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We sure love to meet you at all our functions. "Gezelligheid kent geen tijd"

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From the Editors desk

Joop de Wit



What a splendid Anniversary celebration. Concordia turned **67** years last September. We enjoyed a great Dutch Community spirit during this special function in the Cardiff RSL. We enjoyed a great time of pure '**Hollandse Gezelligheid**' everyone was in a festive mood and the day was once again a great success.

Australia today is our home, but we will always carry that bit of Dutch culture within us, and the urge to catch up on things with our friends. Seeing the happy people at our functions in the **Cardiff RSL** sure warms our hearts, seeing all those happy faces every time we meet. A classic case of our past heritage perhaps, despite having embraced our new Australian identity. Our more mature generation of readers will surely recognise and even appreciate the heritage we left behind but we still experience this in our new country of adoption Australia, Concordia is such an organisation. Creating a cosy and friendly atmosphere including the Dutch '**Gezelligheid**' we used to experienced in the past. Our aim is to cater for everyone, including all those of Dutch descent or interested in our culture. Past memories can be a great tool in keeping us happy and healthy. Those who fit into this category are always very welcome to participate in whatever we do for our community, especially at our special events 5 times a year.

Our AGM for the year 2023-2024 is once again behind us, we said farewell to some very special people namely **Gonnie Terpstra** and **Henry Louwen**. Thanks for the many years of working towards the happiness of the many members and readers alike. **Mary King** has once again taken up her position in the committee, thanks **Mary** you are a gem.

For the adults we have a special Christmas celebration planned for **Saturday 21st December** in the **Cardiff RSL**. Our Committee loves to see many of our readers at our next function. All in all, a big day is being planned. We have a few surprises for you and a special gift for all those who are in attendance. Not forgetting lots of laughter and Dutch "**Gezelligheid**" Just make sure you get yourself booked in on time.

Your editor, Joop

From the Presidents Desk - Toni Somerville

Dear Readers, this is the last newsletter for the year, our last function is on December 21. I hope you have enjoyed the many newsletters from **Joop** and of course our functions. Can't believe that the year is nearly at an end. On every tv channel today is, '**America votes**'. I don't understand America's voting system, it is so completely different to ours.

Last September's 67th birthday function was enjoyable. Committee member, **Jopie Ryan** decorated the tables and donated a chocolate gift to the men for a belated Father's day gift. Thank you very much **Jopie**, you are so clever and generous. The men also received a special pen which was appreciated. **Joop** entertained us, thanks **Joop**. As always our sincere thanks to everyone who donates, at functions or by email, be it an extra couple of dollars, raffle prize or raffle tickets. Whatever, we greatly appreciate your generosity.

Sadly Henk Phillipa passed away on September 18. Henk was a member since the start of Concordia and was very much involved in the club for many years. Our sincere condolences to Henk's family, relatives and friends. We are going to miss Henk, just like all members who, due to age or illness, have passed away. **Rick Melder**, aged 61 also passed away on 3rd November. Our sincere condolences to his parents **Jopie** and **Gerard Melder**. Also to all his siblings, relatives and friends. **Alie Lindsay** one of the singers of the '**Dutch Quintet**' died at the age of 82 in Nelson Bay. Hope you all find comfort in the thought that your loved one is now at peace. Further information in this issue.

The AGM was held on October 5th in the small function room at the RSL. Office bearers, Secretary, **Joop de Wit** and Committee members, **Ingrid Thomas**, **Jopie Ryan** and **Wendy Vanson** were re-elected. We were delighted to welcome **Mary King** back as a Committee member.

We hope to see lots of members and their friends at our last function of the year, December 21. **St Nicholas** will arrive after lunch, all will receive a small gift. Please join us and enjoy the friendship, all you can eat lunch, entertainment from **Joop** and a special Christmas raffle. Wishing you and all your loved ones a bright and cheerful Christmas, one you will remember for the joy it brings. Best wishes to all for happiness, good health and a safe 2025. Until next time, keep well. *Toni.*

To all our readers that are not feeling very well. Concordia will be thinking of all our readers who are not feeling very well. We wish you a full and speedy recovery. Editor



The Festive month of December in the Netherlands. St Nicholas Christmas and New Years Eve.





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Uit de Oude Doos — Memories of yesteryear



Please book your seats for the next
Concordia Christmas Function.

Saturday 21st December, Cardiff RSL

Its Christmas time, all in attendance will get a
present. St. Nick will pay us a quick visit.

