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**Concordia** geeft onpartijdig nieuws, zonder gebonden te zijn aan enige staatkundige partij, kerkelijke richting of belangen en gemeenschap, wij werken uitsluitend in dienst van Concordia's eigen social belang.

*From the Editors desk - Joop de Wit*

**A**s I started to write my second editorial for the year we have been bombarded with many sad stories about the state of our world. We live in a very volatile situation right now, its not my main duty to make official comments on this as its not going to solve any of the real issues that we all face today. I am always constantly reminded of a well known Dutch statement that says, "*Verbeter de wereld begin bij jezelf.*"

*(If you want to improve the world we need to start at home)*

**Concordia** wants to make our lives a bit better by staying positive and to enable our members their family and friends to come together in harmony by experiencing a number of cosy afternoons each year. Time to relax and to forget the issues of this warring world in general. All we need to do is to make an effort to be in attendance. Ask your children to take you if you cannot drive or need help. We have looked after our children for many years, its not much to ask them to give you a day out to celebrate 5 of our great functions each year. I understand that we live in a different world these day's as everyone seem to be very busy but we were never too busy to give our families the best years of our lives by devoting our time and money in their growing years. You truly deserve a good time in the company of likeminded people.

**We are hoping** to see as many people in the **Cardiff RSL club** on **Saturday 25th May**. We will combine *King's Birthday, Mothers day* including the *liberation of the Netherlands* all in the one afternoon. We have organised the attendance of one of Australia's greatest singers by the name of *Michael Montgomery*. Just phone us if you're attending. I will not be available for the first 2 weeks of May after I mail this latest issue at the Post Office in Cardiff. Please leave a message on my recorder and/or ring **Toni** at your convenience, details are on page 2 of every newsletter.

**Please remember** we must give final numbers to the Cardiff RSL for the setting up purposes, the restaurant needs to know the numbers to have sufficient food before every **Concordia** event, thank you! Most of us are in our twilight years, so let's enjoy each others company while we can. Just pick up the phone and tell us how many will attend, leaving the names and details, that's all folks. Please be patient & kind to each other, till next time, stay positive in a world full of surprises. *Your Editor Joop*

***From the Presidents Desk - Toni Somerville***

**D**ear Readers, Easter is behind us and the weather was beautiful. I hope everyone enjoyed spending it, or part of it, with loved ones and/or friends. Our Easter function was down in numbers, some members are not well and others had commitments. This happens and we missed our members. We welcomed guest **Ingrid Moisin**, and hope she will come again. The entertainment by Joop was, as usual, very good. Joop puts so much effort and time into it. **Thanks Joop.**

**Jopie Ryan**, committee member, had the tables looking beautiful again. She is so clever decorating the tables and she also made up small paper cups filled with Easter eggs, donated by **Jopie**. Committee member, **Ingrid Thomas**, donated the Easter decorations that were in the baskets for the raffle. Thank you very, much ladies.

**We are so fortunate** to have generous members. Thank you most sincerely to our members who donated Easter baskets and flowers. Also to the members who added a little extra when paying for lunch and donated items for future raffle prizes. We appreciate it very much.

Congratulations to **Christina** and **Jim Kliousis** on their **60th** wedding anniversary. It is a wonderful achievement. Our best wishes for more happy years together in good health.

**Sadly Trees van Lier** passed away recently. Sincere condolences to her husband, **John**, their family, relatives and friends. May you find comfort and peace in the days ahead. Caring thoughts go out to all members who are not well.

**The next function** is on **May 25th** As usual we remember the brave men and women who fought in all wars and conflicts with many giving their lives. Also, the brave men, women and children who bear the scars. Sadly, we continue to see heartbreaking images on television of the suffering, death and destruction in several countries.

**On a brighter note**, we will celebrate **Liberation Day, Kings Day** and **Mother's Day**. All ladies will receive a small gift on the day. To all mums our very best wishes for a special and happy Mother's Day amongst your family.

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At our May function **Michael Montgomery** will entertain us for an hour from 2pm. **Joop** will show videos the first half during the afternoon. **Michael** is a super entertainer, please come and enjoy listening to **Michael**.

In July **Norm Bakker** will return to entertain us during the afternoon. Always good to see **Norm back** and to sing along with well-known songs.

Memberships are due from the 1st of July though you may pay yours at the May function if it is convenient. Thank you very much for your continued support.

**Please join us** on **May 25th** for another enjoyable day, a smorgasbord lunch and catching up with friends. Wear something orange if you like. Until next time, take care, stay well and safe. *Toni.*

*We may not be perfect but nevertheless we are unique, kind, thoughtful and positive and doing the best we can.*



*The Netherlands experienced a very mild winter this year  
No skating or snow of any significance, hence the black snow man.*

*Thinking of an old fashioned Mothers day*



*After 41 years of volunteering  
It has offered me a very rewarding  
experience. Many new challenges,  
stimulation, knowledge and  
a renewed sense of purpose.*

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*And ever has it been that love know not its own depth  
until the hour of separation.*



Optimistisch tot het laatst, gesloopt van al haar krachten, na een leven dat gekenmerkt werd door eenvoud, hartelijkheid, bezorgdheid en liefde, geven wij u kennis dat na een vol, maar toch bewogen leven, en een laatste moeilijke levensfase, van ons is heengegaan op de gezegende leeftijd van 95 jaar

*Theresia Maria Albertina van Lier – van Kessel*

*Trees* died in *Christ* on the **24th March 2024**. Late of Toronto,

Dearly loved wife of **John van Lier**.

