opkomst en jullie plezier. Hopelijk draagt het bij aan nieuwe leden en/of het kenbaar maken van ons bestaan als centrum waar een ieder (Nederlands of niet) kan samenkomen om van Nederlands te genieten, een soort 'vakantie' maar dan zonder de reis van minstens 24 uur.

De volgende markt is 9 maart en het wordt vast weer een mooie dag en we kijken ernaar uit iedereen te verwelkomen.

Dan is er in april weer veel aan de hand in het land met The Dutch Week, zowel hier als door het hele land, veel fietstochten en Koningsdag viering, en meer data in de Nieuwsbrief van de Nederlandse Ambassade.

Dear readers, Welcome to the second edition of this year.

The turnout for the First Market '25 / car boot sale was great and I hope everyone had a good time and was able to catch up with everyone. We took photos to give an impression of what it looked like for those who could not be there. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making it a fun day, we greatly value your attendance and your enjoyment. Hopefully it will contribute to new members and/or make our existence known as a center where everyone (Dutch or not) can come together to enjoy Dutch, a kind of 'holiday' but without the travel of at least 24 hours. The next market is March 9 and it will probably be another beautiful day and we look forward to welcoming everyone.



Then in April there is a lot going on in the country, again with The Dutch Week, both here and throughout the country, many cycling trips and King's Day celebrations, and more dates in the Newsletter of the Dutch Embassy.

**Hedwig
Dunbar-Keek**
Editor, Echo

Want to contribute to the next issue of the Echo Newsletter?

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: editor.nsc@gmail.com

President's greeting



Miryam Denny-Ipenburg

President

Netherlands Society Christchurch (Inc.)

Beste Lezers,

Voor iedereen die onze February Market en Carbootsale heeft bijgewoond en er een succes van heeft gemaakt, bedankt! Wat een prachtige dag, en wat geweldig om zoveel mensen te zien verkopen en/of genieten van wat er werd aangeboden. We willen dit zeker nog een keer doen. We denken misschien aan Koningsdag, maar we laten het jullie op tijd weten! Als je opmerkingen of suggesties hebt, laat het ons dan weten.

Zoals eerder vermeld zijn sommigen van ons druk met het vernieuwen of herschrijven van onze constitutie zodat het de nieuwe regelingen volgt. Hier zit aardig wat werk in! Zodra ze voltooid zijn, zullen we ze aan jullie presenteren en mogelijkheden bieden om ze te bespreken. Over hoe en wanneer zullen we iedereen wederom tijdig informeren.

Verder zijn we zoals gewoonlijk druk met allerlei zaken die gedaan moeten worden en kijken welke leuke evenementen we kunnen brengen dit jaar. Hou de events pagina en Facebook in de gaten.

De Nederlandse lessen voor kinderen zijn weer gestart, en is nu wekelijks.

Heb je onze nieuwe verwarming in de clubruimte gezien? Is het niet geweldig? Lekker stil en het zal niet storen tijdens filmmiddagjes!

Voor nu, geniet van het zonnetje zolang het kan en tot de volgende keer.

Dear Readers,

For all of you who attended our February Market and Car Boot Sale to make it such a success, thank you! What a glorious day, and how wonderful to see so many people selling and/or enjoying what was on offer. We definitely want to do this again. We are thinking maybe for King's Day, but we will let you know in plenty of time! If you have any comments or suggestions do let us know.

As previously mentioned, some of us are busy updating or rewriting our constitution to align with the new regulations. This involves quite a bit of work! Once completed we will present them to you and provide opportunities to discuss. We will once again inform everyone in a timely manner about how and when.

As usual, we are busy with various tasks that need to be done and looking at what fun events we can bring this year. Keep your eye on our events page and Facebook.

The Dutch lessons for children have started again and are now held weekly.

Have you seen our new heating in the clubrooms? Isn't it great? Nice and quiet and it won't interfere with any movie afternoons!

For now, enjoy the sunshine while you can and see you next time.

With kind regards,

Miryam Denny-Ipenburg



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:

netherlandsworldwide.nl

Embassy closures

Good Friday 18 April '25

Easter Monday 21 April '25

Anzac Day 25 April '25

Message from the Ambassador



Dag allemaal,

I hope this message finds you well and ready for an exciting year ahead! I'm always grateful for all of you; your warmth, your energy and the unique Dutch spirit you bring to New Zealand. It's a true pleasure to represent such a wonderful community of so many Dutch ambassadors here in New Zealand!