Entertainment is in Joop's hands. ***Book Now!***

***My mother-in-law has come round to our house at Christmas 10 years running
This year we're having a change, we're going to let her inside!***

Dear employee, you will not have escaped that the world is experiencing
a terrible financial crisis. In addition to the monetary world, it now also
affects the car industry. We are therefore forced to shed some of our staff,
but we appreciate it very much that a very large proportion of our employees
have since agreed to the departure premium offered and have responded
very enthusiastically. Anyone who voluntarily leaves the company gets a
VW Polo for free. On behalf of the entire management: Thank you for your
efforts and have fun with your polo. The management ***"Volkswagen NL"***

***PS: Do you want to indicate at our personnel office whether you want a polo
with long sleeves or one with short sleeves?***



Dutch News

News And Current Affairs, News - Overseas



Nederlands Nieuws iedere dag 12:30pm - SBS channel 35



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CONCORDIA

Invite to the next December function

Your special invite for Saturday 21st December

Concordia Presents a special **Christmas** afternoon.

Every **person** in attendance will receive a present.

Joop will entertain us at the **Cardiff RSL**. Don't miss it!

Bring your family and friends as Christmas present.

Anyone is welcome - Booking essential - Enjoy our show

Doors open 11am - Finish 4pm - **BOOKINGS:** Contact Joop on 4954 5227.

Join us for an **all you can eat Banquet**, followed by our entertainment

(We don't like to disappoint - please book early, yes, it is essential)

Please pay at the door, only **\$20.00 pp** for an **all you can eat Eastern Tiger banquet**, followed by a cosy sentimental afternoon.

We have not received a lot of membership payments this year, **please pay NOW!**

Just a
friendly
reminder...



This could well be your last issue, please check !

ONE DAY I WILL START
BEHAVING MYSELF...



BUT NOT TODAY !

*Je wordt niet dik tussen kerst en oud en nieuw
Maar tussen oud & nieuw en kerst!*



The Dutch shop in Smithfield is always in the Christmas spirit.

*St. Nicholas has officially arrived in the Netherlands
Saturday 16th November in Vijfheerenlanden.*



Jopie won a prize at our last function

*I woke up and realised I had to use the bathroom.
Got up and walked across the house to the pantry.
Couldn't remember why I was in the pantry.
Remembered I had to use the bathroom.
Walked across the house to the bathroom.
Sitting on the throne I remembered why I went to the pantry....
Toilet paper!!*

PRESIDENTS REPORT - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **5th OCTOBER 2024 - DUTCH SOCIETY CONCORDIA**

GOOD AFTERNOON, Committee and Members, welcome to the 2024 AGM. Thank you for your attendance.

As I reflect on my 15 years as President, I am grateful to still have a supportive committee who do their utmost to make our 5 functions in the year *'gezellig'* for our members. Members love the table decorations and special treats at functions. Thank you all very much. To all the volunteers who help, sincere thanks.

Joop, the backbone of our club, deserves again praise as Secretary for all he does. He spends so much time on the excellent newsletters since 1984. The entertainment for our functions and other Secretarial duties. You keep me informed about everything. I appreciate all you do very much. Without you there would be no **Concordia**.

We are most fortunate that **Mat** remains our Treasurer. **Mat** works quietly and efficiently for our club, and he does it well. Thank you very much **Mat**. Between all of us we remain a good team.

Due to advancing age, members at the functions have declined slightly. The newsletters have increased in volume again and enjoyed immensely by the members unable to attend functions and those who live further away.

Gonnie Terpstra and **Henry Louwen** are due to health reasons not able to remain as Committee members. A very special thank you to both for your years in the Committee and donations during The Dutch Day in the Park for many years. Two very generous and kind Committee members.

Sadly, again this year well-known members have passed away. They have enriched our club for many years. We sure miss them at all our functions. My best wishes to all who are not well. Stay positive and may you feel better very soon.

Thank you to St Nicholas, **Terry Moonen**, and **Piet, Nate Somerville**, who delighted the members with their presence again at last year's Christmas function.

My sincere thanks to the members who frequent and support the functions by donating a few extra dollars also by buying raffle tickets and for raffle donations. You are very generous and wonderful.

We continue to be grateful to the Cardiff RSL for the use of the large

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function room, for setting up the tables, etc. and for opening the front doors early so we can set up for our functions. Thank you to all the staff members.

