



August 2026 Issue

Crazy Hat

High Tea

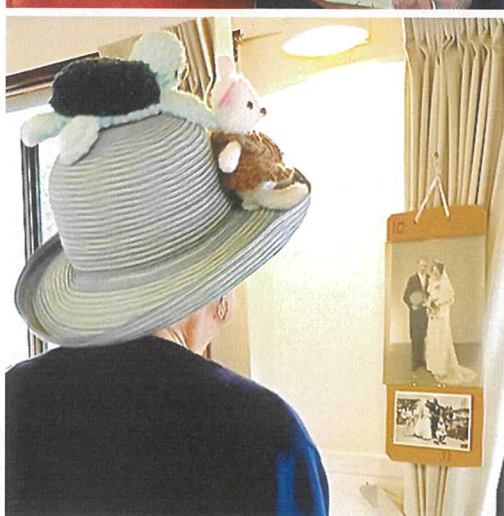
SATURDAY 25TH JULY



What a lovely time we all had at this event which had been planned for so many months.

Faye welcomed us into the beautifully decorated hall, with soft pink and purple lanterns hung from the ceiling, and glowing dark red tablecloths, scattered with sparkles and tea lights. It was so very pretty!

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Most women wore their "crazy hats", and what a variety there were! Each of the six tables got to vote for the best hat, and the 6 winners received a beautifully wrapped gift as a prize, then stood together for a photo at the end. Such a lot of ingenuity, and so many chuckles - especially with Flora's Temu "chicken" which flapped its wings when the string was pulled... Faye's amazing team served us delicious treats of sausage rolls, sandwiches and assorted dainty cakes on tiered plates, and we enjoyed tea and coffee in our own pretty cups. A real High Tea!

The entertainer, Megan Johnston, provided an assortment of songs delivered in her cheerful chatty manner, and quite a few got up to dance along with her music and songs.

A "Guess the bride" competition was ongoing, with 15 numbered photos around the wall for us to take our time trying to match up those gorgeous faces of yesteryear, with the current "lived- in" versions seen around the village. Faye had spent a lot of time doing this, and it was most successful. Danuta Sosna's sharp eyes won her the prize with the most correct guesses.

Thank you so much to Faye and her team who gave us so much pleasure on a cold wintry day at Ons Dorp. I must say, as a Society committee member, it was such a treat to go there, enjoy such a nice time - and not end up in the kitchen doing the dishes! You are all treasures and we appreciated every minute of this special event!

EIRENE VOON

Winners



6 Crazy hat winners!



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Dorpskrant Items

Email:

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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

Hope this Hi de Hi finds you all well and coping with the winter weather, although I see you've been lucky enough to have quite a few sunny days.

This month I'd like to give you a little update on our work in Bali with the charity “**Helping Hands Across the Sands**”, which we are involved with.

Recently we attended a Mid-Winter Fundraising Dinner. All the money raised will go to the Negara Orphanage, which Rein and I personally support. Around 55 people attended and it was a wonderful evening.

The food was absolutely delicious, with real ham, pork, beef, baked potatoes, fresh salads and plenty of other tasty dishes. It was lovely to see so many people coming together to help those less fortunate.

Another event we attended was a fundraising auction. One of the volunteers had recently lost their entire business when a fire started in the building next door and spread. Sadly, local Balinese people generally have no insurance, so everything was lost. It really shows how close the expat and volunteer community is here. Everyone rallies around and helps each other in any way they can.

We also joined another food run to the Suwung rubbish tip. It was incredibly hot and humid that day, and because the children were on their school holidays, they were all waiting excitedly for our arrival. We handed out soap, deodorant, beanies, two baby blankets and around 350 hot dinners, all of which were received with huge smiles and grateful hearts.

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It is always a humbling experience and reminds us how much even the smallest acts of kindness can mean.

Apart from our charity work, we have been enjoying life in Bali. The relaxed lifestyle, lovely food and warm weather certainly make it easy to unwind.

Until next month, stay warm, look after each other, and hopefully spring won't be too far away!

Margie van Staalduinen, Society Committee



THANK YOU

Marian!

The Society Committee and the village football supporters would like to thank Marian Sosna for hosting the FIFA World Cup screenings in the pavilion.

Marian's commitment helped create an enjoyable atmosphere where villagers could come together to watch the matches and share in the excitement of the tournament. We also greatly appreciated the weekly TV schedules he prepared, making it easy for everyone to keep track of the games.

ANTONIA AARTS



Village van trip to IKEA - 23 July, 2026

Ikea, what an experience, unlike any other New Zealand retail outlet. Ikea was a real journey as we followed the arrows on the floor. The villagers all gave high marks out of 10 for their outing, and lunch together. Thanks to our lovely driver who patiently looked for us as we explored, getting us together was a mission as there was much to see.

Thank you, Danuta, for the great idea.

FAYE BAKER.



St John Medical alarm presentation

THURSDAY 2 JULY, 2PM IN THE PAVILION



Forty five Ons Dorp villagers attended this presentation from Kevin Terrey-Ocock who showed us the variety of alarms available, and how to use them. He also reminded us we can book a Shuttle service for local hospital visits, and reminded us of the Caring Caller service who will give regular phone calls upon request. Pamphlets for all of these were available and we all enjoyed a cuppa and biscuits afterwards.

EIRENE



AGM

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

An information pack will be distributed to all residents before the meeting. If you would like to join the Committee please fill out the form provided and follow instructions.

Ons Dorp Society Committee

We invite interested residents to join the Ons Dorp Society Committee and become actively involved in the social life of our village.