Now, let's talk about some exciting events ahead! First, Pride season is almost here in

Wellington and we're so excited to be part of it. This is a great moment to show our support for human rights, equality and inclusion. We know the fight for equal rights continues and it's up to us to keep showing up, speaking out and supporting each other. So, mark your calendars for March 8 in Wellington for the Pride Parade! We'd love to see you there and join us in the parade. For all the details, check out our Facebook page. And of course, Dutch Week is coming soon! It's always a blast to celebrate our Dutch roots and the special bond we share with New Zealand. We've got lots of fun activities and events lined up, so stay tuned for more details! Continue to visit our website to find out where we are coming for a passport renewal. (Check out the photo of our team – we're here for you!)

Here's to an amazing year of connection, celebration and community. Thanks for being such a special part of our Dutch family in New Zealand!

Your Ambassador,

Ard M.M. van der Vorst

Consular pop-up desks 2025

Our consular team are looking forward to setting up their pop-up desk in Christchurch from 10 till 13 March (now fully booked). Our future consular pop-up dates and destinations are:

- 19-21 May – Tauranga
- 14-17 July – Christchurch
- 23-24 September – Queenstown
- 3-6 November – Christchurch

If you wish to receive an email as soon as appointments become available you can register for the InfoService (in Dutch) and select 'Aanmelden + registratie bij ambassade': <https://informatieservice.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/>

Alternatively, all info and appointments will be available approximately one month prior to each date on our [website](#) and our [social media pages](#).

Please remember that you can apply year round at the embassy in Wellington or VFS Global in Auckland: www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/



Dutch Week 2025

This year, Dutch Week will take place from 26 April to 4 May. All over the country you will be able to take part in a wide range of events, celebrating all things Dutch. More details will be available soon.



Wellington Pride Parade | 8 March

It's that rainbow time of year again! Join our colourful embassy float on Saturday 8 March for the Wellington Pride Parade. We look forward to celebrating together with you, your family and friends. We will meet at Courtenay Place & Dixon Street at 5.30 pm. Keep an eye out for the orange. Not sure what to wear? The rainbow is the limit!



Meet Greet

Our consular team is back at full strength! Last week, we welcomed [Greet Pauwelijn](#), our new Senior Consular and Outreach Officer, to our lively team in Wellington.

Along with the rest of our amazing team, she's here to support the Dutch community and keep strengthening our ties with the New Zealand government.

Do you have questions or ideas about Dutch Week or the Orange Bike Ride? Greet is your go-to person.

What's On!

Dutch Week 2025

26 April - 4 May

In Christchurch we will have the bike ride again from UC to the Cathedral and back, (keep an eye out at WhatsonChCh for the exact date and time) either Saturday 26 April or Saturday 3 May and hopefully we have enough people to help us celebrate Kingsday.

More information about Christchurch events in the next April issue.



Dutch Market 2025

Lekkere
Haring!



Sunday 9th March 2025
10am - 12.30pm
Netherlands Society Clubrooms

Youth of Yesterday

Every Friday morning
9.30 am - 2.00 pm approx.

Operating are Rummikub, card players, drawing, golfers coffee

Important date:

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. You are most welcome. We have plenty of space. You do not have to be dutch to join in.

☎ 027 751 9338 Lilian for information

lilian_van_elk@hotmail.com



Car Boot Sale 2025



The first market, combined with the first Car Boot Sale was a huge success, about the weather was summery like we hoped and didn't let us down (apart from some gusts out of nowhere that made Ria's beautiful handmade cards fly off their boards and in to the ditch).



Car Boot Sale 2025 (cont.)



Some lovely and very much appreciated feedback from one of the visitors of the Car Boot Sale market:

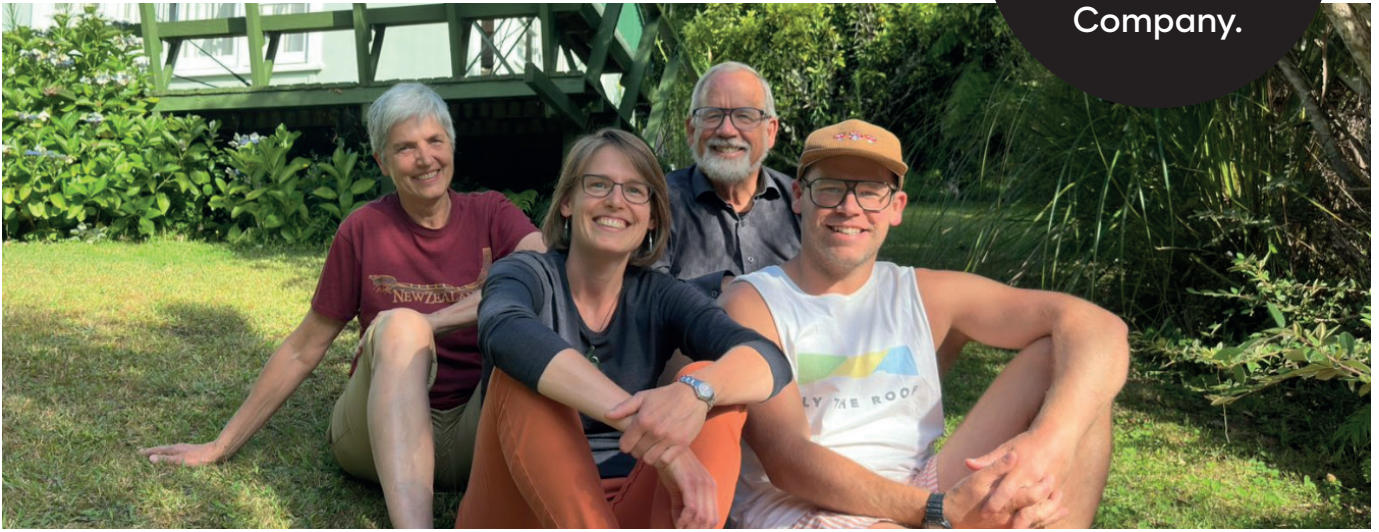


"... Anyway it must be said that the whole thing was really good set up and organized. There was plenty space for each seller and good opportunities for food and drinks as well for both visitors and participants. A very enjoyable day."



Meeting Dutch New Zealanders

Introducing Guido Loeffler, he is part of the Innate Furniture Company.



When and where were you born?

I was born in 1990 in Nairobi, Kenya. My parents were working in Tanzania at the time, but we moved back to The Netherlands when I was only a few months old. I lived there until I was 10.



What was your parents' job in Nederland, and do you have siblings? What was/is your parents' job in NZ?

My father, Scott, was a vet in Utrecht, and my mother worked for De Ministerie Van Buitenlandse Zaken in Den Haag. I have one sister, Hanna, who is three years older than me.

When did you land in NZ, boat or plane, and why, what was the motivation?

We moved to New Zealand in 2000 when I was 10 and my sister was 13. My parents were motivated by the slower pace of life, the natural environment, the weather, and the lower population density.

Any grandparents, aunts and uncles? Where are they? Have you stayed in touch with your cousins?

At the time of our move, both of my grandparents were still alive in Geleen. I still have aunts and uncles in the Netherlands and keep in touch with my cousins. A few of

them have visited New Zealand, some numerous times. I'm very fond of them and look forward to visiting them again soon. I used to visit often but that has been on hold since starting my business.

What did you study and what is your job? How did you fall into that?

I studied Commerce at Canterbury University with a double endorsement in International Business and Entrepreneurship. I wanted to work within the capitalist system to make positive change. I considered politics and other avenues but ultimately decided that business drives our world and wanted to help businesses see that profitability and social good do not need to be mutually exclusive. That belief has only strengthened in the 16 years since I started studying.

Do you have kids or plan to? Will they be speaking Dutch?

I don't have kids yet, as starting a business is much like having children! I do plan on having kids in the future and will teach them Dutch from a young age and encourage them to stay multilingual.

First bike, when did you get that and how did you learn? Do you cycle in Christchurch?

I was three years old when I got my first bike, and I remember biking around Gouda as a kid very fondly. I loved it, and I still do. I'm very glad that Christchurch has a big uptake in cycling, and I can see it becoming much more normalised over the coming years. The silver lining from the earthquakes is that I think they helped speed up the transition to a cycle-friendly city.

How is your Dutch, and do you use it, and with whom?

I'm fluent in Dutch and glad to be so. I use it most days with my parents who live here, as well as often with my sister who now lives in America, and with other family members. I also listen to Dutch radio, podcasts, music, and sometimes TV. I think it's a wonderful language that has a certain art to it.

