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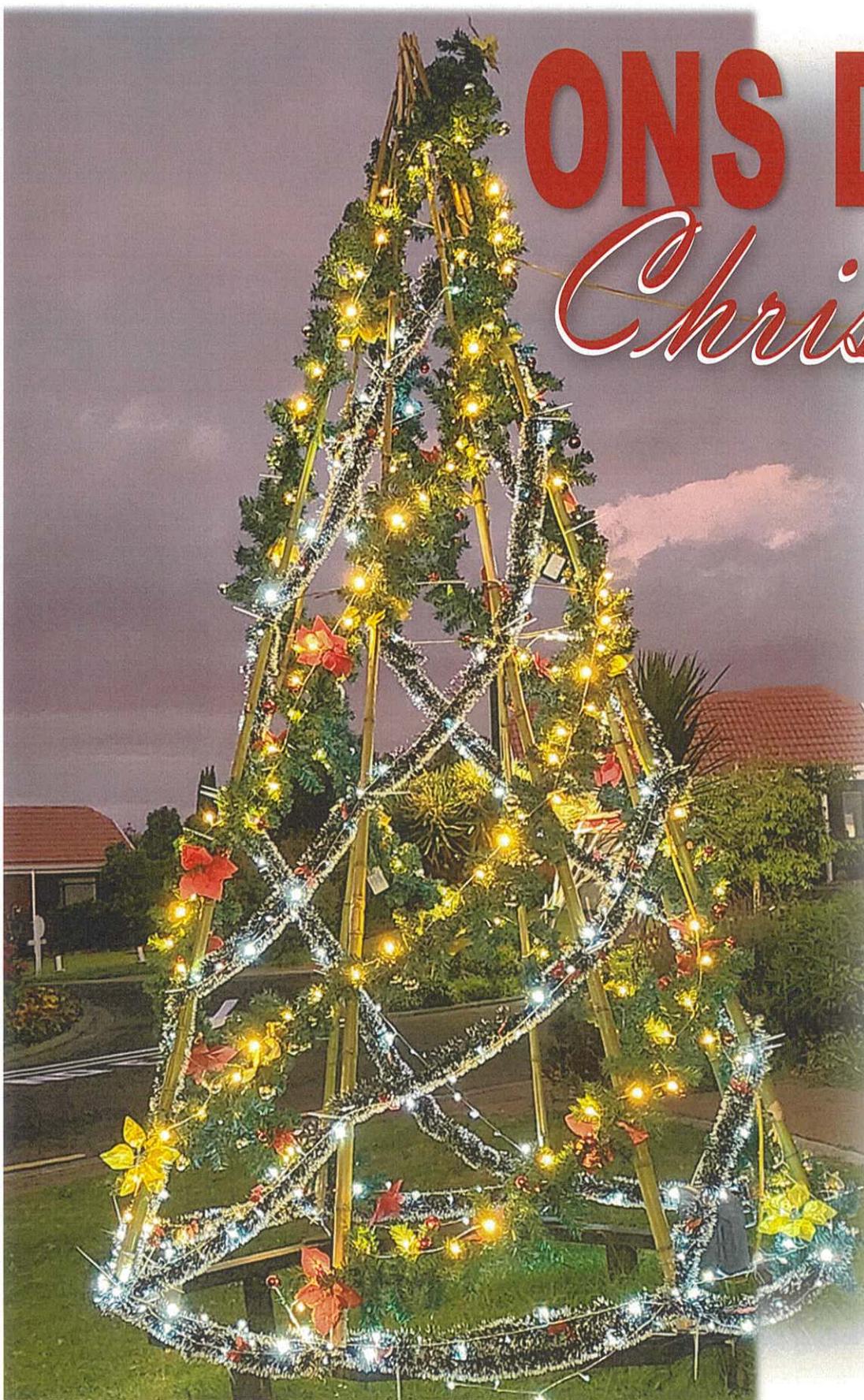
Dorpskrant

February 2026 Issue

ONS DORP

Christmas

2025



Ons Dorp's very unique Christmas tree was made by Rein van Staalduinen and looked stunning and colourful on the green area opposite the Care Centre, welcoming in the festive season to our village.

2025

Sinterklaas visit



Saturday 6 December at the Pavilion was great fun!



Sunday 20 December in the Care Centre

2025 Christmas Concerts



... and Sunday 21 December in the Pavilion which was a most enjoyable event!