Much loved mother and mother-in-law.

Loving Oma of 17 grandchildren and many great-grand-children.

**A service of thanksgiving** was held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at Lake Macquarie Memorial Park, Ryhope.

*This service was officiated by Multicultural Funeral Celebrant Joop de Wit*

De mooie herinneringen die zij achterliet zijn een blijvende troost. Het bestuur en leden van Concordia wensen de achtergebleven familie en haar vele vrienden veel sterkte met het verwerken van dit grote verlies.

*Moge Trees ruste in vrede.*

*Be thankful for life itself, all we need is love and understanding!*

## ***Five things senior citizens should not do.***

**Never sit idle at home.** Many people prefer walking rather than doing exercises because going to a gym is wastage of money for them. Doing work at home and doing exercise in gym is altogether two different things. Outside you mingle with people and refresh yourself. Even if you can't go to a gym you can do some sort of stretching exercises at home or in a nearby park with or without friends.

**Never ever** think that buying new clothes, shoes or bags is not for me? Because you are getting older ! **A big NO.** Try the latest outfits with confidence. It in turn boosts your own personal confidence.

**Don't stop** eating proteins of any kind if you are consuming. It keeps your muscles tight and prevents some sagging. People say old ones can't digest. It's not so. If you consume regularly it will go with you at any age.

**Don't forget** to take multivitamins intermittently.

**Don't forget** to grow a kitchen garden. Working in the garden keeps your body flexible and mind fresh. Close to the nature is close to God. Some people I know, talk to their plants, while taking care or watering them.

**Never give** unnecessary advice to youngsters. Do this or do that. Just listen to them and only nod your head in affirmation. We can't always communicate with younger ones as there is an obvious generation gap. Besides the present generation is quite smart. Let's mind our own business and remain fit and healthy. *Editor*

***Some statesmen love peace so much....  
that they would willingly sacrifice a war for it***

### ***What are the qualities of a man***

**My Father taught me how to be a man** – not by instilling in me a sense of machismo or an agenda of dominance. He taught me that a real man doesn't take, he gives; he doesn't use force, he uses logic; doesn't play the role of trouble-maker, but rather, trouble-shooter; and most importantly, **a real man is defined by what's in his heart, not his pride.**

***During all the wars in the world, the laws are silent***

# Dutch News

News And Current Affairs, News - Overseas



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



*For those that cannot attend our next function  
Remember the fallen on the 4th May at 8pm*

## ***Bevrijdingsdag 2024***

**B**evrijdingsdag is de dag waarop het einde van de 2de Wereldoorlog wordt gevierd. In Nederland wordt 5 mei aangehouden, omdat het Duitse leger in Nederland op 5 mei 1945 zou hebben gecapituleerd.

**Met de capitulatie van Duitsland** was de Tweede Wereldoorlog in Europa afgelopen. Laten wij, al diegene die voor ons hun leven gaven, gedenken op zaterdag 25 mei in de Cardiff RSL. Speciaal dat wij nog steeds in vrijheid kunnen samenkomen, ook al leven wij in een vreselijke onzekere wereld.

*Ik ben voor een dubbeltje geboren, maar nu ben ik onbetaalbaar*

**Traditional Dutch Recipe**

**Dutchie's**  
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# CONCORDIA

## Invitation

*Your special invite for Saturday 25th May*

*Concordia Presents a special variety afternoon.*

*Michael Montgomery will entertain us at the Cardiff RSL.*

*During the second part of the afternoon. Don't miss it!*

**Anyone is welcome, just come-along and enjoy our show**

Doors open 11am - Finish 4pm. BOOKINGS: Please contact Joop on 4954 5227.

**Join us for an all you can eat food and a great entertaining afternoon.**

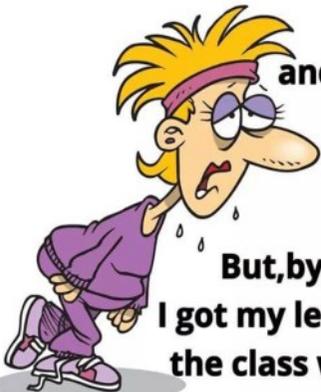
*(We don't like to disappoint - always book early)*

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

*Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers.  
Now they seem to drink like their fathers.*

**I decided to take an aerobics class. I bent, twisted, gyrated, and jumped up and down for an hour.**

**But, by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over.**



*Happy Mothers Day 2024*





*Jan & Anita van Altena (The Dutch shop)  
Enjoying the pleasures of Kings Day*

*A Delft's blue car maybe?  
It's on the bucket list !*



*Allow me to share a personal anecdote from my own journey.*

**In the past**, I faced the challenge of **high blood pressure**, and it was quite troublesome. Despite the medications prescribed by doctors, I always felt the need for something more natural to complement my treatment. This led me to explore the realm of natural remedies and **healthy habits**, and guess what? I stumbled upon a true gem! It may sound cliché, but water truly became my greatest ally in the battle against high blood pressure. Yes, plain old water! It may not sound as glamorous as fancy herbal teas or exotic juices, but believe me, hydration is key.

