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*A sentimental
visit to
Volendam*

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From the Editors Desk - Joop de Wit



St wasn't so long ago that someone asked me again "is it true, will Concordia, our Dutch Society only exist for another few years.???" I gave the person a big smile and said; "**no ... much longer than that!**" You see, during the last 60 years we celebrated many happy occasions and also had to farewell many beautiful members of our Dutch community. They were our foundation stone. Despite the many losses, membership has continued to increase and now we can boast that our Concordia is the only Dutch club in Australia with a growing membership. WHY? Is it the functions? Is it the newsletter? No it's our background and our heritage. We feel comfortable in getting together a few times a year to enjoy some great shows on offer in the Cardiff RSL. The by now very much appreciated Concordia newsletter is sent to over 200 email addresses in and outside of Australia, 180 hard copies are printed every 2 months for our local members to read. It's the choice we offer our members.

In appreciation of what we do for our members, everyone is renewing their memberships each year and also have given us various financial donations, some stuck their hands deep in their pockets, others who could less afford it made a somewhat smaller one. Each gift is gratefully received, carefully noted in the books and put in our treasure-chest. Some donated prizes for the raffle, some gave their time freely as a volunteer when our St. Nicholas and Dutch day is celebrated in **Marmong Park**, every first Saturday in December. They never asked for out of pocket expenses but willingly give their time to us.

Our valued advertisers have made the printing of our magazine a little less costly. All this my friends are some of the reasons that we can keep going the way we do including keeping our membership fees at a very modest level, we haven't had the need to increase our fees for 17 years in a row, actually we have made the fees cheaper in some cases, even while the cost of printing and mail postage has gone through the roof. We also had a few treasurers in our Society who are real misers and only wrote a cheque when it's absolutely necessary. So my dear friends, you have been given the wrong information about the demise of our Concordia. We will not even think that we are going to finish as a club because we are having too much fun when we are together, especially from our very much praised and appreciated video afternoons. The number of people looking forward to a "**gezellige dag**" in the Cardiff RSL is not letting up. Having said all that, no-one knows what the future holds but we have plenty of reasons to believe that we will be reaching a few more anniversaries as we continue our current trend and your participation at our special afternoons. A number of

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interesting indications we have noticed is that a younger and newer generation is becoming interested in their Dutch background and heritage, as well as some Dutch descendants of long ago, they no longer have their children at home, they in time feel the association with our "*Dutch Society Concordia*". I am sure we anticipate a much longer existence than most are predicting. Just lets hope and pray we can stay alive long enough to experience it all. **Looking forward to our next function, Saturday 15th July in the Cardiff RSL**, we might even surprise you that day with a comedy act by some of our members, *Groetjes Joop*

***If it doesn't challenge you...
it doesn't chance you***

CHURCH BLOOPERS - Toni Somerville

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: *'Jesus walks on water'*

The sermon tonight: *'Searching for Jesus.'*

Ladies don't forget our rummage sale. *It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*

Don't let worry kill you off....let the church help.

Our guest performer sang: *I will not pass this way again, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir.
They need all the help they can get.

At the evening service tonight the topic will be, 'What is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled.
Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

From the Presidents Desk - Toni Somerville

Dear readers, Our May function was again well attended, members and guests enjoyed the lunch and entertainment. A huge thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes or money.

Lynda Johnston had been very busy crocheting many beautiful orange butterflies, which were admired by all. They were pinned on the coats and tops of our members and guests. Thank you very much Lynda. The ladies received a small gift which were made by Lucia. Thank you Lucia, they were lovely.

We had hoped to have *Norm Bakker* entertain us at the July function, but he was booked for another engagement. We will have an entertainment surprise (*Comedy Show*) for you that day as well as *Joop's* usual enjoyable entertainment.

In September we will celebrate **60 years** of Concordia, amazing!! Many members will remember those years where friendships were made, the different functions, carnivals, dances, etc. which were so enjoyable. We are older and sadly many past members have passed away. It is thanks to your continued attendance and appreciation that Concordia continues. Of course it is also thanks to the committees, past and present. We hope to bring you many more enjoyable functions in years to come.

At the September function we have, apart from the usual raffle prizes, 2 High Tea tickets at *'Iona on Robert.'* *Iona* is a beautiful heritage home located in the heart of Wallsend in Roberts street, where you will get to indulge yourself in a relaxed atmosphere and be entertained by *Wayne Rogers*. An experience like no other. Newcastle's hidden gem with 5 star reviews. Each voucher is for 2 people. The lucky winners can book a suitable day themselves.

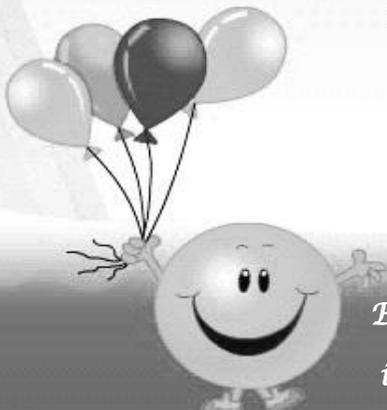
The annual membership fees are due in **July** and you may like to pay them at the July function if it is convenient. More about it in this issue.

We look forward to your company on the 15th of July for another '*gezellige*' function day. Until next time, keep well, stay safe and please book early for our function *on Saturday the 15th of July*. Another great event not to be missed.

