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Dorpskrant



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▲ Hundertwasser museum



▲ Rooftop Garden



Whangarei Trip — 25 March 2026

On **Wednesday, 25th March**, 33 of us headed towards **Whangarei**.

When we left Ons Dorp the weather was perfect. Not too hot and not too cold. Just right. But by the time we reached the fascinating and unusual **Eutopia Cafe in Kaiwaka** it was raining. As we drove on to Whangarei the rain bucketed down. Once

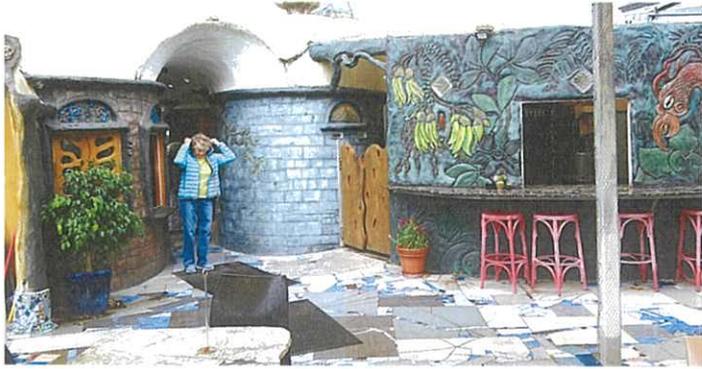
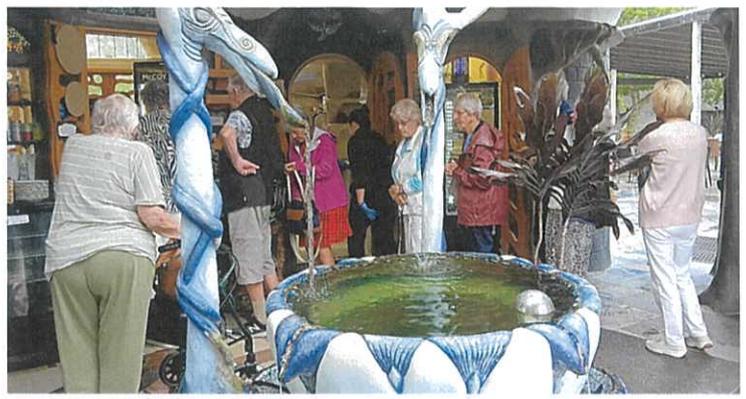
there some headed towards cafes, others to the challenging **Hundertwasser museum** or the **Clapham Clock museum**. I also walked along the waterfront to the **Reyburn Art Gallery** where I was able to view the works of talented local artists while others visited the shops. So there was something for everyone. The

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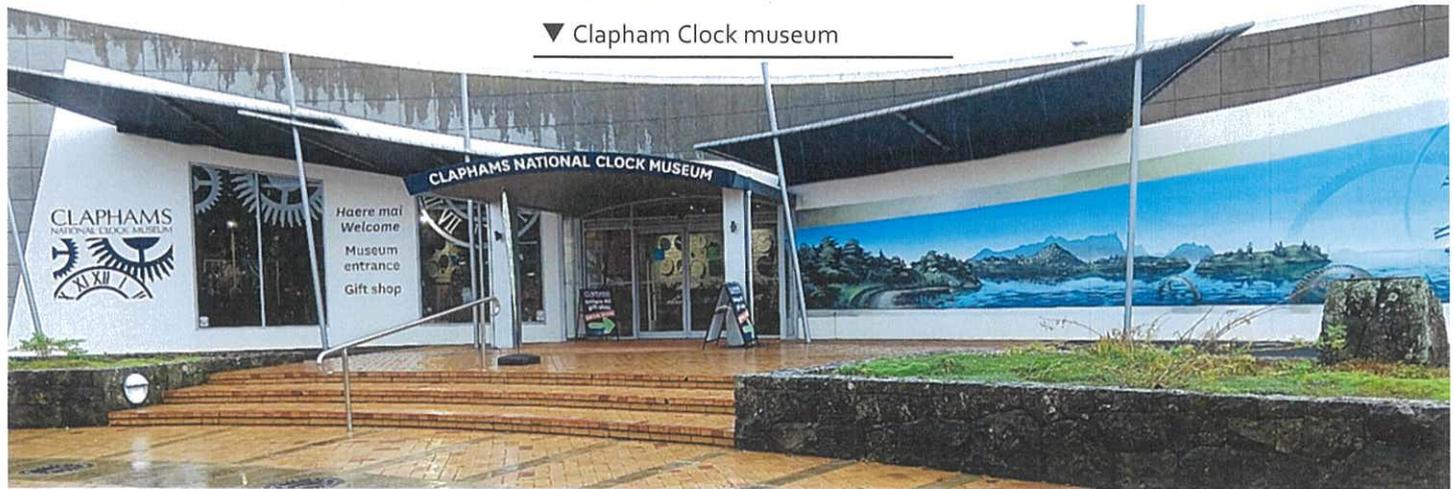
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weather was atrocious and we all got thoroughly wet but we all enjoyed ourselves and felt refreshed from the day out.