**When you maintain** proper hydration, your blood flows more smoothly, thereby reducing the pressure on your arteries. Additionally, staying hydrated ensures optimal functioning of your body, which is crucial when dealing with health issues. So, develop a friendship with your water bottle and sip on it throughout the day! It is a simple yet powerful way to support your overall health, including the management of your blood pressure. Always remember, sometimes the simplest solutions are the most effective. Stay hydrated, my dear friends!

***PS: always see your doctor first before making any changes,  
this is only a personal observation.***

***Respect the old when you are young.  
Help the weak when you are strong.  
Confess your faults when you are wrong.  
Because one day you will be old, weak and wrong.***



*Anyone celebrating a special event like an Anniversary, Birthday or some other special occasion during the next 2 months. We wish you a very special good time with all your family and friends. Our sincere congratulations to you from the **Concordia** Family.*



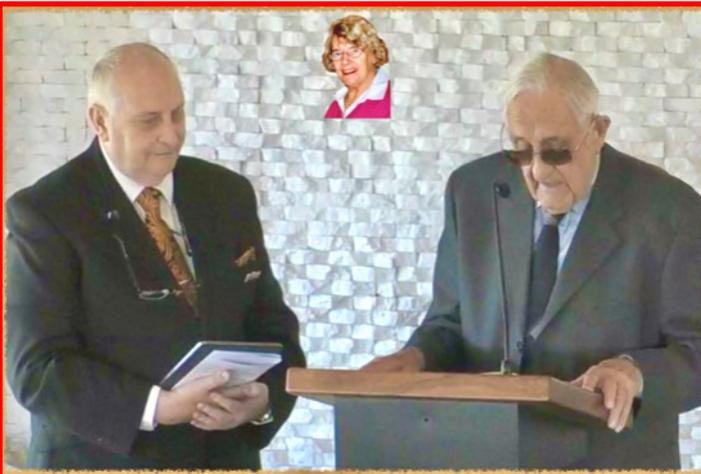
*Uit de oude doos - Concordia's Choir many moons ago!*



A man tells a Psychiatrist *“I have a strong desire to live to eternity. What am I suppose to do?”* *“Get Married,”* replies the Psychiatrist. *“Its that simple? Would that allow me to live forever?”* *“No, but the desire will disappear.”*

A blonde teenager, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a *'handy woman'* and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighbourhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do. *'Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch,'* he said, *'How much will you charge me?'* Delighted, the girl quickly responded, *'How about \$50?'* The man agreed and told her that the paint brushes and everything she would need was in the garage. The man's wife, hearing the conversation said to her husband, *'Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?'* He responded, *'That's a bit cynical, isn't it?'* The wife replied, *'You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes we've been getting by email lately.'* Later that day, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. *'You're finished already?'* the startled husband asked. *'Yes, the blonde replied, and I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats.'* Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50.00 and handed it to her along with a \$10.00 tip. *'And by the way,'* the blonde added, *'it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus.'*

*Make your life a masterpiece, You only get one canvas.  
You were born original, don't die a copy.*



*A very difficult and emotional time reading out your most loved and trusted partner's life story.*

*We know it as the eulogy at a funeral.*

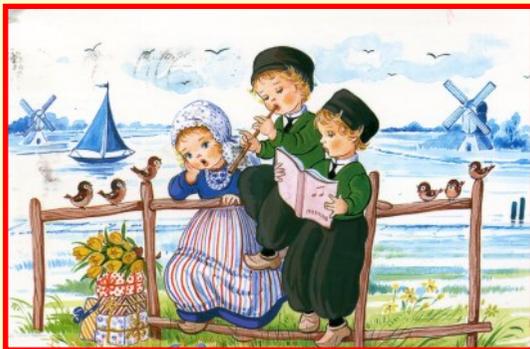
*A very proud moment to be able to do this. Thanks John you did very well.*

## *Special dates for your Australian 2024 calendar*

### New South Wales Public Holidays 2024

This page contains a calendar of all 2024 public holidays for New South Wales. These dates may be modified as official changes are announced, so please check back regularly for updates.