The majority of Committee members are getting on in years and we would dearly love to have a few younger members in the Committee.

Looking forward to the friendly and happy get-togethers again in the coming year. *Thank you. Antonia Somerville.*

Come and join us for a great day out with your family and friends.
Saturday 21st December is our famous Christmas function.

VENUE: CARDIFF RSL - Everyone is welcome.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023/2024.

Like most small organisations *Concordia* is facing increased overheads like postage, printing, stationery, entertainment and function costs. This is exacerbated by falling attendances at our functions mainly due to our ageing members.

For many years we have not increased membership fees or the cost of our Saturday functions. We now have the situation where we subsidise every *Concordia* function. We are fortunate to have members who give financial donations and prizes for our very successful raffle, this helps offset some of the losses.

Our financial statement for 2023/2024 does not differ greatly from the previous financial statement with our closing balance this financial year slightly down.

Sadly, the younger generation have no desire to become members and show no interest in keeping our Dutch traditions alive, but we will keep our club alive for as long as we can.

Mathijs Wolthers
Honorary Treasurer.

I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my own happiness, I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be happy!

Special dates for your Australian calendar - 2025

Here are the public holidays in New South Wales for 2025

- New Year's Day: Wednesday, 1 January
- Australia Day: Monday, 27 January
- Good Friday: Friday, 18 April
- Easter Saturday: Saturday, 19 April
- Easter Sunday: Sunday, 20 April
- Easter Monday: Monday, 21 April
- Anzac Day: Friday, 25 April
- King's Birthday: Monday, 9 June
- Labour Day: Monday, 6 October
- Christmas Day: Thursday, 25 December
- Boxing Day: Friday, 26 December
- New Years Eve: Wednesday 31 December



Public School Holidays NSW 2025



Saturday 12th April 2025

Monday 28th April 2025

Autumn vacation

Saturday 6th July 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Winter vacation

Saturday 20th September 2025

Monday 13th October 2025

Spring vacation

Saturday 20th December 2025

Monday 26th January 2026

Summer Vacation

**CONCORDIA
FUNCTIONS 2025
CARDIFF RSL**

Important Dates:

Saturday 29th March

Saturday 31st May

Saturday 26th July

Saturday 27th September

Saturday 20th December



SECRETARIES REPORT 2023-2024 AGM

Dear members, firstly I like to thank you for your continuing support of our **Concordia**. Having personally clocked up 41 years of association with our club since I joined in 1983, 40 years as your secretary, 40 years as the Editor of the Concordia Newsletter including being installed as vice-President at the AGM in 1991. During all that time I have written many annual reports. Some of those reports were encouraging, some pleasant and others perhaps a little lopsided. What saddens us every year is the decline in general health of our ageing members, this of course has resulted in the loss of some of our members, this loss keeps striking at the core of our **Concordia** organisation.

Overall, it has been a rather difficult year for our club, our committee is very concerned about the never-ending cost of running Concordia. The hardship of the present economy is biting into the printing, mailing and even the meals at the **RSL**. Everything is constantly changing. To combat our concerns, we need to encourage our members to think about the future of Concordia, not only in your generous donations but also in your general support by getting some of your friends or family involved. I mentioned before that in the latest Australian 2021 Census. We supposed to have around 940 Dutch-Australian citizens in the Newcastle Lake Macquarie regions. Everyone must know some of those families, please mention our Dutch Society Concordia when the opportunity arises or better still, give them a gift subscription as part of your friendship. Think about how you, as our members, can put something back into Concordia without too much effort. I know, I keep repeating this every year but it's our only way of having a sustained membership for a much longer period of time.

During the past year, our committee has met on several occasions. We debated the various Concordia issues. At every meeting we always experienced a great atmosphere; I would like to thank all members of the committee for their wonderful work for our club. Our President **Toni** became an official **Concordia** member on **Saturday 20th October 2006** She has now clocked up 18 years, first as a committee member and 15 years as our leader. She certainly is an excellent operator. Our Treasurer **Matthew Wolthers** has always been a little shy of being the greatest treasurer in Australia which I love mentioning, after all, he is in control of Concordia's finances, doing so since **2013**. Some committee members unfortunately had to say farewell during the year for personal reasons and some due to health. **Henry Louwen** & **Gonnie Terpstra**. It means we have a number of vacancies in our committee. Welcome back **Mary King**, who has joined us once again.