BEVERLEY COOK



▼ Clapham Clock museum



Mincher gardens visit

On Friday 6th March, six villagers and our van driver Marian, visited the **Mincher Gardens in Coatesville**. Firstly we had a lovely morning tea at the Black Cottage Cafe, near the gardens.

Mincher's is a 6-star English style country garden of international significance, covering many acres, including a beautiful Georgian styled home set in a formal garden.

We were met and guided around the grounds, by two of the gardeners, on an easy ramble through the various areas. Some of the areas were: an Old Cottage Garden, the Kissing Gate, Rhododendron Walk, Bog Garden, Glass House, Walled Garden and Stumpery.

One of the gardeners recommended that we should re-visit in Spring, so for those who missed out this time, hopefully we will return.

JANE GRIMMOND



Black Cottage Cafe



Mincher Stumpery

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Dorpskrant Items

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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

Hi de Hi Villagers

What an unsettled summer we have had!

One day it's hot, the next it's cold, followed by rain and wind — truly a mixed bag of weather.

Our gardeners have been working very hard to keep up with the village gardens. With all this rain and warmth there has been a lot of growth, and they certainly have their hands full. We appreciate all the effort that goes into keeping our village looking so lovely.

Bryce and Missy have also been working hard to keep up with the renovation of the empty villas. The villas that have been completed are looking beautiful and fresh. Great work, Bryce and Missy!

More and more villagers are enjoying the performances by **Operatunity**, and we are looking at making this a monthly outing. If you are interested in joining us, please let one of the committee members know. If we have enough villagers attending, we will arrange the village van for transport.

Another monthly outing is the trip to the **Palm Springs Hot Pools** on **Wednesday 22 April**. We still have a few spaces left, so if you would like to come along, please contact me on mobile 021 222 6833 or 09 974 4713.

Have a great month in Ons Dorp, and keep the spirits high!

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.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to Aria Kuyl who celebrated her **80th birthday** last month. At the beginning of Happy Hour Antonia Aarts presented the certificate of **OBE (Over Bloomin' Eighty)**.

We all sang Happy Birthday followed by the Dutch version:

"Lang zal ze leven in de Gloria"



Left: Aria Kuyl OBN with husband Douwe



The "Shop ladies"

"I recently visited the Village shop and was surprised at all the goodies I could use in my own cooking.

The Shop ladies kindly translated the labels for me and the only difference was, the labels were in Dutch but the articles were the same as I can buy at either Woolworths or Pak n Save.

All proceeds from the shop go forwards making our Happy Hours a success so please join me at **10am, 8th April**.

Elizabeth Jenkins
Trust Board Chairperson

INVITATION TO ALL VILLAGERS

On April 8th at 10am all villagers are invited to come to the shop where the ladies will explain how to buy and use the various goods, i.e. soups, preserves, spices, biscuits etc.



Dear Villagers

As I wrap up my time here, thank you for the 23 years of support. It has been one of the greatest privileges working for you all.

We shared laughter, humour, good and sad times together which I always will remember. Thank you for the trust and friendship with you. I wish each of you continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Warm regards Peter

What a beautiful sunny day to have an "Ice Cream Sunday" on the deck outside the pavilion.