Date	Day	Holiday
10 Jun	Mon	King's Birthday
7 Oct	Mon	Labour Day
25 Dec	Wed	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Thu	Boxing Day



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7 Oct	Mon	Labour Day
25 Dec	Wed	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Thu	Boxing Day



*Could this one day be possible please?*

### *Public School Holidays*

*NSW 2024 - 2025 - Eastern State*

*Saturday 6th July  
To Sunday 20th July 2024 - Winter*

*Saturday 28th September  
Sunday 12th October 2024 - Spring*

*Saturday 21st December  
Thursday 6th February 2025 - Summer*

*Saturday 12th April 2025  
Thursday 24th April 2025 - Autumn*

### *CONCORDIA FUNCTIONS 2024*

*Saturday 25th May*

*Saturday 20th July*

*Saturday 21st September*

*Saturday 21st December*

*AGM October date*

*to be announced later*

Na regen komt zonneshijn.....  
Van Harte Beterschap

*Thinking of all  
our readers  
who are  
not feeling well.*



*We wish you a full  
and speedy  
recovery, and our  
sincere best wishes.*

*Happiness is not something you experience,  
its something you remember.*

Nu begrijp ik waarom  
sommige mensen me  
nooit mochten:  
ik had de onaangename  
gewoonte mezelf te  
zijn.

*Stilstaan en Herdenken  
opdat het nooit meer  
gebeuren zal.  
Stilstaan en Denken aan hen  
die vandaag de dag  
nog leven in de val van oorlog.*

*Come and book your seats to commemorate  
and celebrate Kings Day & Mothers day.  
Saturday 25th May Cardiff RSL*

*Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English  
It means they know another language*



10 jaar ,mama ik hou van je.  
 13 jaar ,mama moet je.  
 16 jaar ,mama laat me met rust.  
 18 jaar , ik wil weg van dit huis  
 25 jaar ,mama je had gelijk.  
 30 jaar , ik wil terug naar mijn mama.  
 50 jaar , ik wil mijn mama niet kwijt.  
 70 jaar , leefde mijn mama maar nog.

Je hebt maar één mama wees  
 daarom zuinig op haar .

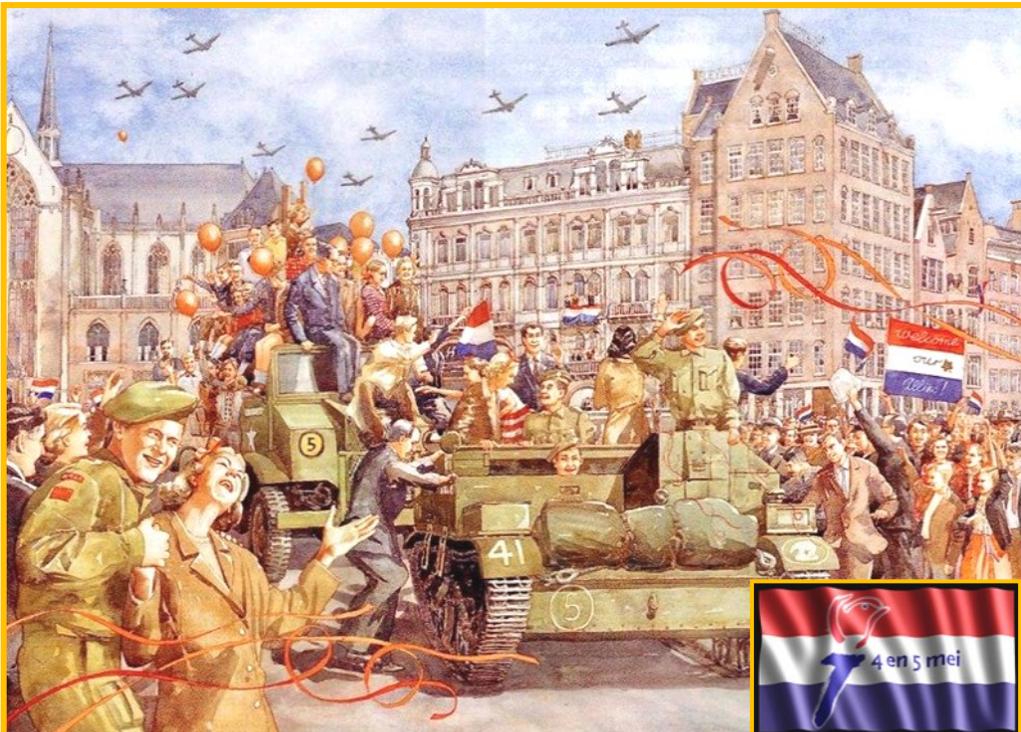


"Wees niet bang  
 om oud te worden.

Je doet dan nog  
 steeds gekke dingen,

maar dan alleen  
 een beetje langzamer"

*Let's get together in harmony to commemorate and celebrate this special event. Our guest artist **Michael Montgomery** will entertain us during the second half of our special Program. **Book early!***





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*It was our first function in the Cardiff RSL  
Our first get-together for 2024 was perhaps not as busy,  
but by golly it was a very cosy day for all those attending.*





*Inside every older person is a younger person...  
wondering what the hell happened!*

*Growing old is inevitable; growing up is optional.*

A boy, frustrated with all the rules he had to follow, asked his father, "Dad, how soon will I be old enough to do as I please?" The father answered immediately, "I don't know. Nobody has lived that long yet."

