

# Hi de Hi



## Dorpskrant



### July 2026 Issue



The football fans in our village spent some exciting hours watching the matches between the Netherlands and Japan, and New Zealand and Iran. The Dutch team played at AT&T Stadium in Dallas, while the All Whites took to the field at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles. Both are impressive venues with capacities of around 70,000 spectators. The New Zealand match attracted slightly more spectators, but both stadiums were close to a full house. Before each match, the national flags were unfurled on the field, followed by the players being escorted onto the pitch and the singing of the national anthems. I always feel a little emotional when I hear the Dutch and New Zealand national anthems played on the international stage.



## GO THE ALL WHITES!



The Dutch match ended in a 1–1 draw, while New Zealand also drew, 2–2. Although the All Whites did not secure a win, a draw against a much higher-ranked team was a very impressive result.

The excitement is far from over, and football fans are already looking forward to the next round of matches.

ANTONIA AARTS

# FIFA™ WORLD CUP 2026

# MID-WINTER DINNER *in the Pavilion*

**What could be better than a hot meal, good company and music to entertain on a chilly June night...**

This is what awaited 88 Villagers who enjoyed a very special evening on 20th June. A warm venue with well set out tables welcomed us to be part of another great Ons Dorp event.

Antonia Aarts and Danuta Sosna were at the door to welcome us, and announced the bar open at 5pm. Two ladies received their OBN (Over Blooming Ninety) certificates - Trees Van Zuilen and Maureen Langford. Happy Birthday songs in English and Dutch were sung with enthusiasm. We were entertained by Jim Joll - a Village favourite - his non-stop singing and guitar playing was much appreciated and enjoyed. A large group of dancers were drawn to the dance floor as a result of this, making for a very happy atmosphere.

One Sip again served up a delicious hot meal; beef, chicken, vegetables and salad with a dessert to follow. What a great team they are; a treat for us all. More music and dancing until it was time to wander back to our homes, thankful for another special Village event. A huge thank you to the Society Committee who work together to organise these occasions for us all. You are very much appreciated for the time and effort you spend on our behalf.

HEATHER, VILLA 23



## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Maureen Langford and Trees van Zuilen, who both celebrated their 90th birthday. At the beginning of the Mid-Winter Dinner, they were presented the certificate of O.B.N. (Over Bloomin' Ninety) by Antonia Aarts, also receiving a \$50 voucher (only at 90) to be spent in the village shop.

ANTONIA



“I’m not go yet”, says Maureen, it will be next week!”



TREES VAN ZUILEN

MAUREEN LANGFORD

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## Dorpskrant Items

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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

## Hi de Hi Villagers

As many of you know, we are spending some time in Bali until the end of September to escape the colder weather. Because I am away from the village, it is a little difficult to write about what is happening at home, so this month I thought I would share a little story from Bali instead.

We arrived at our hotel in Sanur on Thursday evening after a nearly 9.5-hour flight. The next morning started with a lovely nasi goreng breakfast, followed by a trip to the supermarket to stock up on drinks and snacks.

We also got in contact again with the charity “Helping Hands Across the Sands” we are involved with and arranged a visit to two homes supporting children with cancer from the smaller islands around Bali. These young people, together with a family member, are brought to Bali so they can stay at the cancer house while receiving the medical treatment they need. Once they have recovered and no longer need care, they can return home to their own island.

This wonderful support is made possible entirely through donations, with many coming from Australia and from people like Rein and myself. The basic cost for food alone is around A\$1,000 per month. Volunteers help by purchasing and delivering the groceries to support the children and their families. Some children need to stay for a year

or even longer before they are well enough to return home.

On this particular Wednesday, we did the shopping and delivered the supplies. We also had some special time with the children doing some art together (see photo). It was a lovely and heartwarming experience to see their smiles despite everything they are going through.

We are enjoying the sunshine, warmth and the beauty of Bali, but we are also reminded how important kindness and helping others can be.

We wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable month from sunny Bali!

Warm greetings, Margie and Rein



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

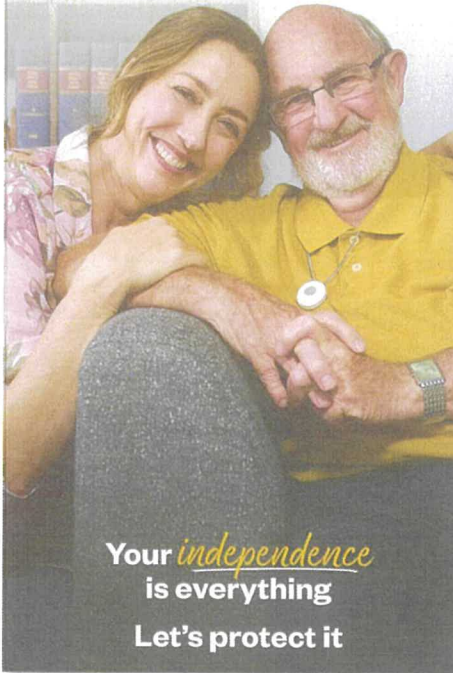


# JULY EVENTS



## Ons Dorp Village Invitation: St John Presentation

medical  
alarms



Your *independence*  
is everything  
Let's protect it

### Event Details

**When:** Thursday, 2 July

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Where:** The Pavilion

You are warmly invited to a special community presentation hosted by Hato Hone St John. Come along to learn about services designed to help you or your loved ones stay safe, independent, and connected.