Toni

*A great relationship doesn't happen because of the
love you had in the beginning,
but how well you continue building love until the end.*

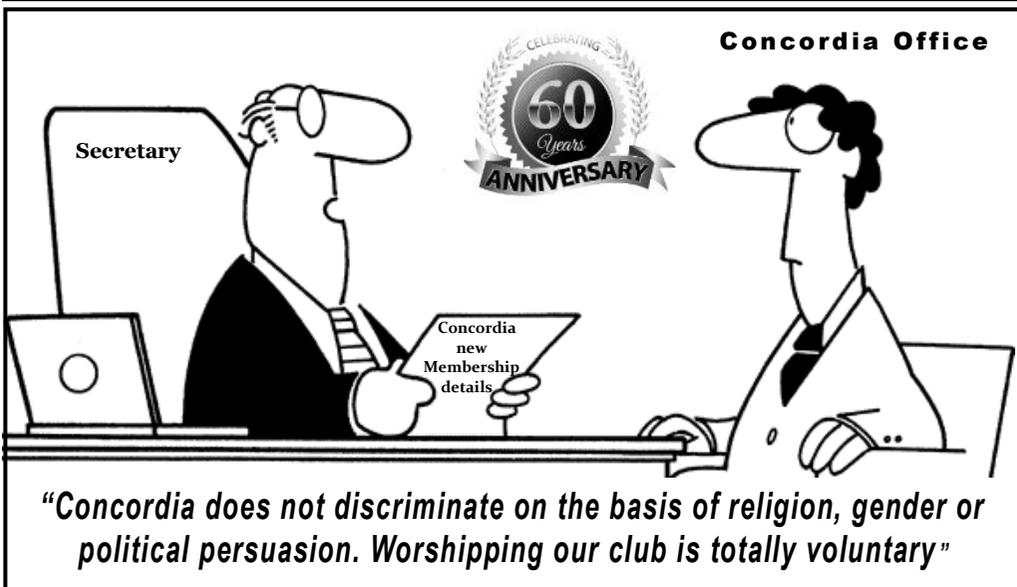
Came all the way down the rainbow!



To wish you...
A speedy recovery!

*Beterschap voor al diegenen die
in de lappenmand zijn beland...*

Your Membership for the year 2017 - 2018 is now due



“Concordia does not discriminate on the basis of religion, gender or political persuasion. Worshipping our club is totally voluntary”

An additional Financial gift to Concordia means.....

Concordia doesn't have to pay any Tax or declare your gifts like we have to pay GST when you pay your membership fee.

Your extra money works so much better for Concordia.

Thanks in anticipation of your additional gift to your club.

Congratulations

*Wij vieren ons
60 jarig
Jubileum in 2017*



Concordia



happy anniversary!

Laughing all the way from State to State...

A senior citizen drove his brand new Holden Caprice out of the dealership in NSW. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 120kph, enjoying the power of the car. “*Amazing,*” he thought as he flew down the M1, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a highway patrol car, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 140kph, then 180kph, then suddenly he thought, “*What am I doing? I’m too old for this!*” He pulled over to await the copper’s arrival. Pulling in behind him, the copper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the car. He looked at his watch, then said, “*Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding, a reason I’ve never before heard before, I’ll let you go..*” The old gentleman paused, then said, “*Thirty five years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back.*” “*Have a good day, Sir,*” replied the copper and let the senior citizen off the hook.

QUEENSLAND

The owner of a golf course on the Gold Coast was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, “*You graduated from the University of Queensland and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000 minus 14%, how much would you take off?*” The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, “*Everything but my earrings.*”

TASMANIA

A senior citizen in Tasmania was overheard saying, “*When the end of the world comes, I hope to be here.*” When asked why, he replied, “*I’d rather be in Tasmania ‘cause everything happens in Tasmania 20 years later than in the rest of the world.*”

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The young man from SA came running into the store and said to his mate, “*Johnno, somebody just stole your ute from the parking lot!*” Johnno replied, “*Did ya see who it was?*” The young man answered, “*I couldn’t tell, but I got the licence plate number.*”

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A WA highway patrol pulled over a car on the main road. The copper asked, “*Got any ID?*” The driver replied, “*about what?*”

VICTORIA

The copper pulled up next to the bloke unloading garbage out of his ute into the ditch. The copper asked, “*Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don’t you see that sign right over your head.*” “*Yep,*” he replied. “*That’s why I’m dumpin’ it here, ‘cause it says: ‘Fine for dumping garbage.’*”

Don’t cry over the past, it’s gone.

Don’t stress about the future, it hasn’t arrived.

Live in the present and make it beautiful.

X - MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE 2017 - 2018 Financial Year - X

- Your (*Annual renewal*) membership will begin on **July 1 - 2017** - your membership will be effective till **June 30th - 2018**.
- You'll receive six printed issues of our bi-monthly Concordia newsletter.
- You will be entered into the Membership directory having the benefit of special discounted tariffs at all official '**Concordia**' functions in the Cardiff RSL. **A total saving of \$25.00 PP**

Your NEW Membership Rates of Concordia for the new financial year 2017 - 2018

◆ Full Fee - Couples	\$ 20.00	Per annum	Inclusive of GST
◆ Full Fee - Singles	\$ 10.00	Per annum	Inclusive of GST

Official Payment/Application form on page 35 of this issue.