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Hi de Hi everyone

After a very wet and stormy Christmas and New Year, it is a real pleasure to finally enjoy some proper summer weather. The sunshine and calmer days, make a welcome change and lift everyone’s spirits. By now most villagers have had the chance to spend time with family and friends, and the busy holiday period has come to an end.

Trust

Chair
Elizabeth Jenkins

Vice-Chair
Roelof Siebring

Other Committee members
Joop Hageman
Margie van Staalduin

As we move further into the new year, village life is slowly returning to its familiar rhythm. February sees most activities starting up again after the summer break, giving us plenty of opportunities to socialise, stay active, and enjoy each other’s company. It is always lovely to see familiar faces returning and new ones joining in.

We would like to encourage more villagers to consider joining the line dancing group. It is a friendly and relaxed activity, suitable for all levels, and a great way to keep moving while having a laugh together. New participants are always very welcome.

Looking ahead, there will be a BBQ combined with a happy hour on Friday 13th February. This promises to be a pleasant social occasion, so keep an eye out for more information further down in the Dorps Krant.

With the fine weather upon us, this is a wonderful time to enjoy the outdoors. Perhaps take a walk with a friend or neighbour, sit outside with a cup of tea, or simply enjoy the summer atmosphere around the village.

Wishing you all a very good month, filled with sunshine, good health, and happiness.

Margie van Staalduin



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

Deadline for Dorpskrant
24th of the month.

2026 EVENTS



INVITATION - INVITATION - INVITATION



Alex Milligan from **Operatunity** will be visiting to present an informative talk about **Operatunity Daytime Concerts & Travel**.

Alex is currently the Concert Manager of **Operatunity** and prior to this he sang in their concerts around New Zealand for 9 years and hosted many trips around the world with the company.

He will tell us about the history of **Operatunity** – which celebrates its 25th Birthday this year, sharing some information about upcoming concerts and travel tours and will answer any questions you may have about the company and perhaps share a few songs with us.

When: 4th February

Where: Paviljoen

Time: 2pm

This will be followed by afternoon tea, hope to see many of you there.

Margie van Staalduin



TRIP TO:



We hope many villagers will join us for a relaxing day out, to the Palm Spring Hot Pool in Parakai.

Date: 9 February 2026

Time: Departure at 10am

Where: In front of the Care Centre

Cost: \$5.00

We will stop at the bakery first for morning tea and to pick up some lunch before heading to the pools.

We will be back between 2-3 pm.

We look forward to an enjoyable day together.

If you'd like to come along, please contact **Margie van Staalduin**:

☎ 021 222 6833 or 09 974 4713



Dutch language course

The Dutch language class will start again in the library

Thursdays 12 February – 7 May

From 7.00pm until 8.30pm

(with an Easter break on 2 April)

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



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

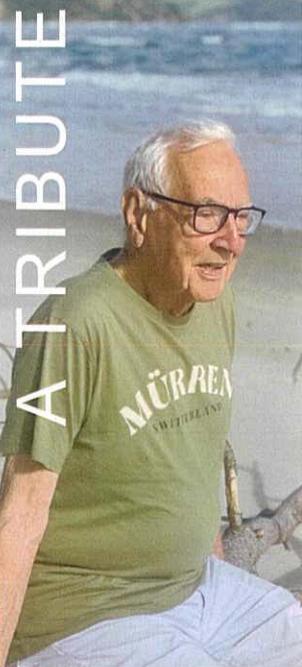
Simon Hoekstra

09 299 9126

Rein van Staalduin

09-974 4713

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



A TRIBUTE

KASPER ISEDORUS KONING

26 July 1934 – 17 Jan 2006

Kasper Koning, Villa 14, passed away suddenly on the 17th January.

Kasper's family would like to thank everyone at the village who contributed to his sense of place and community. He will be remembered sitting out the front of his villa every morning eating breakfast, sometimes with his daughters Justine and Yolanda, always with a wave and open to a chat. He had a warmth, wit and charm that made him easy to get on with. Kasper loved his routines and his daily walks, Friday night Yahtzee and 3 weekly card games. He was also a keen adventurer and in days gone by enjoyed campervanning, nature hikes and ocean swims. His positive disposition, world-wide views, deep intellect, open-mindedness, considered point of view and level headedness alongside his cheeky nature will be sorely missed by all.

