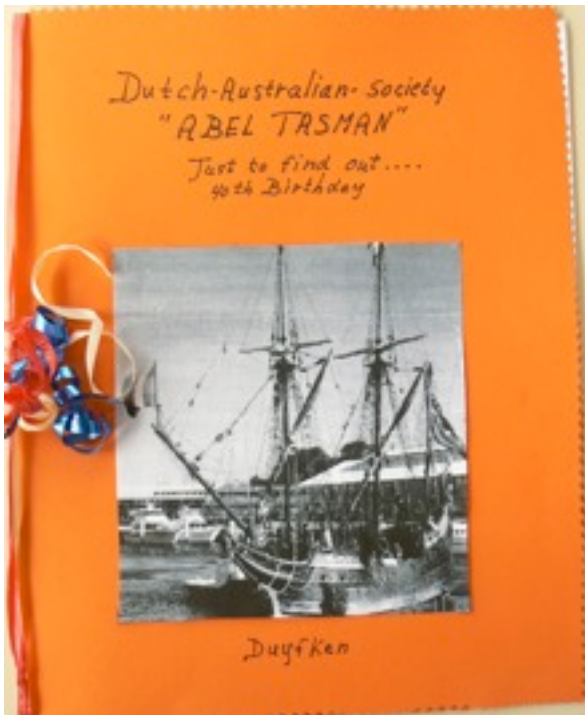


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Arie made the cake,
Ons Genoegen gave it and a card
And Annie told us all about it



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Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m.	- Klaverjassen with 'Ons Genoegen' at the Migrant Resource centre
3/4 October	- Tulip Festival
8 October	- Sod turning ceremony, Channel Heritage Museum
November	- Dinner at Parliament House for 'Museum Friends'
5 December	- St Nicholas visit
16 December	- Dutch language Christmas Celebration
27 February 2010	- AGM
27 February 2010	- Summer BBQ

Committee Meetings - 2009

16 February	16 March
20 April	18 May
20 July	17 August
21 September	19 October
16 November	18 January 2010

TIME

The time clock on the DAS website
 always provides the current time and
 day in the Netherlands

2007 winner - Lotte Kema



ABEL TASMAN ART PRIZE™

This prize is open to all Senior Secondary students in Southern Tasmania.
 The first prize is a three week trip (travel and accommodation) to the
 Netherlands.

The winner is hosted by a family in the Municipality of Grootegast, Abel
 Tasman's birthplace and the sister city of the Kingborough Municipality.

The prize is sponsored by the Dutch Australian Society "Abel Tasman" Inc.
 and the Kingborough Council. See your Art Teacher or google the web for
 details / past winners.

MUSEUM PAGE

THE BIGGEST NEWS ever in the history of the Museum was made known late on Wednesday 02/09.

After more than 2½ years of meetings and planning, of gathering information and discussing options, of meeting with politicians, of making drawings and models, of making presentations and submissions, of hopes raised and let down, the museum has finally achieved the result it worked so hard for. The official announcement to make the funds available is below.

Treasurer

Level 9, Executive Building, 15 Murray St., Hobart TAS 7000

Hon Lara Giddings MP
DEPUTY PREMIER

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHANNEL HERITAGE MUSEUM

I refer to your memorandum of 15 June 2009, requesting funding of \$900,000 from the Urban Renewal and Heritage Fund (URHF) for the construction of a new Channel Heritage Museum at Margate.

Treasury has assessed the project proposal against the Project Evaluation Criteria and the URHF Guidelines in accordance with the *Infrastructure Funds Protocol* document, and has found that the project is consistent with the objectives of the Fund and meets the Project Evaluation Criteria.

On this basis, I approve the allocation of \$900,000 from the URHF for the Channel Heritage Museum.

Michael Aird
Treasurer.

If you would like to be involved in the 65th anniversary celebration of Liberation Day, please talk to Ben Buissink, Ben Voorpostel & George Huizing.
It will be on 05/05/2010, possibly at the Tasman Monument.

Channel Heritage Museum Become involved with our New Museum at Margate

Become part of the exciting new development of the Channel Heritage Museum with our move to the new site at Margate.

Now is a good time to learn about, and assist others to learn about, the Heritage of your area and how you can help with the move.

There is scope for various forms of involvement –

- Digitally recording Museum items.
- Preparing the displays in the new Museum in conjunction with the Curator.
- Learning about Channel history and helping visitors to the Museum.
- Those miscellaneous jobs that crop up.

An Orientation Day will be organised in October at the Museum for you to meet Committee Members and learn more about “The Move” and how you can become involved.

To register your interest in becoming a Volunteer either –

Phone the Secretary, Joyce Hocking, 6267 4665 or
Email to secretary@channelheritagemuseum.org.au
or phone Kees 6229 4272 or email kmww@utas.edu.au

SOD turning ceremony

There will be a ceremony to break the ground for the new Museum on Thursday, 8 October at 11 a.m.

The Deputy Premier, **Lara Giddings**, and the President of the Museum, **Mike Jackson**, will preside.

Members of the DAS are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Kees 6229 4272 or email kmww@utas.edu.au

Morning tea will be served.

Model of the new Museum on the corner of Channel H'way and Parish Lane, Margate.



HERRINGS

The following is a report on a long conversation between Rod Andrewartha (Chief Veterinary Officer, Tasmania) and me today. It is not a comprehensive, all inclusive report on the subject. It is written to help you understand the position of the Chief Vet, and the possibilities for our club.