BY MAIL: Fill in, cut out or photo copy the application/renewal form on **page 35** together with your Cheque/Money order. Mail this to: **Treasurer - Dutch Society 'Concordia' - P.O. Box 16 - Cardiff NSW 2285 - Please don't sent CASH**

ONLINE - BY DIRECT DEBIT:

If you like to pay online, you do not need to mail the application form. You must only mention your **personal details** when making a direct deposit.

Our Westpac Bank details: Dutch Society of Concordia BSB: 032-512 Account No: 340048
Please send us an email to let us know you've paid directly into our account.
The treasurer will only send you a receipt after receiving the relevant bank statements.

*If you would like to check the status of your Concordia membership please contact our Treasurer **Matthew Wolthers:***

email: concordianewcastle@bigpond.com - attention treasurer - or call him on: **4942 4314**

*If you are already a member of Concordia and your mailing address and/or e-mail address is a new address or changing an old one including any other membership-related questions or comments, you may get in touch with the Secretary/editor **Joop de Wit.***

*email: concordianewcastle@bigpond.com or by phone on: **4954 5227.***

***Joop** will up-date your new changes on the membership and mailing lists.*

Please note: Those that have become **new members during 2017** including those already paid (**not arrears**) in the past few months, need not pay membership fees for the next financial year.

Please Note: All members having reached the age of **90** are exempt from further payments. They will automatically become a member for life. Please keep us informed when you reach the big **90**. No receipts will be issued for memberships or donations, they will only be sent after a written request from you. **Thank You!**

Pay your membership NOW!

**Sometimes 'later' could become 'Never'
 'Never' means no more further Concordia issues.**

SPECIAL Events

Anyone celebrating a special event like an Anniversary, Birthday or some other special day during the next few months.

We wish you a very special good time with all your family and friends.

Our sincere Congratulations! "Moge zij leve lang.....hoera"



*Never stop saying "I love you". It's never too much.
Tell your loved ones you love them every day.*

**Als ik vroeger stout was zei
mijn moeder altijd.....**

**"Ik hoop dat jouw kinderen
later twee keer zo
vervelend zijn"**

**Ze had er echter niet bij
nagedacht dat zij de oppas
zou zijn!**



Het laatste Nederlandse Nieuws - Jan van der Lugt

Nederland is inmiddels midden in de zomer terecht gekomen. Het is warm in ons land en de temperaturen lopen nu al vaak op tot boven de dertig graden Celsius. Te warm voor ons, koele polder kikkers!

Vanaf 15 juni 2017 kan men voor het eerst in de geschiedenis van de Europese Unie bellen alsof men in zijn eigen land belt. Onverwachte superhoge mobiele telefoonrekeningen bij thuiskomst voor het mobiel bellen na de vakantie is nu dus niet meer mogelijk. Eindelijk!

Voor de meesten van U is Paleis Soestdijk zeer bekend, omdat daar in het verleden door **Koningin Juliana** de defilés op Koninginnedag werden gehouden en waar velen nog dierbare herinneringen aan hebben. Na het overlijden van **Prins Bernhard** stond het Paleis jarenlang leeg en men vreesde een verval van dit prachtige gebouw en de tuinen er van, die nu in Staatshanden zijn. De plannen voor Paleis Soestdijk zijn nu dus bekend gemaakt. Na een grondige verbouwing zal het Paleis voor een deel hotel worden en deels voor diverse evenementen worden gebruikt. Aan het Paleis zelf en haar tuinarchitectuur zal niets worden veranderd, dit tot opluchting van velen.

Op maandag 12 juni 2017 was overal in Nederland de Nieuwe Haring voor het eerst dit jaar weer te koop en op zaterdag 17 juni was er ook weer de bekende **'Vlaggetjesdag in Scheveningen.'** Tegenwoordig staan die data al lang van te voren vast. Vroeger werd de jaarlijkse Vlaggetjesdag in meerdere steden in ons land gehouden, maar alleen **Scheveningen** is met die traditionele Vlaggetjesdag doorgegaan. Het werd er een druk en gezellig feest! De **70e editie** van Vlaggetjesdag in **Scheveningen** werd dit jaar door zo'n 250.000 mensen in de haven van **Scheveningen** gevierd. Vele namen daarbij in een haringstalletje een hap in de verse Nieuwe Haring en dan....smullen maar.... Heerlijk toch. Dat was dus enorm genieten door de vele liefhebbers van de nieuwe haring. Maar er was in **Scheveningen** nog veel meer om van te genieten, zoals de muziek van de altijd weer mooie nostalgische visserskoren in **Scheveningen**. Dit jaar werd dus al weer voor de 70e keer Vlaggetjesdag gehouden en sinds een aantal jaren dus alleen nog maar in Scheveningen. Het begon allemaal in 1947 toen de eerste haringen aan land werden gebracht na een spannende race met concurrenten uit **Vlaardingen** en **Urk** om als eersten de nieuwe haring aan land te brengen. Die race om de eerste Nieuwe Haring is voorbij, want er zijn geen haringvissers meer uit **Vlaardingen** en **Urk** en nog maar een enkele visser uit **Scheveningen**. Het mocht niet meer van de Europese Unie, maar er is nog wel veel haring bijgekomen vanuit **Noorwegen**. Ze waren dit jaar ook weer heerlijk om ze te eten.