A memorial will be held in his honour in March. Date, time, place to be confirmed.

FROM YOLANDA AND JUSTINE

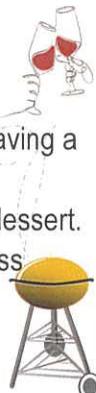
Happy Hour

Friday, 13 February from 4-6pm

Combined with your Happy Hour, we are also having a BBQ.

Villagers, we would love you to bring a salad or dessert. Last time when you did this, it was a great success with the amazing dishes that some of you made! Thank you all in advance if some of you would like to do this again.

It will be a lovely way to kick off the New Year, Flora



RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY

2025 — Friday December 19th

1st prize – Doedtie Hoekstra (Basket)

2nd prize – Truus Brasser (approx. 1kg cheese)

3rd prize – Mien Verkley (packet of Speculaas)

2026 — Friday January 30th

1st prize – Jeanette Zuidmeer V29

2nd prize – Margaret O'Callaghan V40

Next Market 27th February

Line Dancing



It's Line Dancing time again with Keri Tuesday 3rd February, yeah!

So much fun to be had and so good for co-ordination and balance.

We still have a little bit of room, so come and give it a go, you won't regret it.

A small fee is charged 4-weekly.

Please contact Flora villa 73 to secure a spot for yourself.



Welcome to "Ons Dorp"



Introducing our new villager
Regina van der Sluis,
who has moved into villa 15



IN LOVING MEMORY REX BUCKBY

In memory of Rex Buckby, whose funeral was held at Henderson Baptist Church on 8th January. His family and many friends from Ons Dorp and church attended to support Colleen and to celebrate Rex's life of nearly 80 years. Rex and Colleen moved into villa 25, eleven years ago, although health problems meant the last two years of Rex's life were in the Care Centre, where he was so well cared for. Colleen wants to thank all involved in his care over this time.

When they first moved to Ons Dorp, Colleen's Mum and Dad were living in the village already, so the whole family felt at home quickly and were able to settle quickly into



village life. Rex always loved tramping and reading books so he enjoyed these activities whenever possible.

Ships were his passion, working for P&O for 42 years before his retirement. He and Colleen loved to spend time cruising whenever possible. Travel for Rex meant lots of time in ports, and taking hundreds of photos of ships.

Carol & Trevor Bassett, Elizabeth & Donald Jenkins shared several cruises exploring the world with Colleen & Rex, and we have many great memories of our times together.

FROM CAROL BASSETT

CONGRATULATIONS

Bob & Kathleen Hope

65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

12 November 2025



Everyone at the Care Centre were treated to a wonderful cake to celebrate with Bob & Kathleen.

IN MEMORIAM

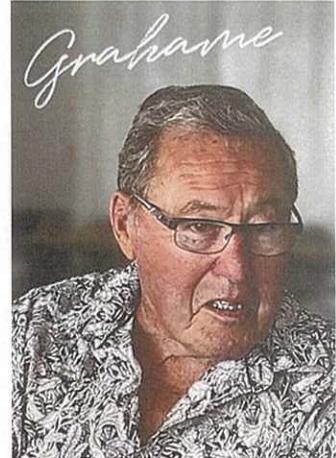
GRAHAME ARTHUR LANGFORD

24 January 1936 – 13 December 2025

Born in Manchester, Grahame's family was evacuated to Wales during the war, where he attended a Welsh speaking school. He returned to England to finish school, and then served 2 years in the Royal Navy, under the compulsory military scheme of the times, where he travelled around the world.

After his service ended, he was again in England, where he trained as an industrial chemist, and also married. This work led him to a job offer in Auckland, at Rosebank Rd, Avondale. They settled and raised their family in nearby Blockhouse Bay.

Grahame readily embraced the NZ way of life, with football, running (did the London marathon at age 50), diving, boating, fishing and cycling.



After he and Maureen married, they moved to Brisbane where he established a business supplying steel fibre reinforcing to the concrete industry. Five years later when they returned to NZ, and Grahame brought this business back with him. When Grahame was 63 he and Maureen did the Milford Track and ten years later they biked the Otago Rail trail together.

Always a lover of music, he took up Barbershop singing with the Auckland City of Sails choir, and some years later became a member of the Auckland Welsh Choir, where he remained a member until recently. At his funeral service some members of this choir sang a song in Welsh, one that he himself had sung with them many times.

