

Hi de Hi



Dorpskrant



September 2025 Issue



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Dinner

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We had a full house for our Mid-Winter Dinner on July 31. Even with five last-minute cancellations due to illness, we still welcomed an impressive 90 residents, including five of our outside members.

We were once again entertained by the wonderful duo **The Sounds of Europe**, who, as always, hit the right note and got many feet on the dance floor.



The food, served by **One Sip**, was outstanding and plentiful. Richard and his team did themselves proud and received well-deserved applause. Even the residents who were unwell were not forgotten — their dinners were kindly delivered by their lovely neighbours.

The tidy-up afterwards was completed in no time, thanks to all the extra helping hands.

***Here's to another wonderful evening in
Ons Dorp***

Antonia
Society Committee Member

Village Happy Hour

Music, Dancing and Smiles

Last Friday evening we had our monthly village gathering in the hall. Attendance was a bit lower than usual, maybe because of the wet and windy weather, but those who came had a really lovely time.

The atmosphere was warm and friendly, with villagers chatting and catching up over drinks and a few tasty snacks. Our entertainment for the night was the very talented Megan Johnstone, a singer with a beautiful voice and a smile that lights up the room. She sang many well known songs and soon had villagers up on the dancefloor, tapping toes and swaying to the music.

It was wonderful to see friends laughing, dancing, and enjoying each other's company. Nights like this remind us why our village is such a special place.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and the committee who helped organise the event, set up the hall, serve the refreshments, and clean up afterwards. Without your hard work, evenings like this would not be possible.

We look forward to seeing even more of you next month – and hopefully the weather will be kinder to us!

Margie van Staalduin



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Dorpskrant

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Deadline for Dorpskrant
24th of the month.

Hi de Hi villagers

After being away for nearly 7.5 weeks in Bali, it's great to be back home again. We escaped the cold weather and at the same time were able to help needy families in Bali, as well as continue our involvement with an orphanage there.

What a joy it is to return and see our village looking absolutely stunning and so well cared for. A big thank you to everyone who keeps it that way. It has also been a very busy month here with two AGM's, a lively happy hour, and many more events and activities that have kept the community spirit strong.

I'm pleased to let you know that I will continue for another year as President of the Society Committee, helping to organise the programme of events for the coming year. At the same time, I want to share that this will be my last year on the committee, as Rein and I have decided to take longer overseas breaks in the future.

For now, I'm looking forward to bringing together a varied and enjoyable programme for everyone in the village. Thank you all for your support, and remember, let's take care of each other.

Warm regards,

Margie van Staalduinen



The Trust Board AGM was held on the 28th August and Joop Hageman pictured above with Thea Hageman was presented with a basket of goodies for services as the Chair.

Our new Chair will be Elizabeth Jenkins and Vice Chair Roelof Siebring.

If you have some items of news for the next Dorpskrant, please call Eirene on 027 4590 653 or email to: georgeeirene@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS



AGM

Villagers AGM with Statutory Supervisor.
Wednesday 3rd September at 3pm

Creative Crafts and Arts display

When: Saturday 13th September

Where: Pavilion

Time: 2-4pm

Willemina is very excited to be showcasing for you the latest creative projects from some of our crafty villagers: knitting, painting, sewing, sculpture and other forms of craft. She hopes you will invite your family and friends to come along and admire the amazing items which will be on display.

Make a note on your calendar, this event is not to be missed!

Contact **Willemina** if you have any queries, or would like to add your one of your crafted treasures to the display, **ph 09 908 0494**



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM HEATHER HEFFORD, V23

AM

★ Day Out to “Diva” at Auckland Museum ★



Hi Villagers,

We're planning a fun outing on Thursday, 18th September to the Auckland Museum to see the dazzling new expedition “Diva”.

Expect glamour, music, sparkling costumes and plenty of stories about the stars we all know and love. Don't worry – you don't need to wear sequins to get in (though a little sparkle never hurts 😊).

Details:

 **Date: 18th September**

 **Auckland Museum**

 **Cost: \$23.00**

The village van will leave at 11.30 am from the Care Centre
Before or after we'll find a spot for some lunch and a good natter.

A perfect day out that's social, light-hearted and easy-going.

If you'd like to come along, please contact Antonia Aarts on 027-4804835
so we can organise tickets. **There's limited space for only 8 people.**

Come and join us – let's add a bit of glamour to our week! ✨

Raffle winners on Market day

Friday August 29

1st prize – Piet Dobbe

2nd prize – Brian O'Connor

Next Market: Friday September 26

Happy Hour for September

Friday 12 September
from 4-6pm.