Guest Speaker, Kevin from Hato Hone St John will discuss three vital community services:

**Medical Alarms:** 24/7 emergency support at the push of a button.

**Caring Caller:** A free, friendly phone chat service to stay connected.

**Health Shuttles:** Community transport for your medical appointments.

### Stay for a Cuppa!

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary cup of tea, coffee, and biscuits. It is a wonderful chance to ask Kevin questions and catch up with neighbours.

**Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!**

### CRAZY HAT & HIGH TEA

Saturday July 25th

2pm at the Pavilion

\$5 Cover Charge



Faye is happy to hear you are getting the ideas for your CRAZY HAT'S underway.

We will have a laugh seeing each other's creations – so get those beanies or hats out.

Also, your WEDDING PHOTO, Faye has only received one so far, for the guessing Competition.

You will need to find your fanciest cup saucer and plate to bring (and take home after to wash)

There will be prizes at each table for the 'Nuttiest Hat' and also a prize for the lady who guesses the most faces from the 'Wedding Photo Competition'.

Our entertainer will get us singing and clapping



RSVP to Faye by 17th July  
for catering purposes. 021 036 9711 – 09 83 86952



*Van Trip to  
IKEA*

Dear Villagers,

You are warmly welcome to join us for a visit to IKEA.

**Date:** Thursday, 23 July 2026

**Time:** Departure at 10am

**Where:** In front of the Care Centre

**Cost:** \$5 for the van

IKEA is a Scandinavian chain selling ready-to-assemble furniture, plus textiles, lighting & home decor. Would you like to experience the Nordic Chill, browse the displays and taste the famous IKEA meatballs with rich, velvety cream gravy?

If you are interested, please call

**Danuta, villa 64 — phone: 021 237 8075**



# NOTICES



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## ONS DORP SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 18TH AUGUST AT 2PM

Any Villagers who would like to be on the Committee please put your names forward.

The current Committee is pleased to serve for another year, but there is always room for new members willing to participate. All nominees welcome.

## REQUEST FOR EVENT HELPERS

Dear Villagers,

The Trust Board and the Society Committee is looking for capable and willing villagers who would like to help with setting up for our various activities and events throughout the year.

This may include helping to arrange tables and chairs, preparing the area, and assisting with the general setup before events such as:

- **Exercise classes**  
Mondays and Thursdays
- **Happy Hour**  
2nd Friday of every month
- **Crafts**  
Wednesdays
- **Market days**
- **Meetings**
- **Other special events and activities**

Ryno is doing this at the moment, however he's too expensive to be there for every activity.

We would like to create a list of villagers who are happy to help on a regular basis when needed. Having a team of helpers will make organising events easier and ensure everything runs smoothly for everyone to enjoy.

If you are able to lend a hand, please let us know. Your help and support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our village active and enjoyable.

Kind regards Margie van Staalduinen, The Trust Board and the Society Committee

### 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.

Call Flora Kaminski Villa 73 - 09 320 0974



### 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:

**1 August; 12 September;  
24 October; 12 December**



### MARKET DAY DONATIONS

Please do not just leave these in the Pavilion.

A social club member, or a Market Day helper will need to view any donations first.

MARION O'CONNOR

### REMINDERS FROM GAIL, VILLA 8:

#### ONS DORP LIBRARY

Make use of our on-site library. The books are in separate: Dutch / English collections. There are both works of fiction and non-fiction. Borrow what you want, and return them to the plastic basket. There is no issue system. If you cannot get there on your own, or have a question, call me on 09 835 1293. Cheers, Gail

#### HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES:

You can recycle your household batteries with me. Slot them into the letter box at No.8.

I noticed a fortnight ago that a city rubbish truck was burnt out - the cause - a lithium battery, again!

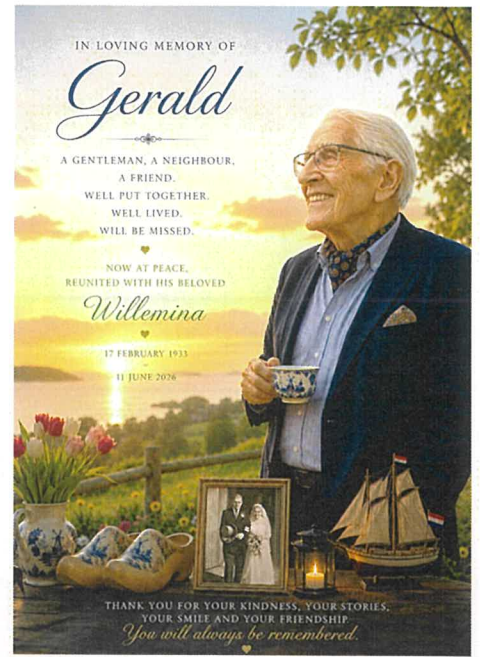
# REMEMBERING

## "Gert" Gerrit van der Vegt:

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Gert, who passed away peacefully at Ons Dorp on 11 June 2026, at the age of 93.