Groeten vanuit een zeer warm Nederland, Jan van der Lugt

Senior Citizens Funnies



An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind

A couple in their nineties are both having some short term memory loss. While in for a check-up, the doctor says that physically they're okay, but since they're having trouble remembering things, they might want to start writing things down. Later that evening they're both in the living room watching TV, when the husband gets up. **"Would you like anything from the kitchen?"** he asks. **"Some vanilla ice cream,"** his wife replies. **"Okay."** **"Shouldn't you write it down so you don't forget it?"** she asks. **"Don't worry, I won't forget."** **"Well,"** she says. **"A few raspberries on top would be great. You want to write that down?"** **"I've got it, honey. A bowl of vanilla icecream with raspberries on top."** **"And chocolate sauce, too. Maybe you'll forget that. Want me to write it down for you?"** A little miffed, he replies, **"I've got it! Ice cream, raspberries and chocolate sauce. I don't need it written down, for goodness sake!"** and waddles out to the kitchen. 20 minutes later, he comes back with a plate of ham and scrambled eggs, and gives it to his wife. She stares at the plate a few seconds, then says, **"You forgot my toast."**

Grandchildren completes life's circle of love

Ontroerd?

Op een avond ziet een vrouw haar man staan bij het kinderbedje van hun pas geboren kindje. Zwijgend slaat zij hem gade, zoals hij daar naar het slapende kindje staat te kijken. Ze leest van zijn gezicht een mengeling van emoties, ongeloof, twijfel, verrukking, verbijstering en betovering. Geroerd door deze ongebruikelijke houding en de diepe emoties die dit teweeg brengt, slaat ze met tranen in de ogen haar armen om haar man. **"Waar denk je aan, schatje?"** fluistert ze in zijn oor. **"Het is gewoon ongelooflijk,"** stamelt hij....

"hoe kan iemand zo'n mooi ledikantje maken voor maar 50 Dollars!"

Dutch Broadcasts in Australia



Nederlands

Seven Billion Stories and counting...

Dagelijkse Hollands TV Nieuws van BVN op SBS 2

An amazing funny experience...

A group of tough Harley Davidson riders were riding North on the Pacific Highway when they saw a girl about to jump off Mooney bridge. So they stopped. **George**, their leader, a big burly man, got off his bike and walked through a group of onlookers including the local police who were trying to talk her down off the railing and said, ***“Hey Baby.....whatcha doin’ up there on that railin’?”*** Tearfully, she said, ***“I’m going to commit suicide!!”*** While he didn’t want to appear ***‘sensitive’***, **George** also didn’t want to miss a ***‘be-a-legend’*** opportunity so he asked, ***“Well, before you jump Honey-Babe, why don’t you give old George here your best last kiss?”*** So with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that.....and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one. After they breathlessly finished, **George** got a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, including all onlookers and the police. **George** then said, ***“Wow.....That was the best kiss I have ever had, Honey! That’s a real talent you’re wasting, you could be famous if you rode with me on my bike. Why in the world would you commit suicide?”*** ***“My parents don’t like me dressing up like a girl.”*** It’s still unclear whether she then jumped, or was pushed.

*Sometimes those who don’t socialize much
aren’t actually anti social.*

*They just have no tolerance for
drama, stupidity and fake people!*

Dalai Llama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, he said; ***“Man, because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present. The result being that he does not live in the present or the future. He lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.”***

The Most Ten Powerful Words We Ever Use

Words have a mighty power. One word may bring a world of meaning into our lives, or destroy it. One word can make us fall in love, or finish a relationship. Words convey meaning, understanding and action when we speak them. These **10** words are especially powerful, and present us with an opportunity to understand more about ourselves and how we use them.

The most selfish One Letter word
I...Avoid it.

The most satisfying Two Letter word
WE...Use it.

The most poisonous Three Letter word
EGO...Overcome it

The most used Four Letter word
LOVE...Value it.

The most pleasing Five Letter word
SMILE...Keep it.

The fastest spreading Six Letter word
RUMOUR...Ignore it.

The hardest working Seven Letter word
SUCCESS...Achieve it.

The most enviable Eight Letter word
JEALOUSY...Distance yourself from it.

The most powerful Nine Letter word
KNOWLEDGE...Acquire it.

The most valued Ten Letter word
FRIENDSHIP...Maintain it.

Dochter: "Papa, wat is een alcoholist?"

***Vader: "Zie jij die twee bomen daar?
Een alcoholist ziet er dan vier."***

Dochter: "Papa, sorry maar er staat er maar een hoor!"

Our main prizes in the raffles at our 60th Anniversary show to be held on 16th September 2017

Our first 2 main prizes in the 60th anniversary day Concordia purchased 2x2 tickets at 80 Dollars each to witness a very special show in Wallsend. **Iona on Robert**, owned by Australia's Got Talent finalist **Wayner Rogers** and his partner, is a beautiful heritage home located in the heart of Wallsend. **Wayne** has been opening his home for high tea for a very long time and people are loving it. Only very limited numbers can be booked for each show. Concordia has purchased 2 x 2 tickets for you to win.

The afternoon starts on the veranda of the home with some light refreshments. The house is opened up for people to explore at their own leisure with Wayne's costume room being a real highlight.