A daddy was listening to his child say his prayer "Dear Harold," At this, dad interrupted and said, "Wait a minute, how come you called God, Harold?" The little boy looked up and said, "That's what they call Him in church. You know the prayer we say, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, Harold be Thy name!!"

**Adult:** A person who has stopped growing at both ends, is now growing in the middle.

*Soms kan ik uren  
zonder koffie,  
ze noemen het  
ook wel slapen*





*A cigarette is a pinch of tobacco, wrapped in paper, fire at one end, fool at the other*



*Our love for Concordia is a combination of... Respect, Friendship, Understanding, Communication and Companionship. Therefore your Concordia friendship is like a bank account You cannot continue to draw on it without making a deposit. Time to pay or make a donation, every extra is very welcome.*

*The longest distance in the World is from the Head to the Heart.*

*Don't take life too seriously, nobody gets out alive.  
Adventure before dementia or any other Medical or  
Personal issues that we often face in our lives, let's stay positive!*



*Mijn dochtertje van 5 ziet een Platypuss in  
een boek en zegt: Kijk mama een platte poes!*

*Whether it's a friendship or relationship,  
all bonds are built on trust. Without it, you've nothing.*



Ieder huisje  
heeft zijn kruisje  
en ieder voelt  
zijn kruis  
het zwaarst!

Happy Mother's Day  
to all moms, both  
here on Earth and  
up in Heaven.



**I**t's not often that a young man emerges in the entertainment industry with such an amazing Vocal Tone and natural charm. With his Amazing Voice it's no wonder **Michael** is winning the hearts of his audience throughout Australia and abroad.

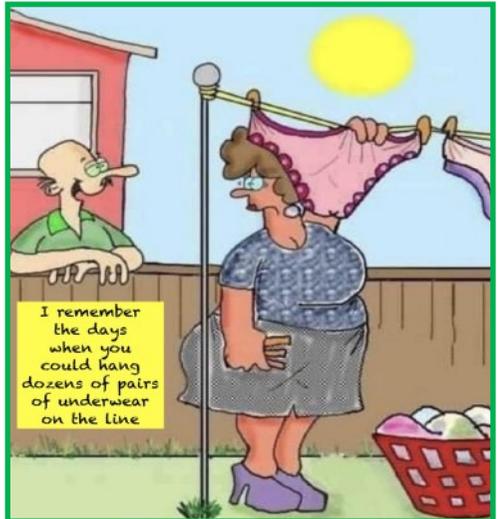
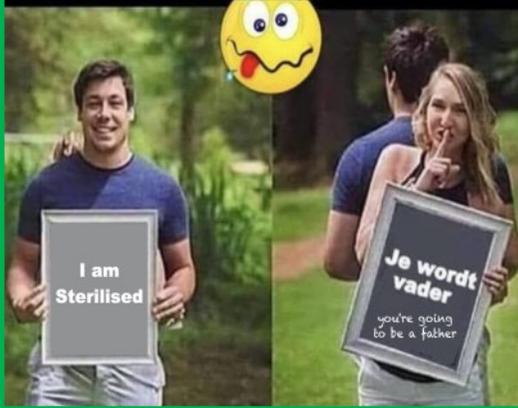
**Michael has performed** with the likes of the **Platters, Grace Night, Rhonda Burchmore, Maria Venuti** and renowned Sopranos from Opera Australia.

**Michael** recently returned From Asia where he was handpicked to represent Australia in "World Star Quest" Asia's equivalent to Eurovision, up against the best singers from 23 Countries, including double and triple platinum recording artists, bringing home the Bronze for Australia.

**Come and meet Michael at our next function in the Cardiff RSL on the 25th May.**  
**Our star performer will be entertaining us during the second session.**  
**Please don't miss it, be there or be square!**

## Relationship Test:

Write something down what your partner doesn't know



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



Sommige mensen zijn net als een rotonde. Alles moet altijd alleen maar om hun draaien.

*Concordia's next function will be held on Saturday 25th May. Our special get-together is all about the futility of war, the remembrance and the liberation. We will be celebrating Kings Day and Mothers day, we always honour all our mothers wherever they are. Every mother in attendance will get a present from Concordia.*

*Come and join us for a great day out with family and friends.*

*VENUE: CARDIFF RSL - Everyone is welcome, zegt het voort!*



**Gouda's monumentale Stadhuis** waarvan de trouwzaal een van de mooiste in Nederland is. Het zal in 2026 weer in gebruik worden genomen, het gebouw stamt uit **1450**. Zelfben ik ook in dit stadhuis getrouwd zoals vele andere Gouwenaren. **Met dank aan Rinus Lasschuyt voor de foto's..**