Come and catch up with
your friends. All welcome!



Movies at the Pavilion for September

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2.00 pm

Andre Rieu:
Royal Dreams
The best of
live in Concert
MUSIC



Ladies in
Lavender
COMEDY/
ROMANCE

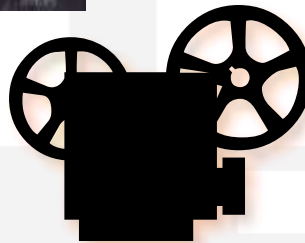


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COMPASSIONATE IN-HOME CARE SUPPORT

Offering personalized elder care and assistance for those temporarily incapacitated.

ABOUT ME

My name is Yolanda Martinez. Originally from Colombia, I've been living in New Zealand for over 10 years. With experience and a deep understanding of elderly care through supporting my own parents, I am committed to providing a "caring and quality support service".

SERVICES OFFERED

- Domestic assistance: House cleaning, laundry, ironing, cooking
- Mobility support: Assistance with walking, wheelchair and walker
- Social company: Companionship
- I am located in Te Atatu, Auckland

Availability: Flexible hours during the week, except on Fridays

Additional experience: Alongside my caregiving expertise, I bring years of experience as an Executive Secretary in Colombia and Venezuela.

INTERESTED? Let's chat! Reach out to me to discuss how I can assist you or your loved ones. **Mobile number: 022 394 4262**



Society AGM Held on 19th August

On Tuesday 19th August at 2pm the Society held its Annual General Meeting, with 52 villagers present. The meeting was opened with a warm welcome from the President, who also acknowledged the presence of Mr. Gary Williams, General Manager.

All current members of the Society agreed to stand for another year. As there were no new nominees, no election was needed. The President thanked everyone for their attendance and support, while Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation to the President and the committee for their hard work and dedication to the good of the villagers. Karin Verbeek was presented with a basket full of goodies from the Dutch shop, as appreciation for all her hard work. Karin has accepted to do the audit again next financial year.

During general business a comment was made and the President thanked the villager for sharing. A request was also made for villagers to consider joining the committee, as there is space for one more member, but no one came forward at this time.

At the close of the meeting, afternoon tea was served. The refreshments had been bought at Costco, which saved more than half the cost compared with catering. This was not only a great saving for the Society but also showed the great effort of the committee in managing resources wisely.

The meeting was marked by good spirit and a sense of community, with thanks to all who attended and supported.

Margie van Staalduinen



We were sad to farewell Rein at a very lovely memorial service on Monday 18 August at Morrisons Funeral chapel, Henderson.

Rein was born in Indonesia, and had a privileged life until the Japanese occupation, where like many other Dutch folk he was interned with his family during the war. Following the end of the war he moved with his family to The Netherlands where he started primary school, aged 11, and in the same class as Petra. So they knew each other very well before they married many years later in NZ, and had a long and happy married life together. They were blessed with two sons Eric and Hank.

At this service - Petra, their son Eric, a granddaughter Jessica and other old friends spoke of his joyous approach to life, his jokes, love of music, his hard work ethic, his twinkly eyes, love for his grandchildren, and his spiritual beliefs - in a very loving way. As a boat builder, Rein had a great love for boats and for sailing them. He will be missed by many. A wonderful final tribute came from the Rutherford College Kapa Haka group who sang and performed a haka for this very special man.

Rest in peace Rein, you leave many happy memories. Eirene



**Reinhard
Kornelius
Zeeven**

11 February 1936

9 August 2025

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to **Trudy Bouwmeester**, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 21 July. During our midwinter dinner Margie van Staalduinen presented the certificate of **OBN (Over Bloomin' Ninety)** as well as a gift voucher to be spent in the Ons Dorp village shop.



Still rocking the moves!

Market in the village

The Market in the village has been going for many years, it has been impossible to find out, when the start date was. We do know that it's been going for more than fifteen years. Many villagers and outside Society members visit the Market every last Friday of the month. We would like to see more people, as this Market is for every villager. The proceeds go to the Society. This helps the society to organize Happy hours, coach trips and dinners throughout the year. So you see it's important to support the Market.