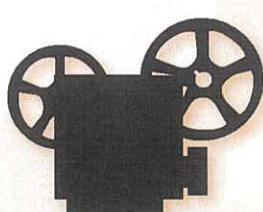
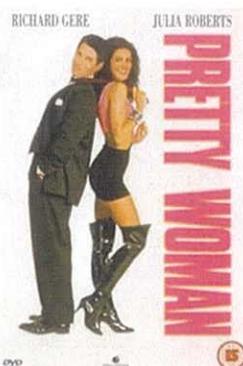
FROM MAUREEN.

Movies at the Pavilion for February and March

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

Pretty Woman

COMEDY



Royal Dreams

André Rieu
MUSIC



Everybody Loves Raymond

TV Series
COMEDY



A Good Sort

Every Wednesday morning we promptly find the BVN Guide in our letterboxes. Come rain or shine, Theresia makes her round in the village for the weekly delivery. A big thank you Theresia from the Dutchies who like watching the Dutch TV programs.



Antonia

A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL VILLAGERS AND OUTSIDERS VISITING THE SHOP:

May we please ask everybody, who take surplus shopping bags or any other suitable bags, to return them to the shop to be re-used. Alternatively, please bring your own shopping-bag as we are currently running **very low** on bags. Also, remember that all profits are part of the total budget of the Society, funding their activities.

So buy locally to make more Activities possible.



The “Shop ladies”

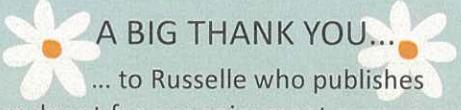
REMINDER

THE ONS DORP SINGERS MEET ON THE 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAYS EACH MONTH

We will recommence rehearsals on Friday 6th February, followed by Friday 20th February at 1.30pm to 2.30 pm.

New members are very welcome.

Contact Brian O'Connor 09 836 4467



... to Russelle who publishes

the Dorpskrant for our enjoyment every month!

We really appreciate the care and professional finish she brings to our village newsletter, finding graphics to enhance the wording and making it a joy to sit down with a cuppa and read our local news from cover to cover as soon as it is delivered to our letter boxes!

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE TRUST BOARD

We wish to draw your attention to the Occupational Right Agreement (ORA) rules regarding pets.

You are not to keep any cat, dog or other animal in the Village without prior approval from Management, which will be at our sole discretion.

Only 1 pet per Villa and if your pet dies no replacement pet can be obtained WITHOUT PERMISSION from the General Manager & the Trust Board Chairperson.

DONATED: MASSAGE CHAIR

When visiting the Care Centre you may have noticed the new chair which was kindly donated to the Village. This is a high quality **Orthopaedic massage chair** which not only massages your back but also your hands and feet.



A very welcome addition to the Care Centre

Dog owners, a reminder to you from one of our villagers...

TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Please ensure all dogs in the village are controlled and kept on a leash at all times. This also applies to visitors who bring their dogs into the village. On 2 occasions within 1 week - a resident and her dog (on leash) were out walking (as are the requirements), when on both occasions two dogs rushed out of their respective properties and attacked the dog.

One was a resident's dog and the other a visitor's dog.

It was a frightening experience for both the owner and the attacked dog.

Please abide by the rules of the Village.

Thank you for your co-operation

To all men:

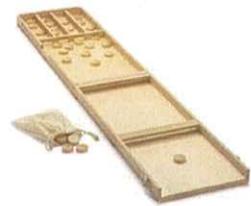


A group of us meet at the Atrium, Mondays at 10am for a coffee and a chat to get to know each other a little better. We mostly bring our own large mugs to save the cups provided, we finish at 11am, and we love to have others join us.

Hope to see you there. Eric Hefford

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.

FEBRUARY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		PLEASE NOTE: Siona the Podiatrist comes every 6 weeks to give your feet a treat! He is fully booked from 8.30-10.30am, walk ins from 10.45am. Give your feet a treat! Next session is: 14 March				1 10am Atrium Coffee Time
2 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise - Balancing 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls	3 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon	4 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta 2pm Pavilion Operatunity Invitation	5 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball	6 1.30-2.30pm Ons Dorp Singers Practise 2pm Fellowship in the Atrium	7	8 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
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