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Christchurch, 8 November 2016: King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima ride a tram to view the redevelopment of the city after the earthquake in 2011.
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Editor's note

Geachte lezers,

Welcome to April, the month of the beginning of Dutch week, celebrated everywhere I hope. For Christchurch it means that we celebrate King's birthday with a party at Aikmans bar, we have Orange bike ride for the whole family, using our bike paths, from University to the Cathedral to the Chch Farmers market with prizegiving (best orange outfit/ bike, first etc.) and a Dutch treat, and next day kids can win a prize with best decorated bike or scooter with a vrijmarkt (sell your pre-loved toys!) followed with a lunch where everyone is welcome but booking would be appreciated. Please check for more details in this Echo or check out the Christchurch City Council website or app called WHAT'SON Christchurch.

Our market on 13 April will also be our Easter market.

On another note, if you have Facebook and/or Instagram, please follow us and 'like us' so it is easier to reach you when anything is published or something fun is organised.

Lillian en Wim will welcome new people that want to do something fun with Dutchies, resp. the YOY club or the Card club.

We hope to see you all at the next meetings,

Till then,

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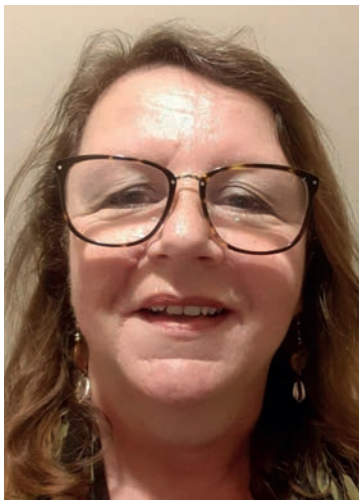
Want to contribute to the next issue of the Echo Newsletter?

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
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Beste Lezers,

Nog een paar weken en dan is het alweer Pasen! Wat gaat de tijd toch snel.

Een aantal van onze bestuursleden zijn al, of gaan, naar het buitenland, dus zijn we wederom een klein groepje. Maar dat mag de pret niet drukken!

Zoals altijd wordt het "eieren zoeken" voor de kinderen gecombineerd met de markt. Dus verwachten we weer een gezellige drukte. Ikzelf ben er deze markt niet bij. Er is dus ook geen Nederlandse les voor de volwassenen. Die gaan in plaats van les gezellig naar 'The Rowdy Kitchen' en (hoop ik dan maar) daar hun Nederlands oefenen. Maar in mei ben ik er weer bij.

Zoals eerder vermeld is een kleine sub-committee hard bezig geweest met het aanpassen van de nieuwe regels voor onze constitutie. Een hoop werk achter de schermen met grote dank aan Elissa en Dee voor al hun hulp hiermee.

Ik heb een klein voorbeeld daarvan samengesteld, dat je op bladzijde 6 kan bekijken. Zodra dit klaar is houden we een bijeenkomst waarbij alle leden de veranderingen kunnen bekijken, zodat het op onze AGM kan worden ingevoerd.

Hartelijke groet,

Miryam Denny-Ipenburg

Dear Readers,

Not long now, and it will be Easter again! Time goes by too fast.

Some of our board members are already abroad or will be traveling, so once again, we are a small group. But that won't spoil the fun!

As always, the Easter egg hunt for the children will be combined with the market. So, we expect a lively and busy event. I won't be at the market this time. This means there will be no Dutch lessons for adults either. Instead of class, they will have a fun gathering at 'The Rowdy Kitchen' where (hopefully) they will practice their Dutch. But I'll be back in May.

As previously mentioned, a small subcommittee has been working hard on adjusting the new rules for our constitution. A lot of work has been done behind the scenes, with special thanks to Elissa and Dee for all their help with this.

I have put together a small example of this, which you can view on page 6. Once everything is finalized, we will hold a meeting where all members can review the changes before they are officially adopted at our AGM.

With kind regards,

Miryam Denny-Ipenburg

What's On!

Easter Market

As usual we hold our Easter market the week before Easter on the 13th of April.