### ***Stay healthy and up to date this winter***

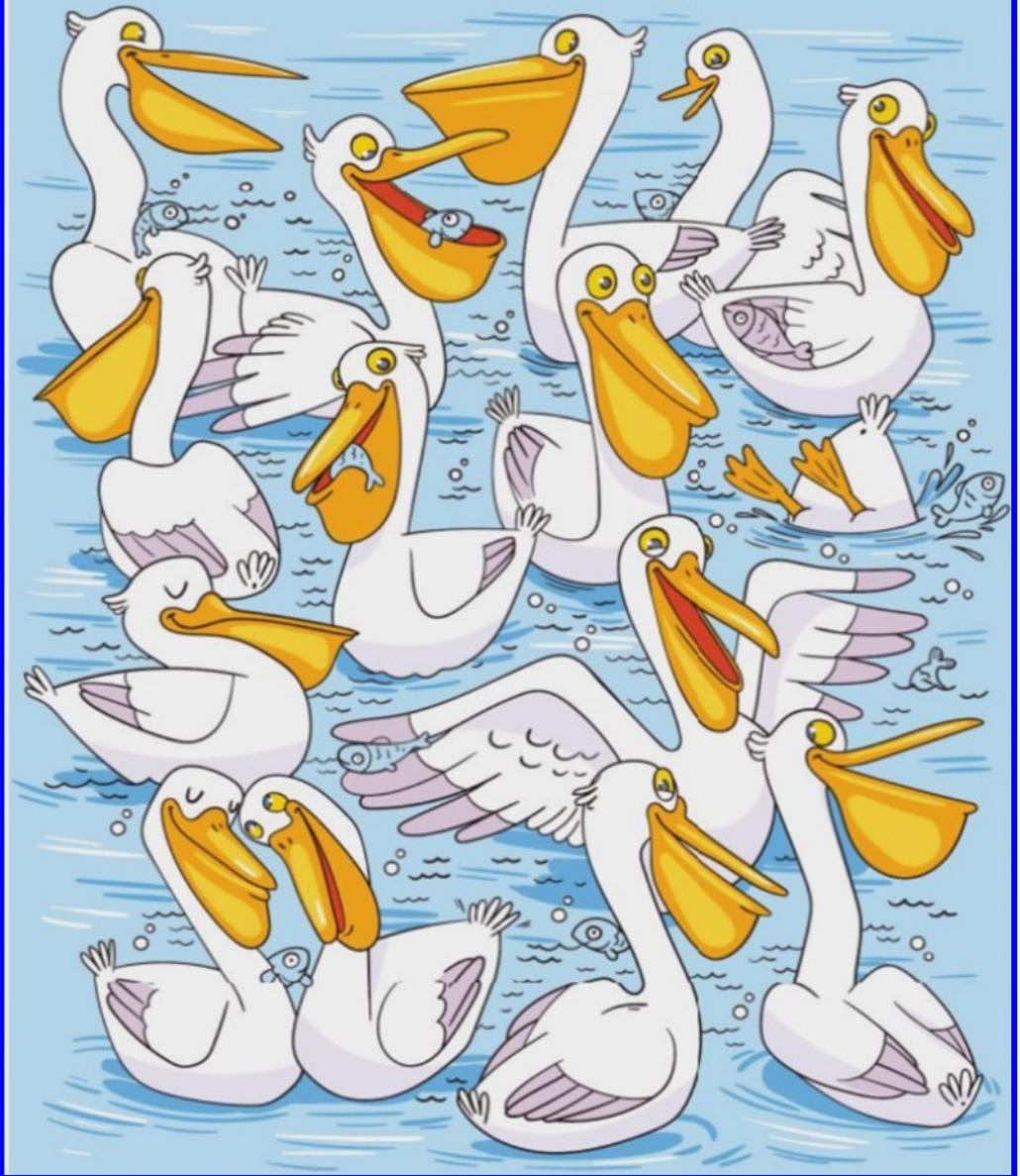
**Influenza (flu) is a highly contagious respiratory illness** caused by influenza viruses. There are two main types of human influenza viruses: A and B. There are also many sub-types and strains. Flu is more serious than the common cold and severe cases can result in breathing difficulties and pneumonia. People in NSW can die from flu-related illness. Flu can occur throughout the year but is most common in autumn and winter. In most flu seasons there is more than one strain circulating in the community.

- ◆ **Follow these simple steps** to reduce the risk of getting sick this winter.
- ◆ **Wash your hands regularly** to reduce infection.
- ◆ **When you cough and sneeze**, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue.
- ◆ **Go to your doctor** if you are sick, save the emergency department for emergencies.
- ◆ **Get a flu shot.**
- ◆ **Stay at home** and keep away from crowded places if you have the flu.
- ◆ **If you smoke**, the best thing you can do for your health is quit. Call the NSW Health Quit line on 131 848.
- ◆ **In Emergency Departments**, emergencies always get priority. Remember, minor illness or injuries may be treated by your local doctor.

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## *Blind leading the blind*

*"How was your golf game, dear?"* asked Jack's wife. *"Well I was hitting pretty well, but my eyesight's gotten so bad I couldn't see where the ball went."*

*"Well you're 75 years old now, Jack, why don't you take my brother Scott along?"* suggested his wife. *"But he's 85 and doesn't even play golf anymore."* protested Jack. *"But he's got perfect eyesight. He could watch your ball."* His wife pointed out. The next day Jack teed off with Scott looking on. Jack swung, and the ball disappeared down the middle of the fairway. *"Do you see it?"* asked Jack. *"Yup,"* Scott answered.