1. Herring can carry a virus which is harmful to salmon (and the salmon industry is very important to Tasmania).
 2. When herring (pickled & salted) was banned from Tasmania there was NO record in the scientific record that the virus in question was affected by the salting or pickling process. (It's a question of evidence, not reasoning.)
 3. From time to time, the Chief Vet may give a permit to import small quantities of herring under strict guidelines, which include:-
 - that the event be of significant cultural value (more than a school fair)
 - that the event be nowhere near water
 - that the event be indoors
 - that all the product is consumed at that event.
 4. It may be that since the ban was put in place, scientific studies have proved or disproved the live virus possibility. This question is scheduled to be reviewed by the Chief Vet's office, but the timing is subject to availability of staff, of which there is currently a shortage.
 5. For our Society to gain a permit to import herring, we need to satisfy the conditions mentioned above. In practical terms it means that an application for Sinterklaas to bring some herring along will most likely not be approved if he turns up at Dru Point. The chances are significantly higher if he turns up somewhere near Oatlands.
- If any member can suggest a suitable place (Hall) for Sinterklaas to drop in and see us this year, bearing in mind all of the above, he may be given a permit to bring some herring with him.

Kees Wierenga
11/09/2009

Dutch Limburg celebrates liberation this weekend, celebrating the 65th anniversary of its liberation from Nazi German forces.

In Maastricht, United States veterans are taking the salute from over 150 soldiers dressed in US army kit from the Second World War.

On 12 September 1944, the Americans began their advance in southern Limburg to push back Nazi forces.

A few days later, they took Maastricht, the first Dutch city to be liberated. After a week, there were almost no more German troops in the region.

The anniversary is being celebrated with wreath-laying ceremonies, exhibitions and concerts.

On Sunday, the Limburg Symphony Orchestra is performing Dvorák's Requiem at the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial at Margraten.

Radio Netherlands / Expatica 13/09/2009

GRONINGEN

(concerning the honouring of resistance heroes on postage stamps)

De Nederlandse Stichting Vriendenkring Neuengamme heeft bij TNT Post een verzoek ingediend om in mei 2010 een serie herdenkingszegels met Nederlandse verzetshelden uit te brengen. TNT heeft echter geen interesse.

Er zijn in Nederland nauwelijks postzegels over dit onderwerp. Dat is opmerkelijk, want bijna alle Europese landen - Duitsland voorop - hebben al eens series met verzetstrijders uitgebracht. TNT Post wees het voorstel twee weken geleden af. "Bij de keuze van themapostzegels voor 2010 hebben we gelet op thematische variatie, populariteit, maatschappelijke relevantie en communicatiemogelijkheden", schrijft Ard Korporaal, Product Manager bijzondere zegels van TNT Post, aan voorzitter Afko Schoonbeek van de Vriendenkring.

Stadje Cor de Ruiter, die het initiatief nam tot het verzoek aan TNT, wil zich er niet bij neerleggen. Hij hoopt via media en politiek alsnog medestanders te vinden voor het uitbrengen van de verzetsheldenserie. "Volgens mij voldoet ons thema aan alle voorwaarden. Misschien op één na: Verzetshelden zijn blijkbaar niet populair genoeg."

Reageren? Mail naar maaike.trimbach@dvhn.nl of schrijf naar Dagblad van het Noorden, postbus 7108, 9701 MC Groningen.

DAS celebrates 40 years

The president sent a telegram

"First of all I would like to thank Titus Steenhuis, the Vice-President, for officiating today. And to Riet Vonk and her sub-committee for organising this event.

Greetings from France, where Liz and I are having a well earned break!

I would like to extend my welcome to you all for this auspicious occasion to celebrate the official 40th birthday of the Dutch Australian Society "Abel Tasman" Inc.

I hope you all have a *Gezellige Tijd* with lots of yarns of the past events of the club.

Thinking of you all with Greetings.

Yours,
Freddie von Schmidt
President since 1993."

The Vice-President made a speech.

Thank you Kees for the introduction. I welcome our Distinguished Guests and Ladies and Gentlemen. In the absence of our President I will read the message he has sent us to celebrae this day.

I will now recall some of the events and functions from the past 40 years to the best of my memory.

First our Annual events - the Queen's Birthday on 30 April, the Club BBQ, the Tulip Festival at the Royal Botanical Gardens (we are always looking for volunteers, this year the date is 3 and 4 October), St Nicholas celebrations, the Car Rally.

One of our major achievements is the Tasman Monument at Salamanca - this was a gift to the people of Tasmania which was unveiled by Her Royal Highness Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and Prince Claus on their visit to Tasmania in 1988.

ATAP - the Abel Tasman Art Prize for senior secondary students (years 11 and 12). This bi-annual event commenced in the year 2000 alternating between Kingborough and Grootegast. The prize for the successful student is a trip to the Netherlands to visit various museums and art centres and vice versa. This compliments the sister city relationship between the two Councils. The event is still going strong thanks to the financial support of the Kingborough Council.

The Royal visit of the Crown Prince, Willem Alexander and Princess Maxima was celebrated with a reception at the Henry Jones Art Hotel and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our current project is the involvement with the new Channel Heritage Museum located at Margate where we hope to display some of our Dutch heritage - we have already donated a facsimilie of Abel Tasman's journal.