Guests are then invited to sit for an intimate concert, which is held in the house's showroom (*a converted garage*). The concert is very personal, with Wayne telling his story, starting with how he got into the entertainment industry all the way through to him being on Australia's Got Talent. High Tea is served immediately after the show. The house looks amazing and its 5 Stars all round from those who have attended the show before. **Allow 2 1/2 hours.**

We were created with toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark....

Reaching a high old age...is not for everyone

A local news reporter was asked to interview a 102 year old in one of our local Aged Care Facilities:

Reporter: *"Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 102?"*

Mr. Frankie Drinkwater answered this delicate question with a big smile:
"For better digestion I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss I drink white wine. For low blood pressure I drink red wine. In the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. And when I have a cold, I drink Schnapps."

Reporter: *"When do you drink water?"*

Frankie: *"I've never been that sick."*

If God wanted us to pop out of bed in the morning, he would have had us sleep in toasters!



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The Dutch Australian Cultural Centre (DACC)

*The Dutch Australian Cultural Centre has its head quarters inside the Dutch Shop,
Known as 't Winkeltje in Market Street, Smithfield.*

The aims of the organisation are to preserve the history of the Dutch immigration into Australia, to strengthen the cultural ties between Australians and the Dutch, to promote Dutch events whether cultural, scientific or in other fields. The organisation has built up a very large collection of books, pictures, migration information and other memorabilia of

Dutch migration to Australia. In the words of its president *Klaas Woldring*;

"Since moving to 't Winkeltje the DACC has received many more visitors and well-wishers than it was used to". Make a visit to **'t Winkeltje** a top priority and..... see it all for yourself at your next visit.

Address: 85 Market St, Smithfield NSW 2164 - Telephone:(02) 9729 3384

Alles wat niet eeuwig is, is voor eeuwig waardeloos.

STANWELL TOPS - END OF AN ERA. *Matthew Wolthers*

Last year *Maree* and *I*, for the first time, enjoyed 5 days of fun and relaxation with the *Dutchies* at *Stanwell Tops*. We experienced many Dutch treats - typical Dutch breakfasts, lunches and dinners as well as morning and afternoon tea's - just fantastic.

Exercise classes, games and bushwalks were organised, special guests Herman played the piano accordion and magician Lindsay Gardiner entertained us.

We attended a rehearsal for a musical spectacular by local music students and the final night we held our own concert with most of us participating.

It was a pleasurable 5 days.

SADLY due to lack of numbers *Stanwell Tops week* has come to an end. We owe **John and Mia Joosten** and their volunteers a huge thank you for the many years of dedicated hard work that made this event the success it was for so long. **We thank you!**

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I wonder if...

I wonder if our “youngsters” would use the honour to join us (*parents*) in celebrating the **60th birthday of Concordia**. This near **60** year old Dutch club consists of many people who took the trouble and many risks to come to this country Australia. We did it to give our children (*a hopefully*) better life after the ravages of a war torn and very damaged Europe. Some came with young children or had children born here. For that younger generation to take part in some of our functions/festivities would be an honour and a “**Big thank you.**”

Any Concordia function is a new and unforgettable experience.

Our functions entails a very acceptable meal (*as much as your stomach enjoys*) While beautiful interesting Dutch sceneries are shown on a large screen. (*So thoughtfully prepared by our Secretary Joop de Wit*) usually followed by some more entertainment. Perhaps some memories are jolted by “**old memento.**”

So much has happened in 60 years since the club was formed. Concordia has been kept afloat by a dedicated band of many members and committees.

Is it worth a thought? All you younger ones give it a resounding “YES”

It would be lovely! and....it will make us all very happy, Emmy Wolthers

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.... War is very futile.

While waiting for her first appointment in the reception room of a new doctor, a woman noticed the doctor's medical school certificate on the wall which bore his full name. Suddenly, she remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name, had been in her high school some 45 years ago.

Upon seeing him, however, she quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, grey-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been her classmate. After her exam, she asked him if he had attended the local high school. “Yes,” he replied. “**When did you graduate?**” she asked?

He answered, “**In 1965.**” “**Why, you were in my class!**” she exclaimed.

He looked at her closely and then asked, “**What did you teach?**”

Be kind to unkind people, they need it the most!

We might be Dutch at heart, but how about 88 real facts about our adopted Country of Australia?

1. **Australia** is as wide as the distance between London to Moscow.
2. **The biggest property** in Australia is bigger than Belgium.
3. **More than 85%** of all Australians live within 50km of the coast.
4. **In 1880**, Melbourne was the richest city in the world.
5. **Gina Rinehart**, Australia's richest woman, earns \$1 million every half hour, or \$598 every second.
6. **In 1892**, a group of 200 Australians unhappy with the government tried to start an offshoot colony in Paraguay to be called '**New Australia**'.
7. **The first photos** from the 1969 moon landing were beamed to the rest of the world from Honeysuckle Tracking Station, near Canberra.
8. **Australia** was the second country in the world to allow women to vote (**New Zealand was first**).
9. **Each week**, 70 tourists overstay their visas.
10. **In 1856**, stonemasons took action to ensure a standard of 8-hour working days, which then became recognised worldwide.
11. **Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke** set a world record for sculling 2.5 pints of beer in 11 seconds. Hawke later suggested that this was the reason for his great political success.
12. **The world's oldest fossil**, which is about 3.4 billion years old, was found in Australia.
13. **Australia is very sparsely populated**: The UK has 248.25 persons per square kilometre, while Australia has only 2.66 persons per square kilometre.
14. **Australia's first police force** was made up of the most well-behaved convicts.
15. **Australia** has the highest electricity prices in the world.
16. **There were over one million feral camels** in outback Australia, until the government launched the \$19m Feral Camel Management Program, which aims to keep the pest problem under control.
17. **Saudi Arabia** imports camels from Australia (**mostly for meat production**).