Many thanks to all the volunteers that are there every Market day, to set up , sell and tidy up again, serve coffee, sell tickets, sell in the shop, etc., etc. Too many to name. For the new villagers that have not been able to get to the Market yet, here are some off the goods that are sold. Vegetables in jars and cans, soups, spices, and a great assortment of biscuits. There are tables with knick-knacks, craftwork, with very nice presents for little ones. The cheese man, also the herring man with witlof (chicory) and of course herring (a real Dutch treat for many.) There are freshly deep-fried beef croquettes a real treat. You can test your luck by buying a few tickets in the raffle. To finish this off, coffee or tea are served for free. So come to the Market, have a look, do some shopping, have a cuppa and a chat with the people around you.

3 Steps for Life

Lifesaving Skills with Lindsay Roberts

Last month in the Pavilion, 42 villagers gathered for an important and very educational presentation by Lindsay Roberts of St. Johns.

Over the course of an hour, Lindsay introduced the **3 Steps for Life programme**, designed to give New Zealanders the skills and confidence to take action when someone suffers a cardiac arrest.

Lindsay explained that applying CPR and using an AED can dramatically improve a patient's chance of survival, by up to 40% — but every minute without action reduces those chances. The session included clear instructions, demonstrations, and encouragement for everyone to get involved.

Attendees left feeling empowered, knowing they could make a real difference in an emergency. A big thank-you goes to Lindsay Roberts for sharing his knowledge, and to everyone who attended to learn these vital skills.

Margie van Staalduin

The three key steps are:



Calling 111

– getting emergency help on the way immediately.



Starting CPR

– keeping the heart and brain supplied with oxygen until help arrives.



Using an AED (defibrillator)

– delivering a controlled shock to restart the heart if needed.

DVD Library Collection

The library collection of DVDs are being sorted out and put into order. Some have been removed, but all of the others have been sorted. There are multiple headings under which they are arranged:

**MOVIES : CLASSIC : MOVIES : MUSICAL : DUTCH : DOCUMENTARIES : TV SERIES
: AUSTRALASIAN MOVIES : BLU-RAY**

Borrow what you want and return them to the returns box, cheers, Gail



Line Dancing

It's fun and most have no problems doing it, even if they have 2 left feet.

LINE DANCING, once a week : Tuesdays at 10.30 for 1 hour.

We can fit a couple more onto the floor , so come and give it a go, you won't regret it! **Great teacher, great music, gentle exercise.** Flora



REMINDER

VILLA FEE INCREASE

Your fee increases this month. If you haven't received your invoice please contact Karin, opt #1



To all Men:

A group of us Meet at the Atrium, Mondays at 10am for a coffee and a chat to get to know each other a little better. We mostly bring our own large mugs to save the cups provided, we finish at 11am, and we love to have others join us. Hope to see you there.

Eric Hefford.

Podiatry services for Ons Dorp villagers

Siona comes to the Pavilion every 6 weeks on Saturday mornings, and will make your feet feel so much better after his tender care!

Maybe you would like to mark these upcoming dates for 2025 on your calendar?

27 September 8th November 20th December

\$40 cash per person

This is a very reasonable charge, (most podiatrists charge between \$75-90 per visit, plus you have to drive there!) Siona has regular Saturday clients from 8.30am, but is open for walk in appointments from 10.45 onwards.

NOTICE TO ALL MUSIC LOVERS

Music in the Pavilion

Wednesday mornings 10-12pm

Get rid of the winter blues and join me every Wednesday morning from 10 - 12 noon in the Pavilion. I have thousands of songs on my hard disc and will play music from some of the world's best artists to cheer you up. Classical, Popular, Jazz, Klezmer - it's all there for you. Stay as long or short as you like. I can play **your** favourites as long as you can remember the title.

John Van Dolleweerd



Can't make Wednesday mornings?

The Care Centre has John playing his music in the Main Lounge or Atrium (if the weather is fine) on a Thursday from 3.30 to 4.30pm.



We all love your pooches but no one enjoys stepping in little "surprises." Most of you are wonderfully responsible and always pick up after your dogs. Every now and then though, I still find dog poo in my front garden. So, if you're out walking your dog, please keep an eye on them and help keep our area clean for everyone.

Antonia, villa 38

NOTICE

Recently a resident noticed a group of women strangers wandering around inside the Pavilion. And others have seen a couple of scooter riders going very fast on our streets.

Please, when you notice these happenings, talk to them, ask if they need help, and advise them that Ons Dorp is private property.