We are very proud of our website that makes us accessible from anywhere in the world - to view go to www.dutchaustraliansociety.org.au - the address is on the business cards on the tables for you to take.

I hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon.

Titus Steenhuis.



Ben, Janny, Ria, Herman & Riet



Adriana, Geoffrey, Beres,



Titus



John, Gerald, Anne, George

40 years DAS

Arie and Jan brought a congratulatory message and the cake on behalf of the card club 'Ons Genoegen'



Gerry, Ben, Klaas, Janny



George

George Huizing wore three hats
Honorary Consul of the Netherlands
Past president of the DAS
Patron of the DAS
He spoke of some of the highlights of the past and the urgent need for young members.

Ben Buissink, Life Member, did the honours of cutting the cake after congratulating all the members who had worked over the years to build the Society.



Ben

Marie, Klaas & Annie



Bastian, Bram & Netty



Kees MC'eed, welcomed all the official guests, including past Mayor of Kingborough, Mr Don Hazell, made sure that all the prizes were handed out, accepted with thanks the cake from the Card Club, and explained about the rookworst and the salted herring.

Magda, Elly, Rina & Dwello



The Mayor of Kingborough, Graham Bury, noted the achievements of the Dutch migrants, and raised the toast of congratulation.



Graham

Henk & Annelies



Kees

DUTCH-AUSTRALIAN-SOCIETY "ABEL TASMAN"
40th Birthday
JUST TO FIND OUT

The "Tasman Telegraph" of July 2009 makes it very clear on entire page 14 + a separate coloured leaflet that this year we will celebrate the Dutch Australian Society's 40th birthday at the "Welcome Inn" in Kingston with a guaranteed seat upon early pay.

That announcement triggered memories about the 25th birthday celebration, when every member was presented with a booklet marking the occasion. It describes much of the history of our Club's first 25 years, compiled by Tjipke Joustra and Klaas Spaander with feverish deadline fears. When asked to make a history book, they had no idea of the enormity of the task it took.

Nostalgia drove me to our copy in the bookcase. When looking at the cover I stared at it to amaze:
25 years from 1970 to 1995 ?
That were the years of our Club's life !

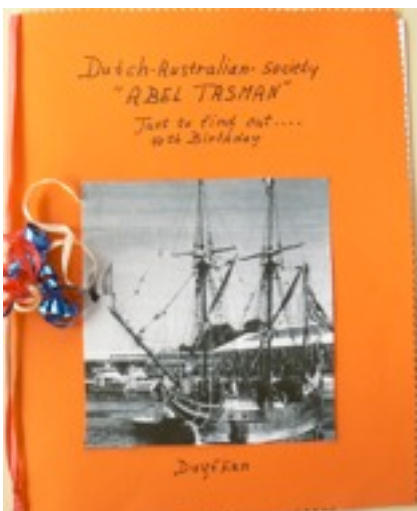
40 - 25 = 15 which I learned already in primary school.
Adding 15 years to 1995 is 2010, according arithmetic rule.
However, the "Tasman Telegraph" maintains that 2009 is the year the 40th anniversary should be celebrated with food and wine !

So many smart and intelligent Committee members with more than primary school education could not be wrong in insisting that 2009 is the year of celebration. The error must have been made with the 25th anniversary in 1995 ! Maybe the contents of the book will reveal when D.A.S. started its life.

Ah, ha !! here is a document dated 12 August 1970 on page one. which says on 11 July at San Carlos Hall in Hobart they had so much fun., that the question was raised: "Why can't we have a club for Dutch settlers and friends ?" This led to a general meeting in Hadley's Hotel on 19 August with successful ends. A permanent Committee with Chairman, secretary, treasurer and 6 members saw its light. This proves that celebrating 25 years in 1995 was right !

"JUST TO FIND OUT" established now for sure the "When ?"
As I said before, add 15 years to 1995 is 2010.
Does it really matter ? ... In a festive mood we are now here.
So, Come on ... Let's celebrate ! After all we are truly in our 40th year !!

Annie Spaander



Annie Spaander made a card and a poem about the conception and age of the club, noting the confusion that surrounds this question.



Dutch banks impose limits on executive bonuses

As of 1 January, Dutch banking executives' bonuses will not exceed their annual salaries and may have to be returned if the bank is in financial woes.

According to a banking code published by the Netherlands Bankers' Association (NVB), banking executives in the Netherlands will from 1 January have bonuses limited so as to not exceed their annual salaries.

Salaries will have to be below a median figure for comparable jobs, bonuses may have to be returned if the bank runs into trouble and dismissal pay cannot be higher than a year's salary, the new code said.

Executive board members will also be prevented from exercising stock options within three years of receiving them.

Dutch Finance Minister Wouter Bos hailed the new rules as "a unique step in the world" and his office said the minister would bring the code to the G20 summit in Pittsburgh later this month as an example of what can be done.

The Netherlands is not formally a member of the Group of 20 leading developed and developing economies but has recently been invited to attend meetings.

"It is an important and good step on the road to repairing trust in the financial sector," said the minister, adding: "The code (puts) an end to bad practices at banks."

Seven European countries including the Netherlands have called for strict rules on bank bonuses ahead of the G20 summit set to discuss ways of putting the world economy to rights as it recovers from the worst slump in decades.

Britain and the United States, home to massive financial markets, oppose proposals for a mandatory bonus cap on bankers.