As part of that we also have several activities for the children and a colouring-in competition. The 'kleurplaten" for the colouring-in competition will be provided on the day. And of course the Easter bunny will visit and help the children find all the Easter eggs.

The market starts at the usual time of 10am. For the children the activities start at 11am. We are expecting the Easter bunny around 12 midday to take the children to the egg hunt. Afterwards we will do the prizes for the colouring-in competition.

In order to make sure we have enough Easter eggs for all the children, please book before the 9th of March by calling Annie, mob: 021-0625656

Cost per child is $5.00

Dutch Market 2025

Sunday 13th April 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

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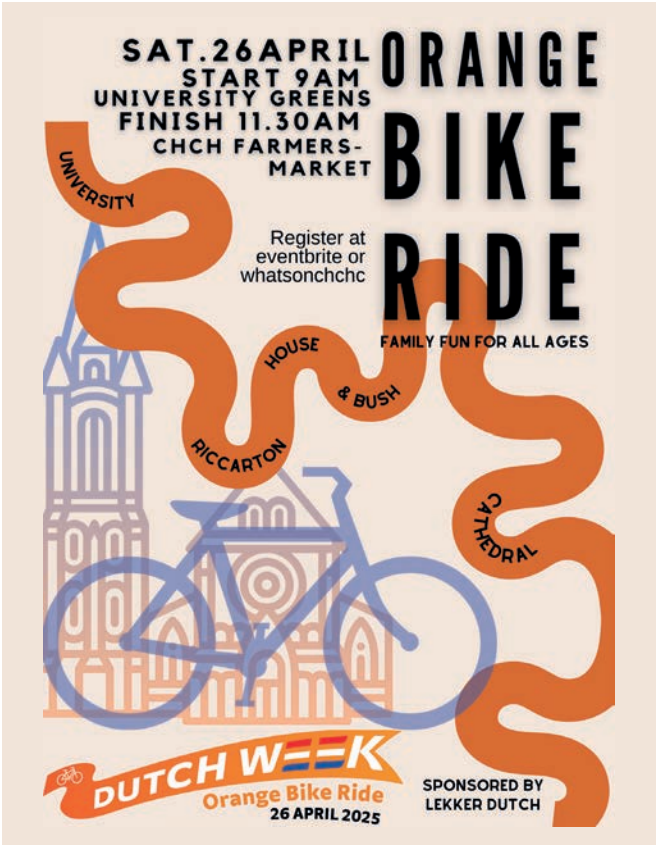
What's On!

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.

DUTCH WEEK
26 APRIL – 4 MAY 2025



Koningsdag Celebration – Fun for Everyone!

Sunday, April 27

Join us for a fantastic Koningsdag celebration with games, a vrijmarkt, and a delicious lunch! Children's games start at 10:30am. Lunch served from 12pm.

Fun & Games for Kids!

We've got plenty of exciting games lined up for the children, including:

Sjoelen | Ball Toss | Jeu de Boules | Blikken Lopen | Koning Prikken | Spijkerpoepen | Boeren Golf

Children's Vrijmarkt – Buy, Sell & Trade!

Kids can sell their toys, books, and more at the vrijmarkt. It's a great chance to find new treasures and pass on old favorites!

Show Your Orange Spirit!

Dress in orange and bring your decorated bikes and scooters. The best-decorated one wins a prize!

Lunch Menu

- Tomato Soup & Pea Soup
- Broodje Kroket
- Tompouce (Custard Square)

Pricing

Members: $20, **Non-members:** $30, **Children (10-15 years):** $10, **Children under 10:** FREE with a paying adult.

Book Your Spot! Reserve by April 24.

Call Annie at Ph: 3831594 or Mobile: 021-0625656

Come and celebrate Koningsdag with fun, food, and festivities!

Constitution changes

The Constitution and changes

As mentioned, we have been working hard to update and propose changes to our constitution as per the new law.
A special thanks to Elissa for her expertise and Dee for her knowledge and observations.

