

Hi de Hi



Dorpskrant



March 2026 Issue



Piet Dobbe's 100th birthday Celebrations!



thank you Ons Dorp!

On behalf of Piet and the Dobbe Family, we would love to thank everyone at Ons Dorp who helped organise, supported and attended, Dad's 100th birthday celebrations on January 31st at the Pavilion! It was truly a Special day for Dad and he was overwhelmed by the amount of cards & well wishes he received over the weekend!!

Thank you to All!

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Deadline for Dorpskrant
24th of the month.

Hi de Hi Villagers

February has certainly kept us on our toes weather-wise. It has been hot, humid and very wet at times, and some of the surrounding areas have unfortunately experienced flooding. We are very fortunate here in our little valley that, although we get the rain, we seem to escape the worst of the flooding. Something to be very grateful for.

In between the showers we enjoyed a very pleasant **Happy Hour** and **BBQ**. It was lovely to see so many villagers come together, and thank you to everyone who brought along delicious plates to share with the sausages and bread. A special thank you to Joop and Rein for cooking the sausages — much appreciated!

I would also like to extend a big thank you to our committee members and volunteers who helped with the clean-up afterwards. The kitchen felt like a hothouse and by the time everything was tidied up we were all soaked through — so it was home, shower and relaxing after a great evening.

Looking ahead, we have our coach trip to Whangārei coming up this month. Please make sure you register in time, as we need to confirm numbers to arrange the correct size coach. The centre of Whangārei is quite flat and suitable for those using walkers.

The Hundertwasser Art Centre does have a few unusual inclines inside, but there are plenty of other enjoyable options — the Clock Museum, lovely cafés for coffee or lunch, and or a nice relaxed stroll around town. More info further down in the Dorpskrant. We hope many of you will be able to join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable outing.

As always, please remember to look out for one another. A friendly visit, a chat or a shared cup of coffee can make a real difference to someone's day.

Margie van Staalduinen



*If you have some items of news for the next Dorpskrant, please call **Eirene on 027 4590 653** or email to: **georgeeirene@gmail.com** If you have no acknowledgment or response from Eirene send emails directly to **reception@onsdorp.co.nz** with **Dorpskrant** in the Subject line.*



OPERATUNITY PRESENTATION

4 FEBRUARY IN THE PAVILION

Villagers had the opportunity to attend a presentation about Operatunity Daytime Concerts Company, given by Alex Milligan. Alex is a classically trained opera singer as well as an experienced



entertainer, and he spoke with great enthusiasm and knowledge about the programme.

The presentation was both very informative and interesting. Alex explained how Operatunity brings high-quality monthly performances to communities, making opera and classical music accessible and enjoyable for everyone. His passion for music and his engaging way of speaking made the talk a pleasure to attend.

Unfortunately, attendance on the day was very low, which was disappointing given the quality of the presentation and the regular performances that Operatunity offers. The organisers had prepared afternoon tea, and with fewer people present, the leftovers were kindly shared among those attending.

Margie van Staalduinen



MARCH EVENTS



INVITATION

Coach Trip to Whangārei

Dear Villagers,

You are warmly invited to join us on a coach trip to Whangārei on **Tuesday 25th March**

DEPARTURE:

Leaving at 9.00 am
from Don & Elizabeth's, V59

COST FOR THE COACH:

\$10.00 per person

AT YOUR OWN COST:

Lunch, coffee, museum
entry and other expenses

What's on offer:

Visit the Hundertwasser Art Centre
Explore the Wairau Māori Art Gallery or Clock Museum.
Or feel free to spend the day doing your own thing in
Whangārei — shopping, cafés, or a stroll around town.

Art Gallery Entry:

Seniors \$20.00 with a Gold Card or driver's license.

Please note: The museum has uneven floors in some
areas, so take care when walking.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a lovely and relaxed day out.
If you would like to come along, please advise by Thursday 19th March

Antonia (villa 38) phone 027-480-4835



MARCH EVENTS



TRIP TO:



You are warmly invited to join us for a relaxing visit to the Palm Spring Hot Pool in Parakai.

Date: Thursday, 12 March 2026

Time: Departure at 10am

Where: In front of the Care Centre

Cost: \$5.00

Enjoy a soothing soak in the warm mineral pools and a lovely time out together. A great chance to relax, unwind, and enjoy each other's company.