Many have blamed an irresponsible bonus culture for encouraging the reckless risk-taking at the heart of the global financial crisis.

The NVB said its code "puts Dutch banks ahead in the international discussions over remuneration in the financial sector."

The code was voluntarily adopted by all 90 member banks, both local and international, which will have to report on compliance in their annual reports although they face no penalties for non-adherence, it added.

Compliance will be measured by an independent committee.

The code is set to be incorporated in financial oversight legislation being amended by parliament to curb excessive bonuses.

Banking labour union De Unie welcomed the move as "better late than never".

"Why did the banks wait so long?" while ordinary bank staff bore the brunt of the fallout, it asked.

The new code requires members to sign an ethical declaration which states, among other things, that "I will perform my duties as a banker with integrity and care".

"It is good, in times like these, that banks take such steps," Martijn Pols, a spokesman for the AFM financial services watchdog told AFP.

"It may help to improve on things that went wrong in the past."

Pols said that such rules should, however, not be limited to executives.

"People who work with clients should also not be exposed to financial incentives that could make them act to the detriment of clients."

Economist Siert Jan Vos said the banks were driven by a desire to stay one step ahead of Minister Bos, who has made it clear that he would impose bonus caps one way or another since spending billions of euros to prevent banks failing at the height of the crisis.

AFP / Expatica 10/09/09

Dutch prince wins photo case against AP

Crown Prince Willem Alexander has won a court case against the international press agency Associated Press (AP). The prince took AP to court for distributing photos of the royal couple on a skiing holiday in Argentina.

The Amsterdam court ruled that AP could no longer sell the four pictures because the family had a right to privacy in its free time. The court ruled that it would only be permissible to publish photos if they contributed to public debate.

The Prince and his wife Maxima are pleased with the court's decision according to the Government Information Service. The service called it a "clear verdict".

The photos were published in a number of regional and national newspapers. The Government Information Service found that they contravened the Dutch media code. The code stipulates that the royal family should only be photographed during official engagements and arranged photo shoots.

Radio Netherlands / Expatica 30/8/09

Economic crisis hits young people

Unemployment in the Netherlands has gone up substantially, especially among young people, figures published by Statistics Netherlands (CBS) show.

A year ago unemployment among young people was still around nine %, but now it has risen to 11.4 %. The number of registered jobseekers is steadily growing, but there are also many young people who have decided to study rather than sit at home.

When there is an economic crisis it is always the young people who are hit first. In the Netherlands it is especially young men working in industry, the building sector, ICT and trade are affected most. In the second quarter of this year unemployment in the male age group of 15 to 25 is almost 12 %, considerably more than a year ago.

Michiel Vergeer, economist at Statistics Netherlands says: "They often have the lowest legal status. Young people have been employed shortest and are the first to be sent away. It isn't easy for the newcomers either. They have to try to find a place in the labour market, but there are too few jobs."

The young people who have decided to look for a job often end up at so-called 'youth offices' that act as a mediator in the job seeking process. They work together with employers, local authorities and schools.

Angela Velberg, project leader of the youth office in Utrecht: "It's mainly young people with vocational education (MBO), who in the past had no difficulties finding work. Now it takes them much longer. In some lines of business and occupational groups there just won't be any work in the coming months."

The government has already spent €500 million on a plan to fight youth unemployment. A lot of money has gone towards internships in companies and other measures to make sure young people continue working on their future.

"We try to help them the best we can. We offer trainings and courses. And we provide refresher courses to increase their chances on the labour market. All of this to prevent that they end up at home demotivated," says Velberg.

As there aren't any chances to find work, many young people decide to continue studying. The telephone has not stopped ringing at the universities and local training centres.

Young people are allowed to register until 1 October. The question is whether there will be enough teachers to give lessons to all these extra students. Some of them will have to wait a bit before they have really found a place.

But there is a ray of hope for the young unemployed. According to Statistics Netherlands, youth unemployment figures will go down soon, once the economy starts growing.

Klaas den Tek
Radio Netherlands 07/09/09

Emmigrants exceed Immigrants

About 700,000 Dutch citizens think about leaving the country for at least eight months, reveals a recent survey by Statistics Netherlands (CBS).

Many of these citizens contemplating emigration are first and second generation immigrants. Young native Dutch citizens also expressed a desire to leave the country.

In recent years, the number of emigrants has risen sharply in recent years. Between 2006 and 2008, around 125,000 people left the Netherlands each year, the largest number since the early 1950s.

Demographer Jan Latten of Statistics Netherlands expects the number of people leaving the country to remain above 100,000 during the coming years. '.

According to the CBS, since 2003 the Netherlands has been the only country in Western Europe where the number of emigrants outnumbers the number of immigrants.

Latten points out that emigration has grown substantially in the past 20 years. One reason, he says, is the European Union's policy of open borders.

Most native Dutch who want to leave the country are young people who would like to live in Australia and the United States. Education and work are the most important reasons given for leaving.

However, many view their departure as a temporary thing and intend to return to the Netherlands.

"It has become increasingly common for students to do their traineeship abroad, or to live in another country for a certain period of time," said Latten.

About a third of those above the age of 30 expect to leave the Netherlands for good. They say they are looking for more space, quiet, nature and a peaceful atmosphere.

They find the Netherlands too crowded and too busy. Among the countries on their list are Belgium, France, Spain and Surinam.