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Concordia is, despite the losses and minimal attendances at our functions still experiencing a small growth in memberships. This offsets those who have left us for greener pastures. Our Concordia afternoons are our only asset to date. The number of members attending at our functions is of some concern, not because of the type of get-togethers which we truly enjoy, it's about the number of guests. What does stick out is the harmony and the gezelligheid of meeting up with friends that share a similar background, so many are always looking forward to a day out and having a good time. Some people are just not able to have someone taking them to our functions, a general outcry from the people I talk to. We also noticed membership fees are not paid like in the past, please do so now, those having paid, thank you!

The Concordia Newsletter has made a big impact by all our readers. We are mailing around 150 issues at every print, I also deliver some personally. We are sending around 250 issues by email to many readers in Australia and around the world. The only negative part is that the emailed issues don't bring any revenue in our financial situation. Some Dutch clubs in Australia are still taking articles out of the Concordia newsletter, especially the ones that often create a smile. I have no issue with others taking our stories as long as they mention the Concordia newsletter. I love to bring a ray of sunshine to as many Dutch people in Australia and beyond. However, the financial part of emailing could become an issue in the near future. The coloured issues had a dramatic effect on the quality of the newsletter, thanks to **Claudio** of **PixPrint** in Wetherill Park, also to **Jan & Monique van Altena** from "**Het Winkeltje**" in Smithfield for looking after them, **thanks so much!**

This my friends is the Secretaries report **2023-2024** It's a reflection of the past **12** months of serving our members. Thanks, must go to all of you here by your attendance. On a personal level I wish you all good health and many happy years of gezellige (**cosy**) get-togethers within our current **Concordia** framework. It's also my personal wish that we can continue spreading and enjoying **Concordia's** happiness for many years to come.

Joop de Wit, Hon. Secretary.

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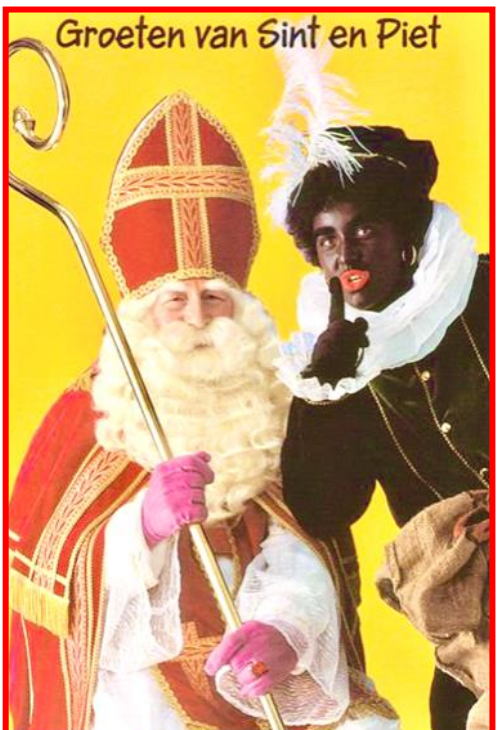
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But, GROWING up is optional!!

A GEITENBREIER





Toni & Lucia at our last function



Jopie & Greetje love the all you can eat meals.



Certainly no cooking tonight.

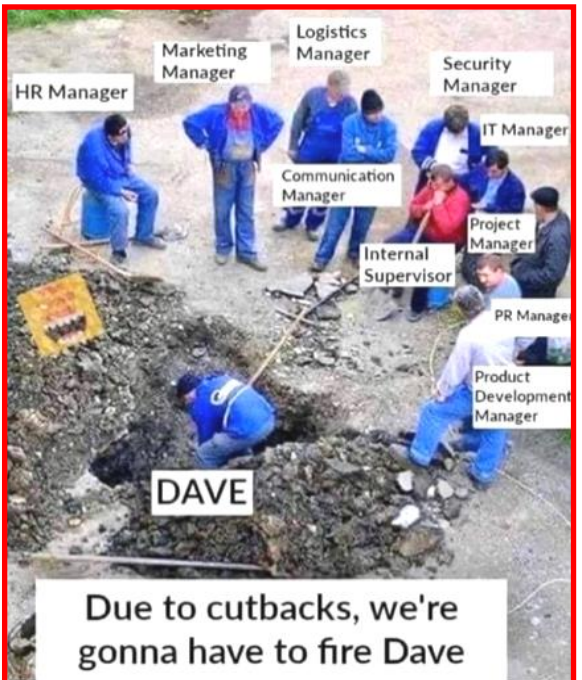


Now, isn't that interesting?