Meeting Dutch New Zealanders (cont.)

Would you like people to come and see your workshop?

Yes indeed! Anyone who would like to visit our furniture workshop (around the corner from The Netherlands Society property) is more than welcome to. Just get in touch! Coffee and boterkoek on me!

Can people contact you?

Yes, definitely. Either via phone 027 350 2083 or email guido@innatefurniture.co.nz



Do you know anybody that would like to tell their story, young or old? We would love to hear about it! Please get in touch with the Echo Editor by emailing editor.nsc@gmail.com

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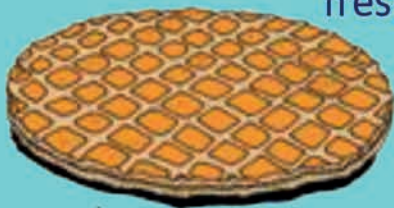
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Puzzle of the month

Kruiswoord

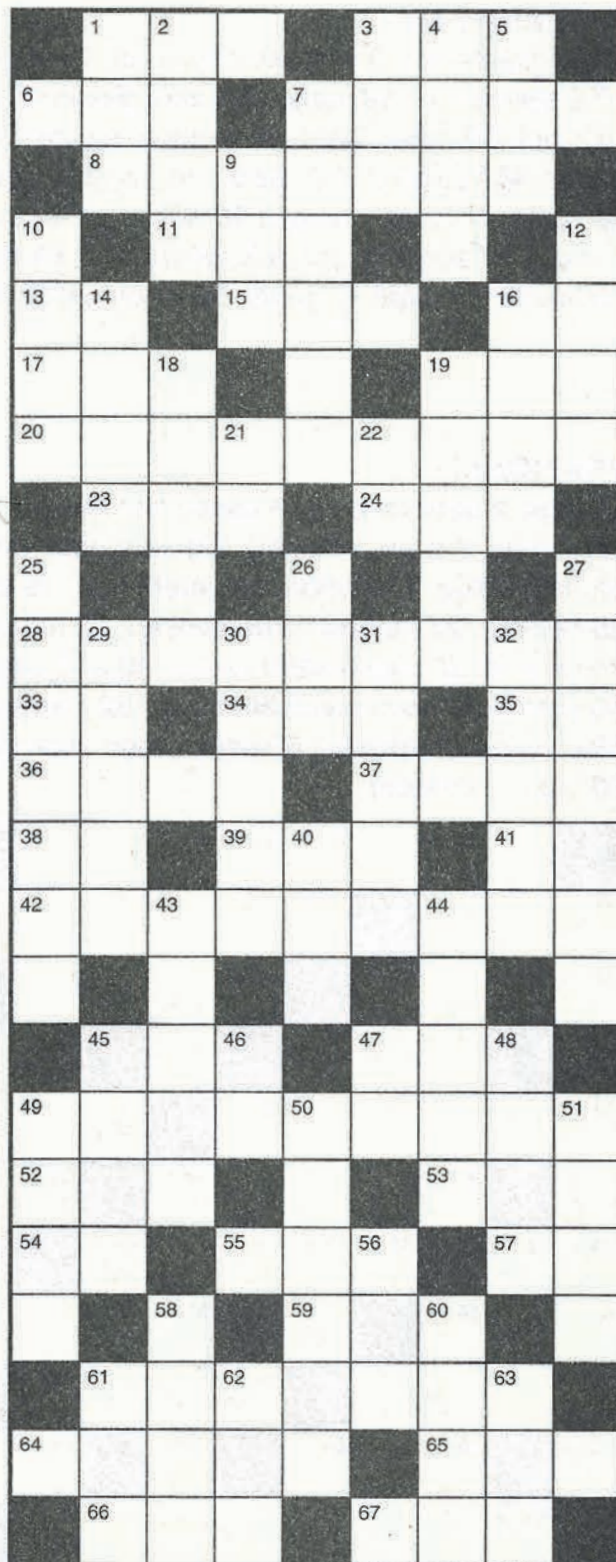
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HORIZONTAAL