Some first and second generation immigrants also plan to leave the country for good: 18% compared to 7% among native Dutch.

"Many migrants who have settled in the Netherlands suffer from homesickness," explained Latten. "They want to go back to Morocco or Turkey."

Radio Netherlands / Expatica
8/9/09

Your Committee has decided to start work on a new project called Oma's recipe Book. It'll probably be called something really simple, like

*how
OMA
made it*

with a sub title something like this

*favourite recipes from
Dutch migrants*

each page to have some details about opa & oma e.g.

year of emigration
town of origin
something special about them
why this recipe

each page to have a foto, if possible, of oma or opa and grandchild

each page to have a recipe, possibly a foto of the 'plated' dish

The aim is to have the book ready at the same time as the new Museum.

Members will be able to buy a copy of the book when it is printed. The rest can then be sold in the Museum shop.

We encourage all the members to write down the details of a favourite recipe, something your grandchild always asks for when they visit, to start the ball rolling. If there's more than one favourite, that's good too. Please mention it so that we don't have 50 recipes for appelmoes.

Please send same to the Secretary. Fotos etc will be done later. Thanks.

Building permit rates vary widely between Dutch cities reports homeowners association Vereniging Eigen Huis (VEH).

A survey commissioned by the association revealed an 18-fold price difference for permits for small-sized building and renovation work up to €10,000.

Amounts ranged from just €35 in Leiden, the cheapest city, to €635 in Zundert (North Brabant province), where permits are the most expensive.

For substantial work, such as building a house, which is estimated at €130,000, the cost of the required permit varies between €1,300 and €6,067.

The association is pleading for nationwide rules on building permit rates, including a maximum rate.

Municipal authorities appear to increase rates in order to fill gaps in their budgets caused by a drop in ground sales and fewer applications for building permits.

The VEH noted the number building projects has recently ground to a halt.

Through expected municipal budget cuts in the coming year, the risk of increased building permit prices is high, said the VEH in a press release.

High administrative costs are a substantial barrier to building projects, it added.

Radio Netherlands / Expatica 21/08/09

On Saturday 26th September 1959 there was great expectation in Launceston. Outside "The Examiner" office a small crowd had gathered including 1 dressed in Dutch costume and carrying tulips. They were expecting an invasion from Hobart. Not warriors but hard-headed and sharp-witted card players. Klaverjas that is. The Launceston Club "Vriendschap" was expecting the Hobart club "Ons Genoegen".

After everyone was welcomed and introduced to their Host families it was off to the Windmill Hill Hall.

Lunch and coffee was served and then they got down to business.

Launceston won by 182 points. That is not much in the total of things. Everyone went back with their families and a great day was had by all.

I remember it well. Fred and I weren't even engaged then and now we have been married for over 48 years!

My parents -Herman and Truus Ophoff - had 4 billets. Tom Lustig, Ben Voorpostel and Mr & Mrs. Ad Schijvens.

In our little house my brother and I had to give up our bedrooms and slept on the floor in the Lounge.

In March of 1960 the Launceston Club went to visit Hobart for a return game. Fred and I were engaged then and we again were billeted with Host families. So to keep this engaged couple from Launceston separate they put Fred in Kingston (remember there was no Southern outlet yet then) with the family Bruinisse. Herman & Truus Ophoff in Sandy Bay with the Schijvens family and José in Cascade with the Lustig family. Oh, how cruel!! The only difference was that there was a social gathering in the evening and we had a great dance floor.

This year it will be 50 years since this competition was started. Many a friendship have been made in those years. Although not very many original players are around anymore it has been a great pleasure to have been part of this experience.

I started of as scorekeeper but now enjoy playing the game which my husband so patiently taught me.

José Verhoeven



From the window of the bus travelling to collect young men to go to Indonesia, Tjipke Joustra saw a young girl who caught his eye. Her name was Janny de Vries and she lived in a small town called Tzum.

The girls in the villages were encouraged to write to the young men in Indonesia to keep up their morale, and Janny too wrote to her penpal over the seas. Somehow, though, they didn't click, so she swapped penpals with her friend.... Well, the rest of the story is history - family history.

They were married in a town in Friesland (the Netherlands) called Dokkum. They moved to Amsterdam and over the next ten years had 5 children. To give their growing brood a chance at a better life and education they emigrated to Australia nearly 50 years ago.

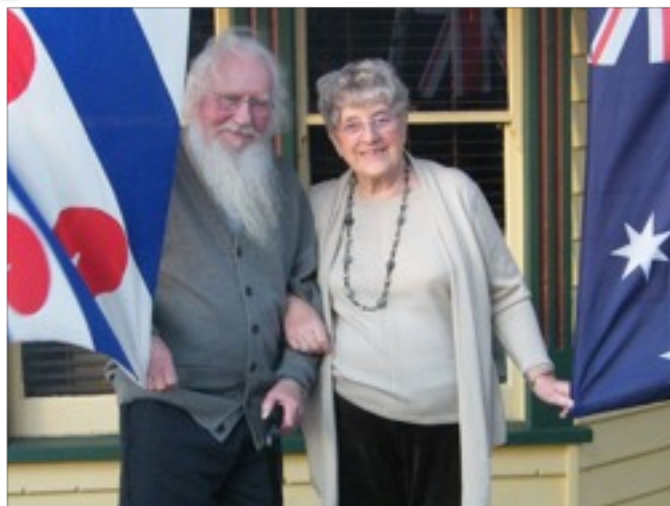
They boarded a ship called the Willem Ruys, and three long weeks of sea sickness and trying to keep the older 4 busy and out of trouble, as well as coping with a two year old with continuous ear infections, they finally landed at Melbourne docks and from there by plane to Hobart.