Did you pack the bags yourself?

No, the elves did!



Due to cutbacks, we're gonna have to fire Dave



*Yesterday I bought a map of the world.
I also bought a dart for my wife and said to her,
"Throw the dart and where it lands.... we'll go on holiday."
This summer we will be staying behind the refrigerator for 3 weeks.*



Three very happy Concordia members.



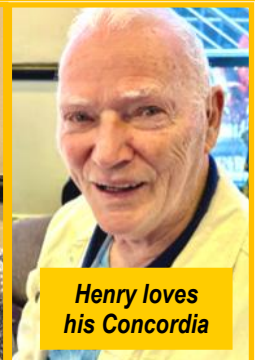
Het is en blijft...oergezellig.



Our oldest member Neils ?



Joop never misses a function



Henry loves his Concordia

Let's Open The Can !



Remember This Key ?



Dat was nog eens smullen!!

*You can take me out of the Netherlands.
But you can't take the Netherlands out of me!*

Members that left us for greener pastures during 2024.

Trees van Lier 95 - 24-03-2024 - Joe Roggeveen 88 - 05-07-2024

Eileen Bamford 94 - 05-07-2024 - Lena van der Lely 100 - 20-08-2024

Henk Philippa 89 - 18-09-2024 - Alie Lindsay 82 - 31-10-2024

Frederick (Rick) Melder 61 - 03-11-2024

Please take our love with you, may you all rest in peace. Rust in Vrede.



*Can you
get me
another
oliebol ?
They are
so
Delicious!*



Our oldest Concordia member right now is **Mr. Neils de Groot**, sharing it with **John Peschar**, it's only a matter of comparing birth dates to find out the exact year/month of difference between those 2 great well known gentlemen.

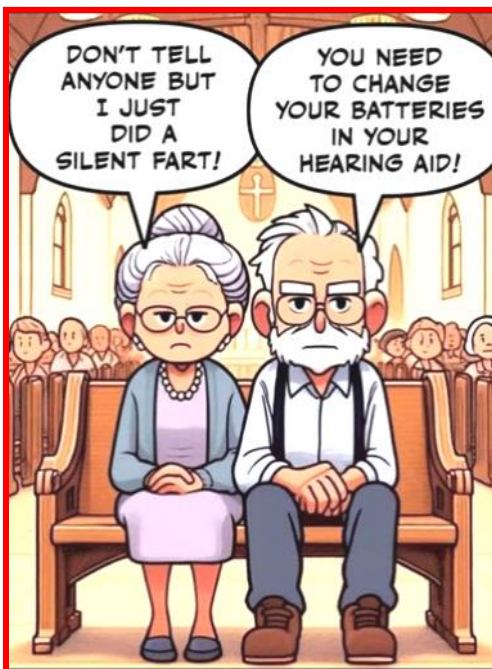


Last Years visit from Saint Nicholas for the adults was very well received by all in attendance, if we sing loud enough again this year we might have a chance to meet him once again.



ZOEK DE 6 VERSCHILLEN

Damn, this year went by so fast I didn't get a chance to lose weight.



Anyone celebrating a special event like an Anniversary, Birthday or some other special occasion during the next 3 months. **Concordia** wishes you a special pleasant time with family and friends. Our sincere congratulations from your **Concordia** Family.

“Moge zij leve lang hoera....hoera”



Jopie and son Rick at our last September function.





On behalf of the Concordia committee we like to encourage you in giving a gift subscription to your friends or acquaintances. You can never give a more value for dollar present to anyone who is interested in our Dutch community or the Dutch Culture. This truly is a gift that lasts a whole year. Think about, how you, as our members can put something back into Concordia without too much effort.

Your Concordia Committee.



You know you're getting older when a recliner and a heating pad is your idea of a hot date.





*“Serve your parents in the last part of their life
Just like they serve you in the first part of your life”*

Our personal lives in a nutshell

When you were born knowing nothing, you are completely at the mercy of your parents. They are of course very happy with the purchase and give you all the love and attention that you as an infant do not realise and which you then pay for by pooping diapers and shouting for the treats that are brought to you in such nice packaging served. You have nothing to do but grow up and for the rest you just let the outside world take its normal course. Decisions that are of course also important for your future are made by governments and whether you like it or not, you will have to live by it later.