Please let Margie know if you would like to come along

Phone Margie van Staalduinen:

☎ 021 222 6833 or 09 974 4713

Do you need to renew your Dutch Passport?

Please confirm by March 5th

Contact Margie if your passport is due for renewal.



If we have enough people The Netherlands Embassy will organise a "Pop Up desk" at Ons Dorp for renewal of your passport: Tuesday 24th March



Calling All Garden Lovers!

Following a wonderful suggestion from one of our residents, we are delighted to be planning a visit to the beautiful

Mincher Garden in Coatesville

Friday, 6 March

This is a private garden that opens by request only. The garden features well-graveled paths designed for easy walking, making it accessible and enjoyable for everyone. A leisurely visit of approximately 1½ hours will allow time to explore the landscaped waterways and themed areas.

Entrance fee: \$30 per person

(NOTE - CASH ONLY - NO EFTPOS)

The village van will depart from the Care Centre at 9:00am. We will stop in Kumeū for morning tea, followed by a short 10-minute drive to the garden.

Please note that there are toilet facilities on site, but no café. We expect to return to the village at approximately 1:00pm.

If you would like to join us, please contact

Antonia 027 4804 835, Villa 38

We look forward to sharing a lovely morning out together!

Welcome to "Ons Dorp"

Introducing our new Residents



Aria & Douwe Kuyl

who have moved into villa 9



RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY

2026 — Friday February 27th

1st prize – Elizabeth Jenkins, villa 59

2nd prize – Trudy Bouwmeester, villa 10

Next Market 27th March

**Do you need
to renew your
Dutch Passport?**

Please confirm with
Margie van Stalduinen,
villa 18



**Happy
Hour**



**Friday, 13 March
from 4-6pm**

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE:

NOW 2.30pm

Your calendar has the wrong time of 3.00pm

Ice-cream in a cone

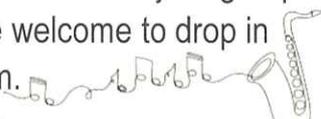
Sunday afternoon — 22 March

The Society has decided
to give you a little treat, so come
to the **Pavilion at 2.30pm** and enjoy
ice cream and a nice chat together!



Jazz in the afternoon, anyone?

Every 1st and 3rd Friday at the Pavilion after
choir practice, Reece Helmondollar's jazz group
has their practice. You are welcome to drop in
and enjoy listening to them.



Ons Dorp singers

Please note there will be
NO practice: 6th March
Next practice:
20th March
Brian O'Connor



Podiatrist Siona at the Pavilion

Date change: NOW **March 21**

See your attached calendar.

TAKE NOTE: 2026 DATES FOR
YOUR CALENDARS/DIARIES

**6 weekly visits will be: 21 March;
25 April; 6 June; 18 July; 29 August;
10 October; 21 November.**



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.**



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

Simon Hoekstra

09 299 9126

Roelof Siebring

09 838 1017

Rein van Stalduinen

09-974 4713

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

MARGARET
O'CALLAGHAN

18-7-1944 - 21-2-2026

Margaret villa 40 passed away suddenly on
February 21st

Over the years I had quite a few cups of coffee
with her and then she loved to talk about her
life in England.

She also loved her garden with all the
teapots.

She knew a lot about plants and animals.

In the summer she went for a walk on the
beach quite often. Also for a swim even when
the water was still a bit cool.

She was very proud of her night cactus. One
Evening she knocked on my door because a
flower had just opened.

Rest in peace Margaret.