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18. **Qantas** once powered an interstate flight with cooking oil.
19. **Per capita**, Australians spend more money on gambling than any other nation.
20. **In 1832**, 300 female convicts mooned the governor of Tasmania. It was said that in a rare moment of collusion with the Convict women, the ladies in the Governor's party could not control their laughter."
21. **Australia is home** to the longest fence in the world. It is 5,614 km long, and was originally built to keep dingoes away from fertile land.
22. **Australia** was one of the founding members of the United Nations.
23. **Melbourne** is considered the sporting capital of the world, as it has more top-level sport available for its citizens than anywhere else.
24. **Before the arrival of humans**, Australia was home to mega fauna: three metre tall kangaroos, seven metre long goannas, horse-sized ducks, and a marsupial lion the size of a leopard.
25. **Kangaroos and emus** cannot walk backward, one of the reasons that they're on the Australian coat of arms.
26. **Speaking of**, Australia is one of the only countries where we eat the animals on our coat of arms.
27. **If you visited** one new beach in Australia every day, it would take over 27 years to see them all.
28. **Melbourne** has the world's largest Greek population outside of Athens.
29. **The Great Barrier Reef** is the planet's largest living structure.
30. **And it has its own post-box number!**
31. **The male platypus** has strong enough venom to kill a small dog.
32. **And when the platypus** was first sent to England, it was believed the Australians had played a joke by sewing the bill of a duck onto a rat.
33. **Before 1902**, it was illegal to swim at the beach during the day.
34. **A retired cavalry officer**, Francis De Groot stole the show when the Sydney Harbour Bridge officially opened. Just as the Premier was about to cut the ribbon, De Groot charged forward on his horse and cut it himself, with his sword. The ribbon had to be retied, and De

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- Groot was carted off to a mental hospital. He was later charged for the cost of one ribbon.
35. **Australia** has 3.3x more sheep than people.
 36. **Prime Minister Harold Holt** went for a swim at Cheviot Beach, and was never seen again.
 37. **Australia's national anthem** was '*God Save The King / Queen*' until 1984.
 38. **Wombat poop** is cube shaped! This helps it mark its territory.
 39. **European settlers in Australia** drank more alcohol per capita than any other society in history.
 40. **The Australian Alps** receive more snowfall than Switzerland.
 41. **A kangaroo** is only one centimetre long when it is born.
 42. **Sir John Robertson**, a five-time premier of NSW in the 1800s, began every morning with half a pint of rum. He said: "*None of the men who in this country have left footprints behind them have been cold water men.*"
 43. **The Box jellyfish** has killed more people in Australia than stonefish, sharks and crocodiles combined.
 44. **Tasmania** has the cleanest air in the world.
 45. **The average Aussie** drinks 96 litres of beer per year.
 46. **63% of Australians** are overweight.
 47. **Australia is ranked second** on the Human Development Index (based on life expectancy, income and education).
 48. **In 2005**, security guards at Canberra's Parliament House were banned from calling people '*mate*'. It lasted one day.
 49. **In Australia**, it is illegal to walk on the right-hand side of a footpath.
 50. **Australia** is the only continent in the world without an active volcano.
 51. **Aussie Rules footy** was originally designed to help cricketers to keep fit in the off-season.
 52. **The name 'Kylie'** came from an Aboriginal hunting stick, similar to the boomerang.
 53. **91% of the Australian country** is covered by native vegetation.

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54. **The largest-ever victory** in an international football match was when Australia beat American Samoa 31-0 in 2001.
55. **There are** 60 designated wine regions in Australia.
56. **Melbourne** has been ranked the world's most liveable city for the past three years.
57. **If all the sails** of the Opera House roof were combined, they would create a perfect sphere. The architect was inspired while eating an orange.
58. **Australia is home** to 20% of the world's poker machines.
59. **Half of these** are found in New South Wales.
60. **Moomba**, Australia's largest free festival, held in Melbourne, means '**up your bum**' in many Aboriginal languages.
61. **No native Australian animals** have hooves.
62. **The performance** by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the 2000 Olympics opening ceremony was actually a prerecording- of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.
63. **The wine cask (goon sack)** is an Australian invention
64. **So is the selfie.**
65. **Durack**, Australia's biggest electorate, is larger in size than Mongolia.
66. **The world's first** compulsory seat belt law was put into place in Victoria in 1970.
67. **Each year**, Brisbane hosts the world championships of cockroach racing.
68. **In 1932**, the Australian military waged war on the emu population of Western Australia. embarrassingly, they lost.
69. **Canberra was created in 1908** as a compromise when Sydney and Melbourne both wanted to be the capital city.
70. **A gay bar in Melbourne** won the right to ban women from the premises, because they made the men uncomfortable.
71. **In 1992**, an Australian gambling syndicate bought almost all the number combinations in a Virginia lottery, and won. They turned a \$5m purchase into a \$27m win.
72. **Eucalyptus oil is highly flammable**, meaning gum trees may explode if ignited, or in

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bushfires.