We made 3 columns, one with the suggestions as per the new laws, one with what we currently have in our constitution, and lastly one with what is proposed to go into our new constitution.

Just to give you an idea, this document ended up being more than 90 pages long that had to be edited, with 39 mandatory clauses and our original constitution didn't have even half of those. You will be happy to know that the result will not be 90 pages long.

Here is one example:

Is currently:	**Becomes:**
Notwithstanding any other provision, the Society shall not expend any money: (a) Other than to further purposes recognised by law, nor (b) For the sole personal or individual benefit of any member.	The Society shall not expend any money: (a) Other than to further the Societies purposes (b) For the sole personal or individual benefit of any member. (c) renumeration or honorariums to committee members (d) to invest in unsecure financial schemes. Society funds may be invested through banking term deposits.

Zoals vermeld, hebben we hard gewerkt aan het bijwerken en aanpassen van onze statuten volgens de nieuwe wet.
Een speciale dank aan Elissa voor haar expertise en aan Dee voor haar kennis en observaties.
We hebben drie kolommen gemaakt: één met de voorstellen volgens de nieuwe wetgeving, één met wat er momenteel in onze statuten staat, en tot slot één met voorstellen van wat er in onze nieuwe statuten komt te staan.
Om u een idee te geven: dit document is uiteindelijk meer dan 90 pagina's lang die bewerkt moesten worden, met 39 verplichte clausules, terwijl onze oorspronkelijke statuten er nog niet eens de helft van hadden.
U zult blij zijn te horen dat het eindresultaat geen 90 pagina’s lang zal zijn.

Meet Dutch New Zealanders

Introducing **Frank Van Schaijik and Maarten Loeffen**

As it is Dutch week at the end of April and beginning of May, one of the many activities organised all over the country is the celebration of Koningsdag and in ChCh we are welcomed at Aikmans bar and hot food provided by the Traiteur. From these establishments we would like you to meet respectively, Frank Van Schaijik and Maarten Loeffen.

From left: Ambassador Ard van der Vorst, Frank.

Frank:

When and where were you born:
Christchurch, NZ , 30 October 1958

What was your parents job in Nederland and do you have siblings and are they here, what was/is your parent's job in NZ:
My mother worked on the family dairy farm, my father studied engineering at university, they left NL, late 1952 after the immigration laws opened up in Canada, Australia and New Zealand, I have three older sisters, one younger sister and one younger brother, my father worked for a steel fabrication company, Scotts Engineering and my mother worked as a nurse at Calvary Hospital. Later my father and mother started their own Steel Construction Company in February 1964.

When did you land in NZ, boat or plane, and why, what was the motivation: It took my parents over 7 days flying to reach NZ, late early December 1952, after the war. They chose a hopefully better life away from the conflict in Europe.

Any grandparents, aunties and uncles, children. Where are they, have you stayed in touch with your cousins:
One aunty and uncle moved to NZ when I was born, they had 5 daughters born in NZ, all daughters now living in Christchurch, many other uncles, aunties and cousins still living in NL.

What did you study and your job, how did you fall into that: I studied for 7 years at St.Thomas of Canterbury College, Forms 1 to 7, then to Chch Polytech to study Engineering. from the age of 5 years, I followed my father to the office on a Saturday morning, so I was brought up in the business.

Do you have kids or planning to, will they be speaking Dutch: I have 3 sons, William, Francis, Oscar, we have travelled to Europe and NL together and they are starting to pick up Dutch words.

First bike, when did you get that and how did you learn, do you cycle in ChCh: My first bike was a trike that I used to go to playcentre on every day, sometimes alone, I still have a few cycles in my garage, road bike, off road bike.

How is your Dutch and do you use it and with who:
My mother spoke a mix of Dutch and English as we were growing up, I have visited NL several times, over the years, When I was 20 yrs, I spent a year in NL, working, speaking Dutch, and visiting parts of Europe,

How many years have you hosted K(oninginne) ingsday including this year, are there more or less participants then before and do you see more new faces, made new friends: This year will be the 6th time to co-host the Koningsdag celebrations, each year there are more people joining in.