Over the years their family has grown and now consists of the five children and their five partners, eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren with another two on the way.

On August 18th 2009, Tjipke and Janny celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Surrounded by family and friends, the day was spent eating cake, sandwiches, drinking coffee and advocaat, reminiscing with old friends and new alike. It was splendid to receive and read congratulation messages from Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General Quentin Bryce, the Tasmanian Governor Peter Underwood, Kevin Rudd, Duncan Kerr, David Bartlett, and the Dutch Consul George Huizing.

Sent in by;

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Islamic school fights loss of government funding

Amsterdam - The governing board of an Islamic school in Amsterdam is taking the local government to court over the loss of its funding, reports Trouw.

The Amsterdam government has announced plans to reduce funding to As-Siddieq school group by €200,000 after an alarming report of the national Education Inspectorate.

The report says the education provided by the primary school is not up-to-standard. The school board has also failed to meet agreements on citizenship and social integration.

The board is refusing to step down, as demanded by the local Education Councillor, Lodewijk Asscher.

In an unusual move, Deputy Education Minister Sharon Dijksma followed suit by withdrawing another €225,000, 5% of the Amsterdam school's total subsidies of €4.5 million.

The Islamic school, which has been under close scrutiny for several years, has failed to give precedence to 'openness toward society' and 'basic values of the democratic constitutional state'.

As-Siddieq will still receive the funding if it improves its performance. However, the subsidy cut will become permanent if the school still has not met its legal obligations by 1 March.

Radio Netherlands / Georg Schreuder Hes /

Dutch integration targets off the mark

The Hague - Participation in obligatory integration courses has fallen far short of expectations, the ministry of housing, spatial planning and the environment (VROM) announced Tuesday.

Up to and including the month of July, 20,000 immigrants registered for integration courses in 2009, but should have been 50,000.

In a September letter to municipalities, van der Laan will propose new measures to assist immigrants attend immigration courses, including employer participation.

In addition, Van der Laan wants all obligated immigrants to receive an offer for integration courses from the municipality as soon as possible.

If the municipalities reach out to more immigrants, additional money from the national government will be available to them. The government has set aside €460 million on top of the €260 million available each year for integration purposes.

The integration course system was set up to prevent newcomers from remaining isolated from Dutch society and help them become familiar with rules and customs in the country.

Radio Netherlands / Expatica 26/08/09

Dutch court blocks girl's solo sail bid

Utrecht -- A Dutch court ruled Friday that a 13-year-old girl cannot set sail on a solo round-the-world voyage next month and ordered her to be placed in the temporary care of social services.

In a judgement that was welcomed by young Laura Decker's lawyer, the court judges did not rule out the possibility of her eventually embarking on the record-breaking quest but said a full study was needed to assess the dangers.

"This means that Laura cannot start her round-the-world trip without their (child protection services') agreement," the statement added.

The children's court also ordered an inquiry into the psychological and physical impact that such a voyage -- expected to last two years -- was likely to have on the teenager. A report has to be delivered by 16 October.

Dutch child protection agents had referred the case to the children's court asking it to suspend the parental authority of Laura's mother and father, who were backing her bid to become the youngest ever person to sail around the world solo.

The girl had planned to set out on her 8.3-metre-long Hurley 800 named Guppy in September, financed by sponsors, while pursuing her education by Internet correspondence.

Her father, Dick Dekker, had applied in July for an exemption for Laura from obligatory schooling. The request was refused and child protection authorities alerted.

"The court wants to know how well she is prepared, about the safety (on the yacht), what means of communication will be available to her.

Laura was born on a yacht off the New Zealand coast during a seven-year world trip by her parents and lives with her father on a yacht in central Netherlands, according to Dutch press.

"Since I was 10 years old, I've known that I would like to sail around the world," she has told Dutch television. "I want simply to learn about the world and to live freely."

Her father Dick has previously told a local newspaper that he was aware that the voyage was "a dangerous undertaking" but one within her capabilities.

"We would not let our child do something of which she was not in complete control," he said.

A 17-year-old British boy, Mike Perham, on Thursday became the youngest person to sail solo around the world with assistance, as he entered British waters after 156 days at sea.

AFP / Expatica 28/8/09

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Important matter:-

- Peter Herweynen has faithfully represented our Society on the Multicultural Council of Tasmania for many years. Helen Kosmeyer (congratulations on being chosen as Secretary) and Titus Steenhuis fill 2 of the 3 available seats. MCoT is an important body that works with all immigrant groups, both old and new, and with all age groups. They also receive significant Government funding, so

it is important that we raise our voice and stay informed.

It is now time for a new person to step forward so Peter can have a break.

Please consider this carefully, and talk to him or to Dr Freddie.

- Rob van Schie has helped the Abel Tasman Art Prize™ grow to be an important aspect of the sister city relationship between Grootegast and Kingborough. This is an ongoing, successful, project in which this Society is also actively involved.

If you have any inclination to learn the ropes from Rob so that he also can have a break, please be in touch with him or Dr Freddie. Similarly, if you know someone who might be suitable, be in touch with them or the Secretary. A month by month task list is available.