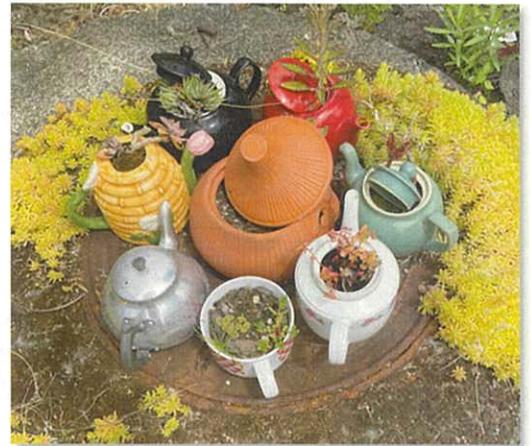
Fenna Mulder

**Margaret's service
will be at 2pm**

Wednesday 4th March

Morrisons Funeral Home

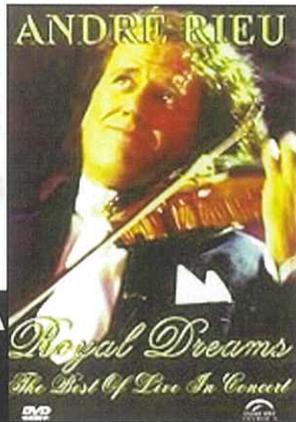
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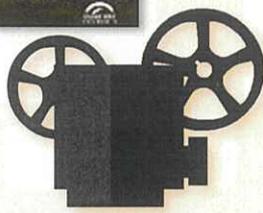
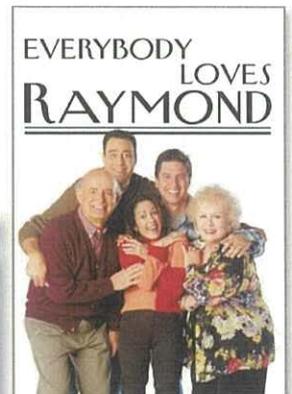
Movies at the Pavilion for March

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

Royal Dreams
André Rieu
MUSIC



Everybody Loves Raymond
TV Series
COMEDY



MISSING EXTENSION LEAD!

Someone has borrowed the small extension lead used for the Pedestal fan in the Pavilion. This is Faye Baker's pedestal fan, located near the library door. Please return it as the fan needs the short extension lead (also provided by Faye) for use during card playing on hot days.

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

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"

Dear Villagers,

We have recently received some feedback that not everyone is happy with the happy hours being combined with other events. We appreciate you sharing your thoughts with us — your enjoyment and comfort are very important to us.

The main reason for combining happy hour with other activities is to help manage our budget. Over the past year we have seen noticeable increases in the cost of wine, beer, snacks, meals, and entertainment such as music. By combining events, we are able to continue offering social gatherings for everyone while keeping costs manageable and ensuring that we can still provide a variety of activities throughout the year. Another concern was the selection of music and the fact that villagers start clearing tables early. It is understandable that people are upset with this. I will address this at the next happy hour. We understand that some of you prefer happy hour as a stand-alone event, and we will certainly keep your feedback in mind when planning future activities. Our goal is always to find a good balance between keeping events enjoyable and keeping them affordable for all villagers.

Thank you for your understanding and for continuing to support the community spirit that makes our village such a pleasant place to live.

Warm regards,

Margie van Staalduin

Regular Activities in the Paviljoen



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

This is by all participants a very enjoyable social evening, with a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit at the end of the games.



Unfortunately, the maximum numbers of players has been reached, therefore no new participants can be accommodated at this stage until further notice.



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.

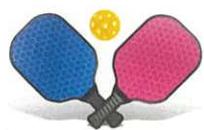


Wednesday Afternoon Playing Canasta at 1.00pm

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



Sjoelen every 4th Friday of the month at 1.30 am

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.

MARCH 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	<p>Siona the Podiatrist comes every 6 weeks to give your feet a treat in the Pavilion! Cost \$40. He is fully booked from 8.30-10.30am, but you can walk in from 10.45am. PLEASE NOTE: because of a NZ Podiatry Conference. His next visit has been changed from 14 March to 21st March, so mark this date on your calendar.</p>					<p>1 10am Atrium Coffee Time 2pm Movie: Royal Dreams André Rieu MUSIC</p>
<p>2 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise-Balance 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls</p>	<p>3 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon</p>	<p>4 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta 2pm Pavilion Operatunity Invitation</p>	<p>5 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p>6 9am Bustrip: Minchen Gardens NO PRACTICE Ons Dorp Singers 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship</p>		<p>8 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time</p>
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<p>16 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise - Balancing 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls</p>	<p>17 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon</p>	<p>18 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 11am Care Centre Catholic Mass Service 1pm Canasta</p>	<p>19 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball 7pm Housie</p>	<p>20 1.30-2.30pm Ons Dorp Singers Practise 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship</p>	<p>21 Podiatrist Booked Appointments ONLY 8.30-10.30am WALK-INS from 10.45am</p>	<p>22 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time 3pm Ice cream </p>
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