Anything else you like to share with the readers: I am in the process of writing a book to celebrate 60 years of John Jones Steel, my late father, (passed away 30 years ago) was the leader for 30 years, and I have just achieved the same as leader for 30 years, the book will be released in approx 3 months.

Can people contact you, how is your preferred way?
My email is frank@jjsteel.co.nz

From left: Hon. Consul Geordie Hooft, Ambassador Ard van der Vorst, Frank.

Meet Dutch New Zealanders (cont.)

From left: Consul Geordie Hooft, Maarten Loeffen and Ambassador Ard van der Vorst.

Maarten:

When and where were you born: Born July 1960 in Ewijk in Nederland.

What was your parents job in Nederland and do you have siblings and are they here, what was /is your parent's job in NZ: Both my parents were in the grocery business. From baker and pharmacist they build up a Supermarket. They only lived in the Netherlands before getting married, then moved to New Zealand, where they had three daughters.

When did you land in NZ, boat or plane, and why, what was the motivation: In December 1983, I arrived by plane the day before Patricia (Frank's sister) married and two weeks later Frank.

Any grandparents, aunties and uncles, children? Where are they, have you stayed in touch with your cousins: So I had an uncle and aunty living here and they had 6 children and they all stayed in Holland with us off and on.

What did you study and your job, how did you fall into that: Did bakery first and later changed to butchery.

Do you have kids or planning to, will they be speaking Dutch: I have 3 daughters of which 2 spend time in NL and watched Dutch movies and series with their friends.

First bike, when did you get that and how did you learn, do you cycle in ChCh: Yes try to bike every day and can't remember what bike always got new painted pass downs

How is your Dutch and do you use it and with who: Better than my English and I speak often with my brothers in the Netherlands in Dutch.

How many years have you hosted K(oninginne)ingsday including this year, are there more or less participants then before and do you see more new faces, made new friends: First at Everglades, for the mostly older generation, And I think this is the 5 year that we do it for both but need more the younger generation. You always meet new people.

Can people contact you, how is your preferred way? 03 355 7750

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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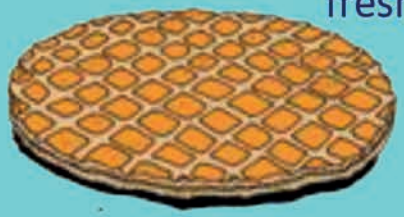

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Committee members needed!

We would love new members to become part of our committee, for new input and a fresh look. You will need to be at the meetings one evening a month and help out with activities and you can always bring a friend. We are a friendly bunch and there is always a hot drink and something sweet to eat available.

Hall hire

Voor degenen die iets privé willen vieren, zoals een huwelijk, verjaardagsfeest of jubileum, of die een ruimte nodig hebben voor een cursus, demonstratie, meeting of andere gelegenheid: de zaal is te huur voor een bescheiden bijdrage.

De zaal beschikt over een volledig uitgeruste keuken, een plafondprojector en een scherm. De huurprijs bedraagt $150 voor leden en $300 voor niet-leden. De maximale capaciteit is 100 personen, en er is ruime parkeergelegenheid beschikbaar.

Met de feestdagen in aantocht is dit een perfecte optie om in gedachten te houden. Neem contact op met de club via telefoon of e-mail voor meer informatie.

Onze gegevens staan op de tweede en laatste pagina van de Echo.

For those who want to celebrate a private event, such as a wedding, birthday party, or anniversary, or need a space for a course, demonstration, meeting, or other occasion, the hall is available for hire at an affordable rate.

The hall features a fully equipped kitchen, a ceiling projector, and a screen. Rental rates are $150 for members and $300 for non-members. The maximum capacity is 100 people, and ample parking is available.

With the holiday season approaching, this is a great option to consider. Contact the club by phone or email for more information.

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Toen werd het zomer

At the end of the seventies together with two other Dutch friends I produced a Dutch language radio programme in Wellington.

We received the weekly news from Hilversum on small tapes. Our listeners often asked us for music by Dutch artists. Birthdays and other special occasions were often mentioned for such requests.