Gert was one of the original founding members of Ons Dorp, alongside his wife, Willemina. He proudly served as the Ons Dorp accountant for many years and remained an active part of the Ons Dorp community throughout his life. Gert was a familiar face at many Ons Dorp social events and Market Days, where he enjoyed catching up with friends.

**Gert will be missed but his legacy will live on at Ons Dorp.**



A King's Birthday Weekend lunch was a treat for 26 Villagers who went to the Punjabi Indian Restaurant for lunch. This was an Indian food first for many of the Villagers. All had fun deciding what to eat for their first experience in eating Indian spices. Definitely a good way to spend a cold afternoon and enjoyed by all. Many asked when would be the next lunch date?

ELIZABETH JENKINS



## The Royal New Zealand Navy Band Concert

On Wednesday 10th June several from Ons Dorp went to the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre where the Navy Band gave a fantastic concert. They perform there once a year.

The big hall was filled in no time with mainly retired people.

At the entrance, raffle tickets were sold, as fundraising for the Lions.

A young lady, Priscilla, was the conductor of the band, very well done. Another young lady sang beautifully three Maori songs, and a man sang, accompanied by a guitar. A solo trumpeter was amazing, as was the impressive drumming.

Towards the end the raffle was drawn, and I was the lucky one to get the first prize - a basket with lots of very special goodies.



Theresia Fontein with her gift basket.



A big afternoon tea was served afterwards. It was a great afternoon and next

year we will certainly go again.

THERESIA FONTEIN

# Happy Hour

Friday, 10th July

from 4-6pm

*The Ons Dorp Singers will be entertaining*



# RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY

2026 — Friday June 26th

1st prize – Rudi Laterveer, V22

2nd prize – Truus Lenferink, V50

Next Market **31st July**

## A NOTE FROM ROELOF

In the last edition I offered to screen the movie "DE BRUG" spread over several evenings, however only 2 residents responded. So, I canned it.

Over the last few weeks I have been given a DVD, called "MERIJNTJE GIJZENS JEUGD", a TV series screened in 1974, which was viewed by millions of Dutchies. The language is Dutch, but certainly not restricted to Dutchies only.

I am happy to screen the movie, to spread over several evenings, during the week, only if there is enough interest (minimum 10 people) to watch the movie. Please contact Roelof 09 838 1017 and a suitable evening can be set.

*Looking forward to hearing from you.*

## 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.

## Movies at the Pavilion for July

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of each month at 2pm

Tea with  
Mussolini  
WAR/COMEDY



Sol3 Mio  
Live In Concert

MUSIC



## Thursday exercise classes with Sue!

25 June, 2026 — the morning's exercise class, right, had to be held outside of the lounge area due to the damp carpet. A selfie with all the fitness fans! Below, last week's Housie night had a visitor from Australia, Sue's sister.



# Lots a fun!



# 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.



## 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 pm



## Ons Dorp Singers

### Every 1st and 3rd Friday 1.30pm to 2.30 pm

New comers welcome. Contact Brian 09 836 4467

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.

## JULY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p><b>Siona the Podiatrist</b> comes every 6 weeks to give your feet a treat in the Pavilion!  <b>Cost \$40.</b> He is fully booked from 8.30-10.30am, but you can walk in from 10.45am. <b>VISITING: 1ST AUGUST</b></p>		<p><b>1</b>  <b>9-12pm</b> Village Shop  <b>9.30-12pm</b> Craft  <b>1pm</b> Canasta</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>10-11am</b> Exercise  <b>1pm</b> Billiards  <b>2.00-3.30pm</b>                      St John's Presentation  <b>4-5pm</b> Pickle Ball</p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>1.30-2.30pm</b>                      Ons Dorp Singers Practise  <b>2pm</b>                      Atrium - Open Fellowship</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>                      10am Atrium Coffee Time  <b>2pm Movie:</b>                      Tea with                      Mussolini                      WAR/COMEDY</p>
<p><b>6</b>                      10am Atrium                      Men's coffee-morning  <b>10-11am</b> Exercise-Balance                      1-4pm Klaverjassen  <b>7.30pm</b> Bowls</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      10.30am Line-dancing                        1-5pm Games afternoon</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>9-12pm</b> Village Shop  <b>9.30-12pm</b> Craft  <b>1pm</b> Canasta</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>10-11am</b> Exercise  <b>1pm</b> Billiards  <b>4-5pm</b> Pickle Ball</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      Public Holiday                      Matariki  <b>2pm</b>                      Atrium - Open Fellowship                      4-6 pm Happy Hour</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>                      10am                      Paviljoen Coffee Time</p>
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