ICE CREAM SUNDAY 22 March, 2026



Approximately 65 Double scoop ice creams were served and the people who came enjoyed them, with some coming back for second helpings. Everybody let us know they enjoyed the afternoon of ice cream, happy music and chatter.



All together a great turnout. Flora

APRIL EVENTS



INVITATION

**HAPPY
KINGS
DAY**

... celebrating the King's Birthday

Dear Villagers,

You are warmly invited to celebrate the 59th birthday of

His Majesty King Willem-Alexander

Join us for a lovely Nasi and Bami dinner and an enjoyable evening together.

The bar will be open as usual.

To make the celebration even more festive, please wear something orange, the national colour of the Dutch Royal Family.

Where: Pavilion

When: Friday 1st May

Time: 5:00 pm

**Music: Sounds of Europe
with Eric and Brian**

To register your attendance, please phone Antonia Aarts 027 480 4835 before Wednesday 29 April, giving your villa number & name.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together with you.

INVITATION

Dutch Remembrance Service

Villagers are warmly invited to attend the Dutch Remembrance Service

On Sunday 3rd May at 2pm

At the Dutch Monument, Dove-Myer Robinson Park, Parnell, Auckland.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Margie on 09 974 4713 or 021 222 6833 before 29th April.

This special service is held each year to remember and honour those who lost their lives during the Second World War. It is a meaningful occasion for the Dutch community to come together in reflection and remembrance. After the service, everyone is welcome to join for afternoon tea at the Rose Garden Hotel, Gladstone Road, Parnell. It will be a lovely opportunity to spend some time together following the ceremony.



**Monday
20th April**

operatunity
Theatre Trip



You are invited to join us for an Operatunity performance and a lovely morning outing to the theatre. We will leave from the Care Centre at 9:30 am and head to the theatre where we will enjoy morning tea before the show.

The performance will finish at approximately 1:00 pm.

Price: \$38.00 per person + \$5 for the bus — more than worth the money!

If you would like to come along, please contact Margie before 15th April.

☎ p 09 974 4713 📞 m 021 222 6833

We hope many of you will join us for this enjoyable outing.
Margie van Staalduin



TRIP TO:



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

Date: Wednesday, 22 April 2026

Time: Departure at 10am

Where: In front of the Care Centre

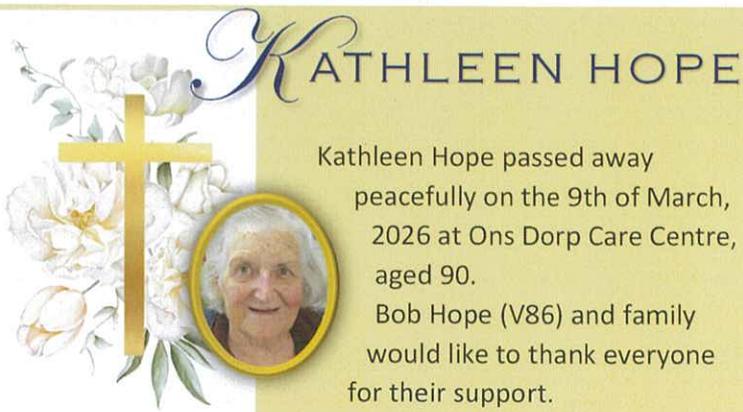
Cost: \$12 + \$5 for the bus

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 Staalduin:

☎ 021 222 6833 or 09 974 4713



26 DECEMBER 1935 - 9 MARCH 2026

Kathleen Hope passed away peacefully on the 9th of March, 2026 at Ons Dorp Care Centre, aged 90. Bob Hope (V86) and family would like to thank everyone for their support.