73. **In 1975**, Australia had a government shutdown, which ended with the Queen firing every one and the government starting again.
74. **A bearded Australian** was removed from a darts match in the UK, after the audience started chanting '*Jesus!*' at him, distracting the players.
75. **There have been instances** of wallabies getting high after breaking into opium crops, then running around and making what look like crop circles.
76. **An Australian man** once tried to sell New Zealand on eBay.
77. **In 1940**, two aircraft collided in midair, in NSW. Instead of crashing, the two planes became stuck together and made a safe landing.
78. **The male lyrebird**, which is native to Australia, can mimic the calls of over 20 other birds. If that's not impressive enough, he can also perfectly imitate the sound of a camera, chainsaw and car alarm.
79. **Some shopping centres** and restaurants play classical music in their car park to deter teenagers from loitering at night.
80. **Despite sharing the same verbal language**, Australian, British and American sign language are all completely different languages.
81. **In 1979**, debris from NASA's space station '*Skylab*' crashed in Esperance, WA. The town then fined NASA \$400 for littering.
82. **There have been no deaths** in Australia from a spider bite since 1979.
83. **There was a recent chlamydia outbreak** among koala species, which has led to a 15% drop in our koala populations.
84. **In NSW**, there is a coal fire beneath the ground which has been burning for 5,500 years.
85. **An Australian election TV debate** was rescheduled so it didn't conflict with the finale of reality cooking show Master-Chef.
86. **Chinese explorers travelled to Australia** long before Europeans arrived. As early as the 1400s, sailors and fisherman came to Australia for sea-cucumbers and to trade with Indigenous peoples.

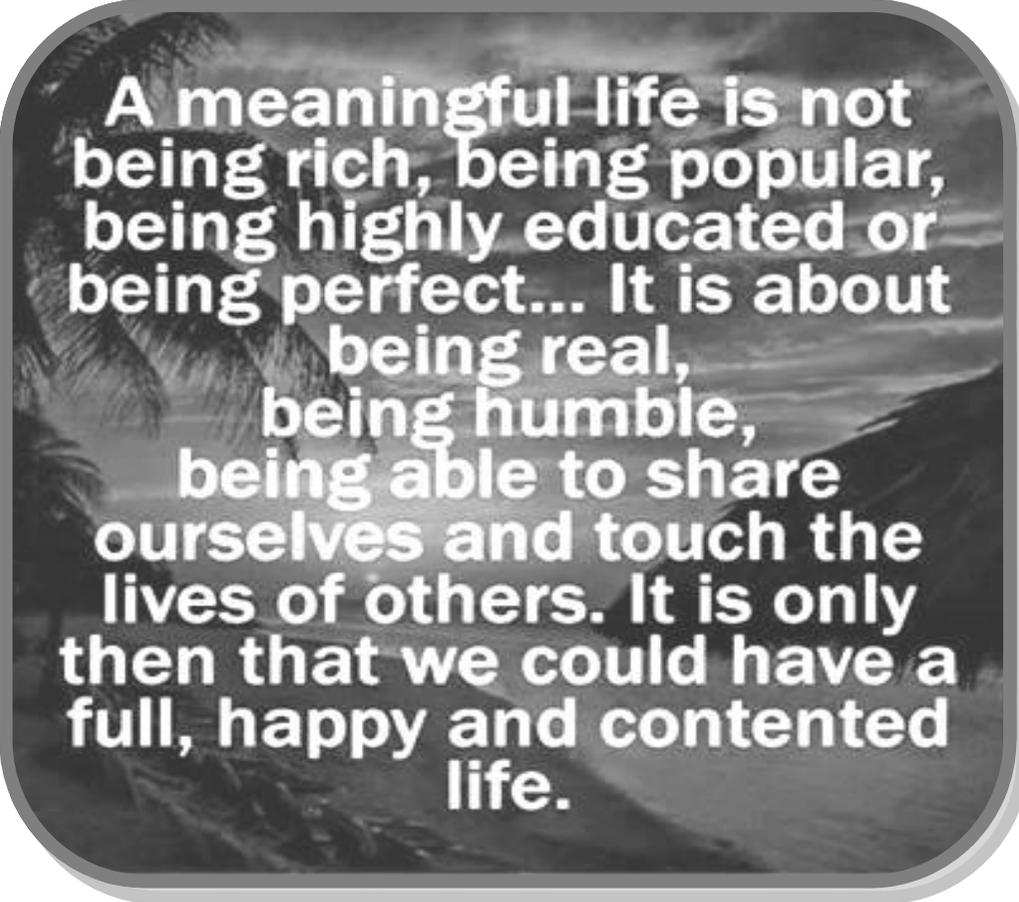
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87. **The first European to visit Australia** was Dutch explorer *Willem Janszoon, in 1606*. More Dutch explorers visited the country over the next hundred years, plotting maps and naming it '*New Holland*'.
88. **Captain James Cook** first landed on Australia's east coast in 1770. In 1788, the British returned with eleven ships to establish a penal colony. Within days of The First Fleet's arrival and the raising of the British flag, two French ships arrived, just too late to claim Australia for France.

The knowledge about our adopted Country Australia has now been updated with real facts.