The second part begins when mother takes you to school for the first day and then entrusts you to someone else's care for the first time in your life. There you start to learn all kinds of things and then you must assume that everything they tell you there is also true. The best thing is, you learn to read and write, and you learn the tables of so many times that much is so beautiful by heart and you accept it because the master or teacher said so, so it must be so.

Then comes the third part of life and perhaps the most beautiful part. You grow up and become a man, you learn a trade. That's necessary

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*a Taste
of Dutch*



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because, after all, you also must help earn a living. Once again you are taught things and again you must accept what the teacher at the Craft School tells you because it must be true.

You now also realize that there are two types of people walking around on this planet, Boys and Girls. You didn't really notice it before, but those girls started to look more and more attractive, and you had no trouble keeping them away. They say that's the nature of the beast. Father and Mother soon notice this and want to talk to you and explain certain things to you and warn you about other things.

Again, telling you about such and such. Well, it must be true again. But then something strange happens, sometimes you don't do what your parents told you, then you start to think, hey, I can actually do what I want. All those warnings and all those regulations sometimes seem so wrong, and you think it can be done differently and why shouldn't this or that be allowed.

Dear people, then it will only become clear that Our Lord has given you free will and that you can do with it what you actually want. Look people, I think now is the most dangerous time in every person's life. Only then will it become clear what kind of character you have and how you will use that free will. I believe, dear readers, that this has an influence on the kind of world we live in. Everyone wants to tell everyone else how to do it, everyone wants to be the boss, everyone is looking for power, strength, and fame and unfortunately, usually not to have this power.

To use, but to abuse, in addition to living according to the laws that are written down and which constitute virtually the entire code of the modern world we would not do better to value and respect everyone's opinion, to understand it, it would help us all make a better world than the sick bad world we are living in today.

Let us try to start respecting everyone's opinion, even if it is not the same as your own, maybe it's also good that it could be just another opinion, because we say so, and then maybe it might not be the case. But this is only my opinion. Enjoy the festive season, ***your Editor***

June 30 was the official end of our financial year. We allow our members a period of **2 months** before removing them from our official mailing list. Those already paid we thank you. Please refer to page **35** for information as your membership could be overdue!



My age doesn't bother me, it's only the side effects of it...



Annette van Leeuwen
has made her new home in
Maroba Aged Care - Waratah



Gonnie Terpstra has settled
in **Opal Aged care Berkeley**
Vale - Central Coast.

Some of the many visits Joop makes every month to a number of aged care facilities as part of my volunteer work for **Mosaic Multicultural Connections**.

If our love could have saved you - you never would have died.
 The things we feel so deeply are the hardest things to say,
 You will always be remembered in a very special way.
 With sadness we report the untimely death of our late member

Alie Lindsay

Passed away peacefully on **31st October**, surrounded by her family
 after a short but intense sickbed, late of Corlette, **aged 82.**

On behalf of Concordia we convey our condolences to Alie's family and
 to all those friends who were close to Alie during her time with us.

*Dance as if no one were watching, Sing as if no one were listening,
 live like it's heaven on earth.*

*There are some we meet in passing and forget as soon as they go.
 There are some we remember with pleasure and feel honoured and
 privileged to know. You were that kind of person who leaves beautiful
 memories behind and there will be many days which will bring fond
 memories to mind*

*Een reis over de toppen en diepe dalen is voltooid, toch zijn wij diep
 bedroefd. Toch nog geheel onverwacht is hij van ons heengegaan*

Frederick (Rick) Melder - Aged 61

Rick passed away suddenly on **Sunday 3rd November 2024**

Rick was the son of **Johanna & Gerard Melder**. A loved dad of **James, Liam** and **Stephanie** and their partners. Loved and adored Opa of **Lilly, Eva, Callum, Finn, Darcy** and **Bailey**. Cherished brother of **Mark, Lynda, Robert**, brother-in law and uncle of their families. Good friend to many.

A Funeral service and celebration of life was held in the Chapel of
 Pettigrew Family Funerals at Belmont, **Friday 15th November 2024.**

On behalf of the Dutch Society Concordia we convey our deepest
 sympathy to **Jopie** and **Gerard** and all in the family.

May Rick Rust in Vrede - Rest In Peace

Accept what is. Let go of what was. Have faith in what will be.



**Family is like
branches on a tree,**
we all grow in
different directons, but
our roots remain as
one.

I think I'm losing my mind!