1 behoeftig, 3 watervlakte,
 6 milieuvriendelijk (voorvoegsel), 7 lomp,
 8 heilkreet, 11 stel, 13 mevrouw (afk.),
 15 barbecue, 16 zijns inziens,
 17 grondsoort, 19 inzicht, 20 elitekorps,
 23 ondiepte in zee, 24 beu, 28 klein
 vliegtuig, 33 vroegere vriendin, 34 Griekse
 onheilsgodin, 35 luiaard, 36 ongeveer,
 37 zoete lekkernij, 38 op deze wijze,
 39 Bijbelse figuur, 41 laus Deo (afk.),
 42 Zuid-Europees volk, 45 liefkozing,
 47 niet tegen, 49 stedeling, 52 loterijbriefje,
 53 vochtig, 54 reeds, 55 onverbloemd,
 57 francium (afk.), 59 over,
 61 schoonmaken, 64 angst,
 65 zeezoogdier, 66 Japanse munt,
 67 toepassing voor een smartphone.

VERTICAAL

1 uitroep van medelijden, 2 kleur,
 3 hemellichaam, 4 ooit, 5 tijdrekening,
 7 apenbroodboom, 9 onder, 10 razernij,
 12 godin van de overwinning, 14 opnieuw,
 16 kant, 18 verharen, 19 been,
 21 République Française, 22 eminentie
 (afk.), 25 afkeer, 26 erg (jeugdtaal),
 27 mythologische figuur, 29 uitheemse
 plant- of diersoort, 30 vrucht, 31 land in
 Afrika, 32 Amerikaanse goudmunt,
 40 beweging met de tong, 43 siersteen,
 44 schaatsen, 45 koraaleiland, 46 idem
 (afk.), 47 post meridiem, 48 niet afgewerkt,
 49 mep, 50 fors, 51 halmen van gedorst
 koren, 56 stommeling, 58 telwoord,
 60 Friese vluchtheuvel, 61 droog,
 62 lidwoord, 63 deel van een
 voetbalschoen.



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Voor meer informatie kan je contact opnemen met Elma van Baasbank 02902378998

Come and join us at Upper Riccarton library, from 10th February on Mondays during term, time 3:30-5:30pm. Bring your own snack and something to drink. Also your own notebook and pencil/pen. Only costs are room hire, which depends on how many families/kids come. So far approx 35 NZD per family/per term.

For more information, please contact Elma van Baasbank 02902378998

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Thank you

Thank you!

From the car boot sale, February 9, A BIG THANK YOU to the people who helped me when a big wind gust took all my cards all over the place and landed in the next paddock . So many people got all my cards back and I'm very grateful. Hope the lady who was sitting behind my table who got the wooden stand on her leg is okay.

Ria



Walnut Orchard

Hi members and friends.

Several of our members expressed interest to have another visit to Trudi and Basil Meyer's Walnut Orchard. Here are the details for our proposed visit: The date is Friday, 7th March

We will meet at Basil Meyer's farm, 719 Telegraph Rd, West Melton at 1pm for coffee/tea and bikkies followed by the farm tour and other demos. We now need details from those of you who intend to come, **please supply:**

Your name(s), confirm that you are booking for how many people (for 7th March) and if you can offer transport (and for how many people)

Example: Joe Keller 🇺🇦, can take 3 people

Please make your booking with Margaret Giertz, ph 980-3261 so we can inform Basil of expected numbers.

Cheers,

Joe

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Klaverjas Club "Ons Genoegen"

It is time again to give a sign of life so that you know that we are still here and we enjoy coming together. Today I went to the funeral of Jan Stolp. He used to be Treasurer of Ons Genoegen in the seventies but he did not like the job because there were members who always came with big money and he could not change money in those days you sometimes needed a skin as thick as an elephant. He was the one who paid the people who were in the kitchen, especially with cards. Which has been done quietly until now because it is always the same people who do it, so Jan thanks for that. We also missed Dora Niesten lately, she is on the sick list and we wish her a speedy recovery because if it takes too long she will have to learn it again but I don't think so, she is too smart for that. The prize winners of this month were January 28 1st Kees Baars with 6042 points and 2nd Arda Hogendoorn with 4885 points. The 11th of February 1st Koos van Nieuwkerk with 5644 points and 2nd Arda with 5265 points

Well folks that's it for this time, we wish everyone good health and I'd say have another one and have lots of fun in the game of life.

Wim



New members welcome!

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

For more info contact the Membership Secretary: 022 362 3411, secretary.nsc@gmail.com
Post this application to: Miryam Denny, 637 Marshland Road, Ouruhia, Christchurch 8083
Or, email application to: secretary.nsc@gmail.com



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