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Dear folks,

BORREL CLUB BRISBANE

Happy New Year, once more! We are once again in the situation where the "old" committee cannot hand over to a new one as there is no new one: a few nominees have such commitments that they cannot do a proper job for the Borrel Club. The "old" committee, too, is heavily committed, but has decided to keep things rolling. However, members must not expect the usual efficiency, or a similar number of social events throughout the year. The newsletters, for example, will come out once a month, but not necessarily at the end of the month: people, who need to be reminded of the upcoming "Borreavond" had better circle the first Wednesday of each month on their calendar. The newsletter will be produced whenever I have the time (or otherwise Rinus will take care of it). We hope to have a large response to our call for executive positions towards the end of this year. (If only the remuneration were better.....)

On Sunday, the 5th of February, there will be a B.B.Q. at the Simpson Tates at the foot of Mt. Coottha, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. (or as long as people wish to stay). Everything is "BYO" (Bring your own) but John VlaDot will bring some beer, a bottle of whisky, Chateau Box white and red, and some soft drinks. Good weather can be ordered, but John says, he will have to charge a moderate fee! John's position is the only one that must be filled in the "new" committee, and we shall not require the crankmeister to produce a computer print-out to show whether the average member drank \$2.87 or \$3.93 on the evening of the March meeting.

On 5 May 1995, it will be 50 years since Nederland was officially liberated from Nazi occupation. NESWA and the Federation will organ-ise a gate on 6 May at the Riverside Gate Room, Oxgate Drive, Newfarm. "Big Band Music" and old-time melodies will evoke the atmosphere of the "forties". About 600 people are expected, at only \$15 p.p., so our members should get in touch with Harry Schoofs (2092825) or Rinus Lagerwaard (343 1834) as soon as possible to reserve tickets. "Buffet dinner" is included!

We had a very lively meeting on 4 January, when only 9 members attended. Mr. Van der Doot thought it necessary to reassure an alarmed-looking waitress: "We are not about to hit each other, this is just a normal Dutch discussion". The topic? "Whether one can be proud to be of 'pride, gratitude, etc. Perhaps because the group was so small, every one could take part in the one discussion, but was it noisy.....?" It shall be away for a wedding in Dapto (NSW), but I hope a good turn-out of members on 1 February will have a most enjoyable evening and discuss the proposed increase of \$2 for every meal, as well as the budget for 1995.

Greetings, Henk.