That's because
you've given me a piece of
it every day since we
got married.



OOOHH...
I DO LOVE YOU

AHH...
IS THAT THE WINE
TALKING DEAR?

NO
IT'S ME TALKING
TO THE WINE



THERE'S A DRIP RIGHT HERE.
AND A DRIP RIGHT THERE.
HERE'S A DRIP. THERE'S A DRIP.
EVERYWHERE A —

OKAY, I
GET IT!



There is only one happiness in this life: To love and be loved



Joop in his element, doing what he loves most, making people happy by assisting in whatever the occasion.

Joop de Wit - dip. RCS Utrecht
Multicultural Funeral Celebrant

Grief never ends. But it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith...It is the price of LOVE.

Wij wisten dat het onvermijdelijke zou komen, maar niet dat het zo snel zou zijn. Omringd door onze liefde ben jij vredig van ons heengegaan. **Bedroefd maar ook dankbaar** dat een nog langer lijden hem bespaard is gebleven, geven wij u kennis dat uit ons midden is weggenomen, onze lieve **Vader** en **Opa**,



Hendrikus (Henk) Philippa

Op de gezegende leeftijd van 89 jaar

Dearly loved Husband of Anne (Dec'd)

Much loved Father of **Tim, Karen, John** and their **families**.
On behalf of Concordia we convey our deepest condolences to all in the family. Now reunited with his much loved wife **Anne** and all those that have gone before him. **Rest in Peace Henk. Rust in Vrede.**

To thrive in life you need 3 bones. A Wishbone. A Backbone and a Funny bone.



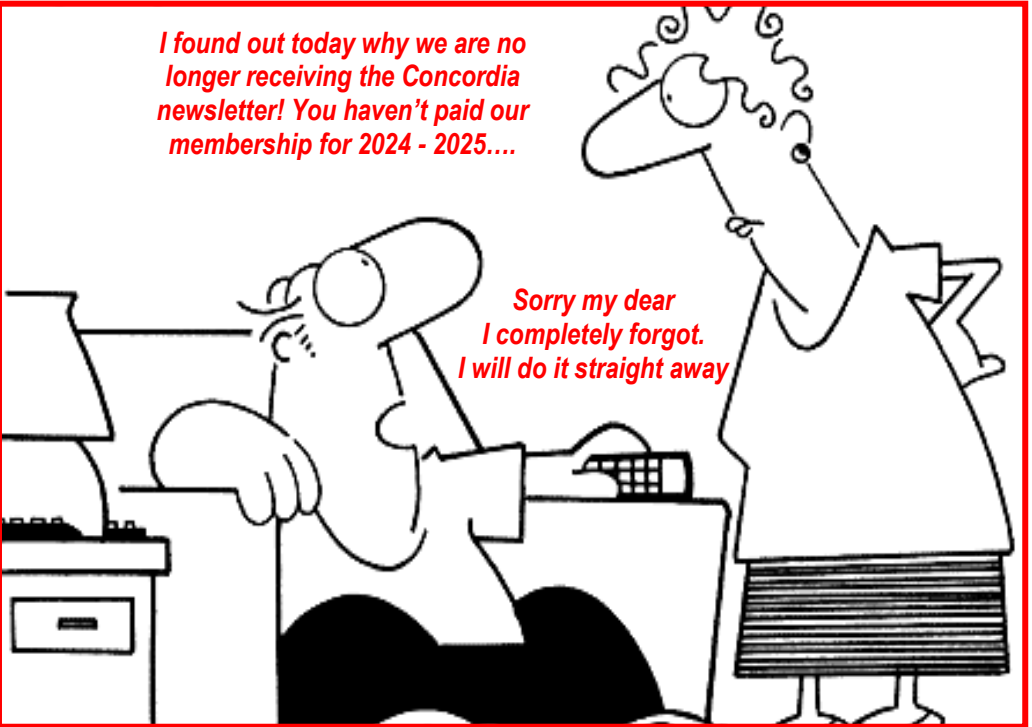
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I found out today why we are no longer receiving the Concordia newsletter! You haven't paid our membership for 2024 - 2025....

*Sorry my dear
I completely forgot.
I will do it straight away*



*If this issue is received in time, may I remind you of our Multicultural Christmas concert on 1st December at 7pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral.
For further enquiries: please contact Joop de Wit on 0412 671 848*



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