*"Well, where is it?"* yelled Jack, peering off into the distance. *"I forgot."* Said Scott!!

## **D E A D L I N E N E X T I S S U E :**

For our MAY - JUNE issue is the 10th JUNE 2024.

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*He lost the will to leave his mother*



*Barbara admiring the Easter table decorations*

*Als je goed kijkt, kun je iedere dag iets moois zien*

*“I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.  
Then I want to move in with them”*



**Keukenhof** also known as the **Garden of Europe**, is one of the world's largest flower gardens, situated in the municipality of **Lisse** in the Netherlands. Keukenhof is celebrating its **75th anniversary in 2024**.

**According to the official website**, Keukenhof Park covers an area of 32 hectares (**79 acres**) and approximately 7 million flower bulbs are planted in the gardens annually. While it is widely known for its tulips, Keukenhof also features numerous other flowers, including;

**Hyacinths, daffodils, lilies, roses, carnations** and **irises**.

**Though** its grounds are open year-round for private affairs and festivals, Keukenhof is only open to the general public for a world-renowned eight week tulip display from mid-March to mid-May, with peak viewing arriving near mid-April. Every year the flower park is dedicated to a specific theme. The inspiration gardens, events and artworks are adjusted accordingly.

*Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own, that includes the grandchildren...*

## ***Dit is deel 2 in de serie over de Nederlandse nationaliteit.***

**Neem je als Nederlandse** vrijwillig een andere nationaliteit aan? Dan verlies je volgens de wet in principe de Nederlandse nationaliteit. In principe, want sinds 1 april 2003 gelden enkele uitzonderingen waardoor je toch een dubbele nationaliteit kunt hebben. Je kunt een andere nationaliteit aannemen en niet de Nederlandse nationaliteit verliezen als:

- je geboren bent in het land van jouw andere nationaliteit én je daar woont op het moment dat je die andere nationaliteit aanneemt.
- je voor je achttiende jaar vijf jaar achter elkaar in het land van jouw andere nationaliteit hebt gewoond.
- je getrouwd bent of een erkend geregistreerd hebt met iemand die de andere nationaliteit heeft.

**Per land** kunnen uitzonderingen gelden, want je hebt zowel met de regels en wetten van Nederland als die van het andere land te maken.

Zo gelden bovenstaande uitzonderingen niet voor Nederlanders in Oostenrijk. Neem je de Oostenrijkse nationaliteit aan, dan verlies je in ieder geval de Nederlandse nationaliteit. Het is daarom aan te raden om jouw specifieke situatie altijd voor te leggen aan de medewerkers van de Nederlandse ambassade in jouw land. *Editor*

## ***Sometimes memories sneak out of my eyes and roll down my cheeks***

### ***What is the task of a Multicultural Funeral Celebrant?***

**A celebrant** is the person that will look after the service for you. They are the one standing up the front conducting the service just as a minister or a priest would. A celebrant can tailor the service to exactly what you would like for your loved one. It can still contain a religious aspect as if it was in a church, or you can have no religion at all. It's totally up to you. Some families come with very strong ideas about what they want during the service. Other families need all the guidance they can muster. A celebrant's role is to listen, to guide, and hopefully when the service happens, it will be exactly as you want it. Talk to your loved one, ask what they want, this is a very important aspect in the decision making. **Joop** being the only multicultural funeral celebrant since 1994 is able to put certain overseas touches in any of the 5 languages he could use during any funeral or celebration of life service. *Joop de Wit*

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*Raise your hand if you once lost everything and  
 had to rebuild your whole life from scratch.*

*There is no such thing as a free ride*

**A man established a zoo** and made the entrance fee \$300, but no one went there. He reduced it to \$200 but still, no one came. He then reduced the fee to \$10 but still, people didn't come. Finally, he made it to a **FREE** entrance and soon, the zoo was filled with people. Then he quietly locked the gate of the zoo, set the lions free, and made the exit fee of \$500 Moral of the story:

*"As you go about in life, beware of cheap or free offers, they can become an expensive & a terrible experience" No business is free. Editor*

*You're never fully dressed without a smile.*

*What type of world are we living in today?*

**Having just been married**, tired and finally back home from their honeymoon the husband decided to take the lead by informing his newly wed wife his likes and dislikes. *'I am the man of the house'* he told her, *'Starting tomorrow, I want you to have a hot delicious meal ready the second I walk inside the door after work. Afterwards, when watching TV and relaxing in my chair, you need to bring me my slippers and then run my bath. And when I'm done with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?'* The wife sitting in her chair with a big grin on her face answered, *'The Funeral Director.'*



### *Letters to the Editor*

**Dear Dutch Society Concordia team**, I'd like to introduce myself and our team to you, and I hope we can explore potential avenues for collaboration.