I remember a young man, single, shy and we found out rather homesick. He came from Amsterdam.

I will not mention his name because he passed away many years ago. He was one of our first listeners and wrote us letters to say how he looked forward to this hour of news and music from 'his' country. One day he asked for a song called "Het Werd Zomer" by Rob de Nijs. We did not have it and I started to ask everyone who knew of this singer. I found Someone had the record, but she was very reluctant to let me borrow it, even when I begged her, *"Only for a week, please!"* Eventually, she gave in, and I was able to make a very nice but unhappy young immigrant very happy.

He returned to his beloved Amsterdam about a year later. He kept writing to me for a while but all of a sudden this stopped.

I received a letter from a relative to tell me that he died about 3 years after returning to the Netherlands.

So when I heard this week that Rob de Nijs had passed away it reminded me how he had made a sad lonely young man on the other side of the world very happy with his lovely song.

Rob de Nijs, born 26 December 1942, died 16 March 2025. He has left us with many great songs like "Het Ritme Van de Regen"; "Malle Babbe"; "Jan Klaasen de Trompetter"; "Dag Zuster Ursula"; "Ik Hou Alleen Van Jou" are only a few of his repertoire.

Unlike many years ago, all we need to do now is go on the internet to listen to these songs. Yes, time has changed but the lovely memories remain!

Yoka Saris

Info for the people, by the people...

de Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland

https://mailchi.mp/snbn/nieuwsbrief08032025?e=f1000ad1af

For interesting and useful articles, like these and more, for Dutch people living outside the Netherlands, they also have info-fair in March (see the web page) if you happen to be back in NL.

Nederlanderschap terugkrijgen: Raad van State kritisch op strenge regels

Sinds een paar jaar kan een Nederlander die met het Nederlanderschap ook het EU-burgerschap verloor, het Nederlanderschap proberen terug te krijgen door een zogenaamde "toetsing". In de praktijk bleek dat een wassen neus: slechts 4% van de mensen die een beroep deed op de regeling, kreeg daadwerkelijk het Nederlanderschap terug. De Raad van State heeft nu geoordeeld, dat de regeling te streng wordt toegepast: veel argumenten die worden aangevoerd om het Nederlanderschap terug te kunnen krijgen, worden door de IND ten onrechte terzijde gelegd. Het is nog niet geheel duidelijk wat dit in de praktijk betekent; vooralsnog kunnen we hier niet meteen individuele gevolgen aan verbinden.

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Klaverjas Club "Ons Genoegen"

We zitten alweer in de vierde maand van het jaar, met andere woorden de tijd vliegt. We spelen de ene week voor prijzen en de volgende week het Roster, dat houdt in dat de punten die je haalt het jaarlijkse eindstand word, zo als je elke week komt heb je kans de jaarlijkse trophy te winnen en die staat nu bij yours, met al de vorige winnaars sinds 1979 en de eerste was Gerda Middelkoop, mag ze rusten in vrede, en natuurlijk er is een geldprijs aan gebonden zo de meer je komt de beter de kansen als je het wil veranderen dan moet je het entreegeld gaan verhogen en ik denkt dat de meeste kaarters voor plezier komen en om er eventjes uit te zijn en een kop koffie met een speculaasje er bij en als er één jarig is geweest en die trakteert en dan de rest zingt uit volle borst "lang zal ze leven" dat vind ik altijd hartstikke leuk en het beter dan alleen thuis zitten, We wensen Dora Nieste beterschap toe, ze is gelukkig weer thuis en dat is de beste plaats om beter te worden. De prijswinnaars van deze maand zijn, 1ste Koos van Nieuwkerk met 5491 punten en tweede Wim de Winter met 4862 punten. Wel luitjes dit is het voor deze maand kijk achter je zelf en als je 't nodig vindt neem er nog een (Borreltje) of kop koffie, geniet van het leven en heel veel geluk in Tuk, dat zeiden ze altijd bij Tini thuis (Enschede, Twente)

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
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