Open Fellow ship

A gathering for all who love, or want
to know the Lord Jesus

Where: in the Atrium

When: every Friday

Time: 2pm

++ All Welcome++

Contact Faye Villa 36

PH. 838-6952



Transport

Transport is being offered to those that would
like to join activities within “**Ons Dorp**”.

Please note: You will need to be able to walk
unaided to and from the vehicle.

The following people are available
to help with transport:

Joop Hageman 09 837 5176

Roelof Siebring 09 838 1017

Simon Hoekstra 09 299 9126

Rein van Staalduinen 09-974 4713

Please call in advance so pick-up can be organised.



Marmalade season is here at last!

Jars of freshly made marmalade are now available
from the village shop. If you have any surplus
citrus fruit, please let Eirene know, and she will
collect and make it up for everyone to enjoy.

Only fruit, sugar and water are used, nothing else!

Suitable clean jam jars are also welcome.

Ph Eirene 027 459 0653.

Dutch language course

A 16 week beginners course has started again in the library.

Thursdays 24 July – 13 November (with a break on 18 September)

From 7.00pm until 8.30pm

If you know anyone who might be interested please
call **Jeanne-Marie on 021 133 8999**



Sjoelen

We always look forward to the **4th Friday of the month**
when we play Sjoelen at the Pavilion. This is such a
fun game, no teams, so no pressure to win!



We usually play with different people each month
which is a nice way to get to know one another, and
we always stop for a cuppa and chat. Some lucky
people even win a prize! Thanks Antonia and Frans
for organising such a pleasant activity for us to enjoy,

Eirene

Craft Group



The Ons Dorp weekly Wednesday Craft Group get together for company and great “yarns” both knitting and conversation.

The Village Shop is open every Wednesday morning and on Market Days between 9 and 12pm

The shop in the village is open and run by 4 volunteers every Wednesday and the last Friday of the month (Market day) from 9.00 – 12.00.

We sell a large range of Dutch products. Biscuits, Speculaas, Syrup Wafers, Cafe Noir. Licorice, Coins, School Chalk, Double Salt . Vegetables in tins and jars, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, Apple Sauce. Soups, Pea Soup, Chicken Soup, Vegetable Soup.

Div. Breakfast-, Candy-, Ginger Cake, Cherry Liquor Chocolates, Jam.

We like to encourage all villagers to support and buy from our shop because the total profit goes on a monthly basis to the Society to help and fund their activities.



Exercise at the Paviljoen

Monday Balancing Classes

Monday 10-11am
Every Monday



Also, have a go on the exercise bicycle!!



Thursday Exercise Classes

Thursday 10-11am
Every Thursday

Watch "(1 Hr) Lively Chair Yoga Class with Tatis Cervantes-Aiken at Yoga Vista" on YouTube
<https://youtu.be/4eCb3TFHnTg?si=58vW20rXGtKfYeMb>

Regular Activities in the Paviljoen

Sjoelen every 4th Friday of the month at 1.30 am



Monday Afternoon Klaverjassen at 1.00pm

A very relaxed afternoon playing cards, with tea/coffee in the break.

Monday Evening Indoor Bowling at 7.30 pm

These are very enjoyable social evenings with a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the evening. Therefore, if you enjoy social evenings and want to give it a try, you will not regret it!



Tuesday Afternoon any games from 1.00 pm until 5 pm

Here again, villagers who enjoy playing games get together to play a social game with a chat and cup of tea or coffee. All villagers are welcome, please bring any games you may have from home if you like.

Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am

Crafty villagers get together every Wednesday morning, starting at 9:30am to do knitting, needle work, in short anything to do with hand crafts. All villagers welcome.



Wednesday Afternoon Playing Canasta at 1.00pm

Villagers interested in playing / learning Canasta or Klaverjassen please phone Theresia on 09 320 0296 or 027-614-3643.

Thursday Afternoon Billiards or Pool at 1.00 pm

Villagers play pool or French billiards (3 Balls, no pockets)
Newcomers are welcome.



Thursday Afternoon Pickle Ball, from 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Paviljoen Only.

Contact Petra, ph 833-8044 or mob. 021-256-3361

Housie every 3rd Thursday Evening of the month at 7:00pm

Good prizes, good company. Coffee or tea with biscuits during the evening,

Contact Guusje Boots, ph. 837 5241 or Roelof Siebring, ph. 838 1017



PLEASE NOTE: If there is an event at the Paviljoen, be aware that dates, times, and even cancellations might occur. It's crucial to check your calendar for any updates or changes.