**Our revamped** Dutch Australian Cultural Centre (**DACC**) is now under new management and has expanded its digital presence nationwide and internationally. Established in 1984, DACC has been instrumental in preserving Dutch heritage in Australia. While initially focused on NSW, it transitioned to a digital platform two years ago, boasting a website with over 800 articles that attract 2,500-3,000 monthly viewers.

**DACC is committed** to enhancing efforts in Dutch Australian heritage preservation and is eager to gather collaboration ideas from stakeholders across Australia. We offer a 'virtual' hub that digitally connects resources, aiming to facilitate cooperation and resource sharing.

**Currently**, our organisation is run entirely by dedicated volunteers, each professional in their respective fields, and supported by a valued part-time employee. Our future plans include hiring professional staff for preservation purposes and fostering collaborations with other Dutch-Australian organisations. Additionally, an international professional research team is diligently compiling an inventory of existing studies

**DACC produces** a monthly e-newsletter and is seeking support and collaboration for long-term preservation initiatives. For a more detailed overview of how we propose to collaborate as Dutch organisations in Australia. Feel free to contact me for more information on:

[dutchaustriancc@gmail.com](mailto:dutchaustriancc@gmail.com) or view the Website: [www.dacc.net.au](http://www.dacc.net.au)

Best regards, *Paul Budde*, President Dutch Australian Cultural Centre (**DACC**)

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If you like to read the latest Concordia newsletters online go to the following website:

<https://dutchaustralianculturalcentre.com.au/archive/dutch-culture/dutch-clubs/newsletters-concordia/>

**Joop**, Thanks for putting in that lovely **100th** Birthday article in the Concordia newsletter (*March-April issue*) All in the family thought it was wonderful. Thanks, *Karl Vanderfelty*

**Hi Joop**, It was so disappointing to read in the March-April Newsletter your opinion piece on Australia Day 2024, stating *“Let’s be realistic, Aborigines don’t OWN the land.”* I respect your point of view, but sorry, my friend, that statement is **incorrect**, for two reasons:

(1) **Historical**: For some 65,000 years this continent we now call Australia was occupied solely by First Nations people, it was their land, it was Aboriginal land, there is no doubt they owned it, unchallenged. That all changed on 26 January 1788 when the armed forces of Imperial Great Britain invaded at Sydney to establish a colony. They declared the land was empty, claimed ownership of the land in the name of the King of Great Britain, and started killing any Aboriginal people who resisted being forced off their lands. Unlike all other colonies of European powers there was no treaty here with the First Nations people.

(2) **Legal**: In 1992 the High Court of Australia in the Mabo case found that Native Title existed, that is, that First Nations people living on their traditional lands had title to that land, they owned it. The Federal Government legislated to give legal effect to the Court’s decision. Aboriginal ownership of land is now recognised in Australian law.

**The controversy** about Australia Day is no surprise because the date marks the British invasion, the big theft of land and the start of massacres of Aboriginal people. Celebrating such injustice is not a good way to promote the unity, peace and harmony we seek in our country. *John Mills.*

**Reply**: Thanks John appreciated, I totally understand the real issues you mentioned. I have replied in full after I received your email. My main concern was the state of the world in which we live today, the many wars and other obstacles that is threatening our existence, which I believe is currently far

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more important than going back in our own history. Maybe soon we won't have any history if we don't do something about our real world now. Everyone is equal in my personal world, unfortunately its not seen like that by many others that are hell bent to destroy our lifestyle. *Joop*

**Ha Joop!!** Pas nu een - niet minder enthousiast - reactie op alweer een meesterlijk boekwerkje! Waar haal je het vandaan?? En mezelf tegenkomen op een foto met jou en Nel, wat een verrassing. Je hebt er veel werk aan maar wat een resultaat. Je doet er veel mensen een groot plezier mee, kijk maar naar de reacties. Nu maar weer even ademen en rustig aan (*kun je dat?*) tot de volgende versie. Lieve groet vanuit nu weer een druilerig Nederland, vanaf morgen komt er beter lenteweer aan! *Marion Wiezer,*



### ***Koningsdag 2024 werd officieel in Emmen gevierd***

**Z**ijne Majesteit de Koning woonde op zaterdag 27 april 2024 met leden van het Koninklijk gezin en leden van de Koninklijke familie de viering bij van Koningsdag in Emmen in de provincie Drenthe.

De Koning is getrouwd met **Koningin Máxima**. Ze hebben drie dochters: Prinses **Catharina-Amalia (de Prinses van Oranje)**, **Prinses Alexia** en **Prinses Ariane**.

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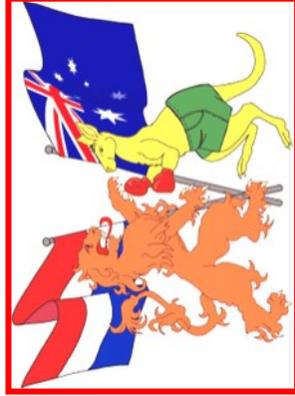
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