Serving on the committee is a rewarding way to contribute to our community. It is also an opportunity to work with a friendly group of people towards a common goal, enhancing the wellbeing and enjoyment of everyone at Ons Dorp. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact any of our committee members. A list of committee members can be found at the front of the Dorpskrant.

LEISURE TIME TRAVEL

<https://www.leisuretimetours.co.nz/>

Leisure Time Tours Presentation Thursday 6 August 2026 2pm at the Pavilion

We will have John McGough from Leisure Time Travel at the Pavilion for a presentation, showing us their fully escorted group tours for seniors. When you book on any of the Leisure Time Travel tours you will be picked up from your front door, and then dropped back home. They have an excellent selection of tours within New Zealand and selected overseas destinations.

John will present a fun & informative presentation



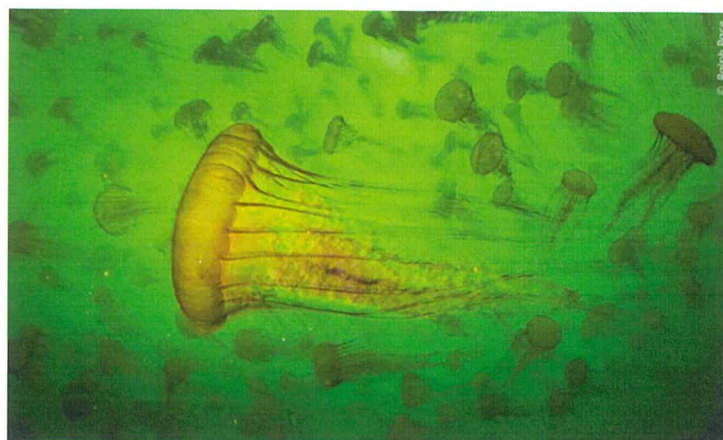
AUGUST EVENTS



VAN TRIP TO THE AUCKLAND MUSEUM

Dear Villagers,

You are warmly invited to join us for a visit to the Auckland Museum for the
61st Annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition



Date: Thursday, 20th August
Time: Departure at 10am (returning about 2pm)
Where: In front of the Care Centre
Cost: \$5 for the van

If you are interested,
please call
Theresa Fontein
Phone 09 320 0296
or 027 614 3643

PLEASE NOTE: ENTRANCE TO THE MUSEUM IS FREE



NOTICES



◆ Items for the Dorpskrant:

Please ensure these are sent to Eirene by 24th of each month, so they can be checked for dates / times / correct spelling etc. before they go (on a USB stick) to Russelle, to work on, ready for end of month publication.

Anything later, or last minute, please also email via Eirene.

NOTE: it is up to the persons concerned to make sure their items/articles are correct in every detail.

THANKS, EIRENE

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 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.

Siona's 6 weekly visits will be:

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



Happy Hour

Friday, 14th August
from 4-6pm



This week we have Evan Reid playing his saxophone for our enjoyment.

RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY

2026 — Friday July 31st

1st prize – Ruth Ballard, Villa 56

2nd prize – Petra Zeeven, Villa 12

Next Market 28th August

PickleBall, the "Ons Dorp way"

What is PickleBall?

The ball is made from hard plastic with holes in it. The bat is rather like a table tennis bat, only larger.

Two players on either side of the net try to return the ball from the opposition.

Our rules are a bit loose, due to a few obstacles on the floor and ceiling, but as we take ourselves not too seriously, that does not matter too much!

We are hoping we can get a few more participants to join our games on Thursday afternoons.

It does not require a high level of fitness. You only need to take a few steps forwards or sideways to return a ball!

If you have played tennis, table tennis, or volleyball, you may find that you like our game even more!

Please come and have a look on **Thursdays from 4-5pm**.

If you wish to join in, there is no charge, and you will need non-marking shoes.

For further information,
ring me, Petra Zeeven VILLA 12
ph: 09 833 8044



THANK YOU

Marion and Brian would like to thank the villagers for their support, prayers, and beautiful cards with lovely get well wishes, and meals. This has made a big difference to my recovery. Marion.

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

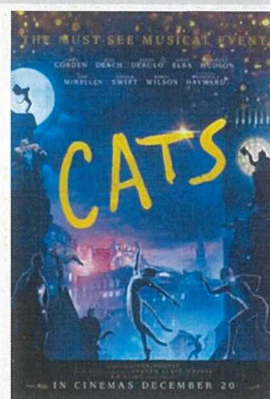
Please call in advance so pick-up can be organised.



August Movies at the Pavilion

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

The Best Exotic
Marigold Hotel
COMEDY/ROMANCE



Cats
MUSICAL



Regular Activities in the Pavilion



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 4-5pm

Contact Petra Zeeven, ph 09 833 8044

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 Pavilion, be aware that dates, times, and even cancellations might occur. It's crucial to check your calendar for any updates or changes.

AUGUST 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise-Balance 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls		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. VISITING: SEPTEMBER 12TH			1 Podiatrist Booked Appointments ONLY 8.30-10.30am WALK-INS from 10.45am	2 10am Atrium Coffee Time 2pm Movie: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel COMEDY/ROMANCE
3 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise-Balance 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls	4 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon	5 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta	6 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.00pm Leisure Time Presentation 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball	7 1.30-2.30pm Ons Dorp Singers Practise 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship	8	9 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
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17 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise-Balance 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls	18 2pm Society AGM	19 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 11am Care Centre Catholic Mass Service 1pm Canasta	20 10am Van Trip to Museum 10-11am Exercise 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 1pm Billiards 4-5pm Pickle Ball 7pm Housie	21 1.30-2.30pm Ons Dorp Singers Practise 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship	22	23 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
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