You need to be well organized, have some leadership skills, a reasonable ability to read Dutch, and a love of nurturing the talent of young people.

65th Anniversary

Next year will be the 65th anniversary of **Remembrance Day / Dodenherdenking**, and of **Liberation Day / Bevrijdingsdag**.

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of both days with an evening event at the Abel Tasman Monument.

The Committee has agreed to facilitate the celebration of these two important days next year. Some members have already given an indication - NOW is the time for your input.

The Netherlands increasingly popular with Chinese students

In recent years, the Netherlands has made efforts to attract more foreign students, at the same time its immigration policy has been changed to increase the number of highly skilled professionals entering the country.

Both these factors have seen the Netherlands become one of the most popular destinations for foreign students, naturally including the Chinese.

In spite of the world economic downturn that has hit China hard, the number of new Chinese students coming to Dutch universities has increased steadily over the past two years, bringing the total number to around 7000. For Chinese students, the most popular majors are those that can improve chances of employment, such as economics, finance, logistics and business studies, and also those subjects the Netherlands specialises in, such as agriculture, horticulture, environmental management and industrial design.

In September 2008 about 2000 Chinese students came to the Netherlands, a 30% rise from the previous year. A similar increase is expected this September, bringing the number of Chinese entering the Netherlands to study to around 2600. Among these students, about half are studying at Master's level, 30 to 35% at Bachelor's level and 15% are on preparation courses that will enable them to follow an academic degree once they pass. Fee-paying students still vastly outnumber exchange students.

Jacques van Vliet, the director of NESO Beijing, an affiliate of the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC), told RNW what makes the Netherlands an attractive destination: "The government issues a special visa enabling foreign students

to stay for another year after completing their studies to look for a job."

Lan Zhang, a former Chinese student who now works at RNW, explains: "Once you get a work contract, you can get a work visa for the duration of your contract. As soon as you get a permanent work contract, you can get a 5-year work visa, which entitles you to apply for a permanent Dutch residence permit."

Another important factor is that the Dutch government has made special scholarships available for Chinese students. "The Orange Tulip Scholarship", Van Vliet says, "started in 2008. Every year 30 top Chinese students get scholarships either in way of a tuition waiver or company fellowship". Many well-known Dutch companies, like KLM and KEMA, have offered sponsorships.

Yang Peng, the spokesman of the Chinese Student Association in the Netherlands, disagrees with Van Vliet. "Scholarships are rather limited compared to huge tuition fee increases," he says. "From 2007 to 2009, many universities have raised tuition fees by a third. At the same time, accommodation is also becoming more expensive." Although the appreciation of the Chinese currency compensates somewhat, the overall costs of studying in the Netherlands is higher. Yang expects that the delay effect will become apparent in one or two years.

The economic crisis has had not had much impact on the number of Chinese studying abroad; on the contrary, numbers are up. According to the Chinese government, the employment rate of recent Chinese graduates is only about 30%, though many say this figure is over-optimistic. To continue studying naturally becomes an important alternative for many young Chinese. Studying in the Netherlands is obviously one of the favourable options.

Tao Yue Radio Netherlands 31/08/09

Public Transport in the Netherlands

How to pay

Using the new OV-chipkaart system

OV-chipkaart logo Here's our guide to the new OV-chipkaart system, which is already in exclusive use in Rotterdam and which is currently being phased into the Netherlands through other major Dutch cities. The OV-chipkaart will be the sole payment method for the Amsterdam metro from 27 August and for bus and tram travel in Amsterdam from the end of 2009. Amsterdam's public transport company GVB estimates that by the end of 2010 most of the Netherlands will have turned over to the new system and by 2011 the whole country.

Buying and crediting a card

The cards are issued anonymously or for a named individual.

Anonymous card

OV-chipkaart loader Currently, you buy an anonymous card 'for free' at EUR 5; this money is counted toward your credit. You 'load' the anonymous smart-card at a vending machine. You can buy an anonymous card at tabacs or public transport stations in major Dutch cities and regions which have gone over to the smart-card system. This card cannot be a reduction card. Anyone entitled to a reduction, needs to apply for an individual card from the GVB.

Individual card

You can apply for the individual card by post or online. You must supply a passport-sized photo and in the case of an online application, you scan your photo and upload it to the system. Go to the OV-chipkaart site (click on the UK version for English) and follow the steps. For the individual card only you can choose to have it automatically 'loaded' from your bank account up to either EUR 10 or EUR 20 when the amount in the card falls below EUR 5, so you won't waste time uploading from the machine and won't get 'caught out' on a trip with no credit.

Applying for a reduction card

Discount cards need to be individual cards. You use the same form but it is clear from your date of birth which category you fit into. From 65 years on you are entitled to a senior citizen's tariff.

How to use the OV-chipkaart

Swipe the card upon entering and leaving the bus, metro or tram. Don't forget to check out or you'll be charged the entire boarding rate of €4! Otherwise, you pay for the distance travelled, unlike the zonal system used with the paper strippenkaart.

Swiping the OV-chipkaart

With a strippenkaart, a journey costs €1.60 for one zone (two strips) or less for kids and pensioners or if you buy multiple strips (15 or 45). Your stamped card is valid for an hour, regardless of transfers between, say, metros and trams. This is also true for the OV-chipkaart, though you do need to check in and out with each transfer.