Thank you all. It is one year since Bob Freese passed away, on the 1st of April, 2025. I miss him everyday. I would like to thank all my friends in the Village and the Care Centre & staff for there support over the year. I am very thankful for every day we have had and remembering all the good times. Forgive each other for mistakes we make. "Thank God we are still here".
Love Louise Freese, villa 57

HAPPY Hour

CATCH UP FROM THE COMMITTEE

Hello lovely Villagers one and all. The Friday 13 March happy hour was prepared for you all to enjoy as usual. There were still some issues with the music, but it was solved during the second half of Happy Hour. Just keep in mind that we are all Volunteers and that mistakes can always be made. In the meantime - if some of you could leave suggestions in the suggestion box in the Pavilion, to help us with the overall enjoyment of happy Hour. We can't promise that all suggestions will be followed but we will do our best. Don't forget to leave your name. Anyway, we in the committee hope you all enjoy the next Happy Hour and the improved music. Flora

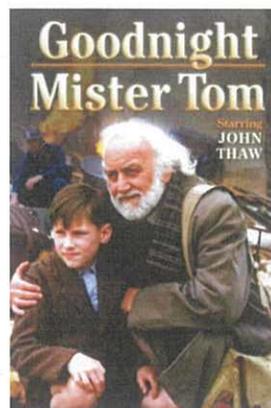
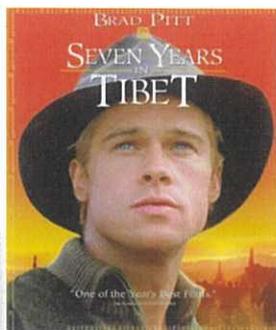


Movies at the Pavilion for April

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

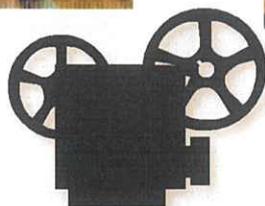
Seven Years in Tibet

DRAMA



Goodnight Mister Tom

DRAMA



Happy Hour



Friday, 10 April
from 4-6pm

RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY

2026 — Friday March 27th

1st prize – Mia Berends

2nd prize – Wim (Visitor)

Next Market **24th April**

NOTICES

Line Dancing



With Kerri every Tuesday morning at 10.30am.

So much fun and good for coordination and balance.

A small fee is charged 4-weekly.



Contact **Flora Kaminski**
at Villa 73, 09 320 0974.

To all Dutch Villagers about passports



A pop-up desk will be available for renewing Dutch passports, especially for retired people in our community.

The Embassy will be visiting on 12th May, and further information will be provided closer to the time.

Please feel free to invite other older people who may benefit from this service.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Margie on 09-974-7413 or 021-222-6833

Jazz in the afternoon

Every 1st and 3rd Friday in the Pavilion following Ons Dorp Singers practice. Reece Helmondollar's jazz group has their practice, and you are welcome to drop in and enjoy listening to them.



Podiatrist Siona at the Pavilion

If you would like to make a note of these forthcoming dates on your 2026 calendars/diaries

His 6 weekly visits will be:

25 April; 6 June; 18 July;

29 August; 10 October; 21 November.



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 Staaldunen

09-974 4713

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

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.

APRIL 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta	2 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball	3 Public Holiday - Good Friday 1.30-2.30pm Ons Dorp Singers Practise 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship	4 Day Light Saving finishes Sunday – turn your clocks back 1hour before bed tonight	5 10am Atrium Coffee Time 2pm Movie: Seven Years in Tibet DRAMA
6 Public Holiday - Easter Monday 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise-Balance 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls	7 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon	8 9-12pm Village Shop 10am Demo of Shop Products 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta	9 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball	10 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship 4-6 pm Happy Hour	11	12 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
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20 9.30am Operatunity van leaving from Care Centre 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise - Balancing 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls	21 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon	22 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 10am Palm Springs Hot pools, leaving from the Care Centre 1pm Canasta	23 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 4-5pm Pickle Ball	24 9-12pm Village Market day 9-12pm Village Shop 1.30pm Sjoel Afternoon 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship	25 ANZAC DAY Podiatrist Booked Appointments ONLY 8.30-10.30am WALK-INS from 10.45am	26 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
27 Public Holiday for Anzac Day 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise-Balance 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls	28 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon	29 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta	30 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 4-5pm Pickle Ball	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. NEXT VISIT: 25TH APRIL		