Whether you like it or not, if you use public transport in the Netherlands you'll soon have an opinion on the practicality of the new system.

See www.ov-chipkaart.nl for more information (in English, as well as Dutch).

KLM to recycle rubbish into energy

The Netherlands - Dutch airline KLM wants to convert much of the waste produced on its flights into energy, reports Dutch news agency ANP.

The airline, which is currently examining the feasibility of this method of recycling, intends to launch a trial in 2010 where plastic cups, cutlery and leftover food scraps will be converted into electricity and heat energy.

The electricity produced could in turn be used to load luggage into airplane cargo holds. Additional energy could also be channelled to flower greenhouses in Aalsmeer.

KLM estimates that up to 20 tonnes of rubbish a day could be generated into electricity and heat.

Radio Netherlands / Expatica 19/08/2009

Rotterdam hopes to clear up its last homeless

The city of Rotterdam is busy trying to clear up the last two hundred of its homeless. A project began in 2006 to find homes for those sleeping rough on its streets.

Over 2,700 of its 2,900 homeless now have accommodation.

The intention is to get the remaining 200 to the point that they choose a different way of life for themselves by the end of the year. But 'that is a hard nut to crack', reflects de Volkskrant.

Making contact with some of the people will prove to be difficult, "but therefore we will put extra effort into that," said the spokesman of alderman Jantine Kriens (Social Relief) on Wednesday.

Each year, about 80 difficult cases are referred to an institution in Hummelo in Gelderland in the east of the Netherlands, where they receive support and are given work experience.

Radio Netherlands / Anna Ritchie / Expatica 06/08/09

CONGRATULATIONS

to Annie Spaander for being awarded a **prideofaustralia™** medal for her work with refugees - maintaining contacts with people left behind, organising accounts and overseeing loans for families learning how to make their own way.

Dinner at Parliament House soon for those who can help in any way - photos, letters, items - or perhaps in setting up or attending with the Dutch Migrant Record to be displayed in the new Channel Heritage Museum.

How old are we?

There is conflicting evidence regarding the date of the club starting. Besides the memories of Titus Steenhuis & George Huizing recalling a Society in the 60s, we have the following written accounts:-

- "outgoing committee members are A Vandenberg, H Meerding and A Smeekes. All 3 have been members since 1969." Tasman Telegraph April 1974, Vol 2, #8

- "... since the Society's inception since 1969." Tasman Telegraph March 1975, Vol 3, #2.

- "2 Royal Dutch Navy frigates visited Hobart early 1969. Subsequently the Society was organised in August 1969." Tasman Telegraph July 1975, Vol 3, #4.

- "Before August 1970 (heading) ... The first official step will be a general meeting at Hadley's Hotel on Wednesday the 19th of August at 8 p.m." 25 years DAS "Abel Tasman" Inc, p.1.

- "It has been decide that the financial year will run from January until December. This means that members who joined the Society before 1st January 1970 paid their membership fee over 1971, and do not have to renew ..." 25 years DAS "Abel Tasman" Inc, p.11.

The first three and the fifth quotes are written by J. Th. Baar. The fourth quote is from FC Dobber. Normally most weight is given to the record closest to the event. Should we do so this time ?

The piece from Dobber is supposed to be a copy of a letter written by him, dated 12 August 1970, a open invitation reflecting on the success of entertaining the sailors and calling for the establishment of a club for Dutch settlers.

An anon article in the 25 year anniversary book claims the sailors were entertained in June 1970. A second function was held for the Dutch people of Hobart and environs on 11 July 1970 to recoup the costs of entertaining the sailors.

An article dated March 1980 affirms the entertainment event (although not nominating a date), and the 11 July event and date, and the 19 August 1970 date.

The honour board uses the 1970 date, but has Dr Freddie as President in 1992, which is wrong, so can we trust it?

External evidence

According to the calendar, the 19th of August 1970 was a Wednesday, and for the previous year it was a Tuesday. This lends weight to the claims of FC Dobber.

Warships

These seem to be crucial to the dating process. If any one has clippings, or the time to find same in the State Archive, please advise. This evidence will probably settle the matter, if we can find a copy.

Memories

Can be wonderful, and give you a warm glow inside. Unfortunately, they are fickle, and only good for giving colour to the written evidence. So, fotos and newspaper cuttings, minutes etc, carry far more weight.

There was once a Dutch Australin Society which began in 1951, but faded away in 1955. There may have been an *ad hoc* organisation in the 1960s. This may be confused with the "Abel Tasman" Incorporated organisation. If you have the paperwor to prove one or the other, let's see it. Maybe we can have another 40th birthday next

Oral history page on website

It is now possible for you or a grandchild to enter your migration record on the DAS website.

Thank you to Chris Schuth for installing our web site address plaque on the Abel Tasman Monument

The 350th Anniversary of the death of Abel Tasman will be marked with a reception/promotion event in Amsterdam by officials of the Australian Embassy. It will also be noted at the Tulip Festival in Wynyard on 3/10/09.

The DAS extends its condolences to Ali, Patrick and Catharina Stam on the death of their husband and father Gerrit Stam
9 Jan 1948 - 29 Jul 2009

His generous nature, boundless energy, positive outlook and sense of humour will be missed.

Tulip Festival 3 & 4 October

This year, as ever, we need a few volunteers to make our stall a success.

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