*If you find any mistakes in this Concordia Newsletter,
Congratulations, you have been reading it.*



**A meaningful life is not
being rich, being popular,
being highly educated or
being perfect... It is about
being real,
being humble,
being able to share
ourselves and touch the
lives of others. It is only
then that we could have a
full, happy and contented
life.**

Een Overweging

Vastzitten. Nooit iets durven ondernemen, omdat je niet gelooft in jezelf.
Vastzitten aan je bezittingen... *Altijd bezigzijn met meer en beter vergaren.*
Vastzitten aan je angsten. *Nooit durven geloven dat het beter kan gaan.*
Vastzitten aan je pessimisme... *Opstaan en verdergaan, soms met angst,*
want natuurlijk loop je risico's om te struikelen, te vallen.

Opstaan en doorgaan.

Misschien kom je op onbekende wegen. *Opstaan en doorgaan.*
Nieuwe dingen ondernemen, andere mensen ontmoeten,
onvermoede talenten in je zelf ontdekken.

Opstaan en doorgaan ... *Misschien valt het tegen*
en moet je weer terug naar af, maar zo blijf je wel in beweging
en ben je dat niet verplicht aan je mens-zijn.

Je bent immers het enige wezen in de schepping met een vrije wil.

Een mens heeft de keuze: *gevangenschap of vrijheid,*
blijven zitten of doorgaan, een mens heeft de keuze ... **Goede levensreis!!**

*When I was 5 years old my mother told me that happiness was
the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what
I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'Happy!'
They told me I didn't understand the assignment
and I told them they didn't understand life.*

Hutspot met Klapstuk - Hotchpotch with Brisket

This famous Dutch recipe was first introduced on the 3rd of October, the city of Leiden celebrated their victory in 1574 over the Spanish invaders. It's an annual gathering during which the Leiden citizens celebrate with large amounts of white bread and herring and even larger amounts of something called hutspot, a colourful mashed potato dish. It's no longer just eaten on the 3rd of October, but is an extremely popular evening meal during the cold winter days.

Hutspot is traditionally served with *klapstuk*, a piece of braised beef, but

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sometimes will also be eaten with a typical Dutch meatballs. The best carrots to use for this dish are *winterpenen*, winter carrots are a larger and thicker variety of the orange carrot that is harvested shortly after the first frost. The sugars in the carrot add a hint of sweetness to this dish that will appeal to almost any eater, young or old. The carrot appeared in The Netherlands for the first time in the 17th century, out of Iran, and was cross-pollinated until it had a bright orange colour, to honour the royal family, the Oranges. In Australia one has to just buy the biggest carrots one can get.

Hutspot met klapstuk - *the following recipe is for 2 persons*

500 gram Brisket or Beef Chuck Rib Roast.

400 ml (13.5 fl oz) water

1/2 beef bouillon cube

1 bay leaf

8 black pepper corns, whole

1 tablespoon flour, dissolved in 1/2 cup water

6 large potatoes, peeled and quartered

8 large carrots, peeled and diced

4 large onions, peeled and sliced

Salt and pepper

Add the water to a Dutch oven or a braising pan, add the bouillon cube and stir until dissolved. Add the beef, the bay leaf and the pepper corns and braise on low heat for approximately 90 minutes or until beef is tender.

Remove the meat to a serving dish, discard the bay leaf and peppercorns and stir the dissolved flour into the pan juices. Stir scraping the bottom of the pan, loosening any meat particles that may be stuck. Bring the heat slowly up until the gravy starts to thicken. Pour the gravy over the meat and set aside, keeping it warm.

In the meantime, place the potatoes on the bottom of a pan, and add water so that the potatoes are just covered. Put the carrots on top, and finish with the onions. Add salt. Cover and bring to a boil, then lower the heat and boil for about 20 minutes or until the potatoes are cooked. Pour off the cooking water, but save it. Mash the potatoes, carrots and onions until you achieve a mashed potato consistency. If you need more liquid to make it smoother, add a tablespoon of cooking liquid at a time.

Taste, adjust with salt and pepper.

Serve the hutspot family style on a large platter, slice the beef and serve with the gravy. '*Eetsmakelijk*' and enjoy your home made *Dutch Hutspot*.

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*"You told me to invest enough money to enjoy a comfortable retirement.
But my back aches, my knees hurt, I have leg cramps and take various
medications each day.....YOU CALL THAT COMFORTABLE???"*

I rather join the Dutch Society Concordia where I can forget about my troubles!

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Nee, wij klonnen in bomen
Speelden buiten en hadden
Blauwe plekken, Speelgoed
En echte vriendjes**

**En dat vond ik leuk
Jij ook ???**



Wat is de wereld toch enorm veranderd de laatste tijd!

CONCORDIA's Social Calendar 2017

SATURDAY 15TH JULY - 2017 - CARDIFF RSL

Concordia celebrates a very special mid-winter show.

Kom eens gezellig naar een bijzondere middag.

“Nederlandse gezelligheid op zijn best”

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER - 2017 - CARDIFF RSL

Concordia celebrates her 60th Birthday, including Fathers Day

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER - 2017 - PLACE TO BE ADVISED

Concordia's 60th Annual General Meeting - commencing at 2pm

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER - 2017

Concordia celebrates the arrival of *St. Nicholas at Marmong Park*. Please play your part in the greatest Dutch event of the year in our region. Please help us mentioning this very special day to all those interested in our culture. It's a typical Dutch Day in the park.

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER - 2017 - SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Multicultural Christmas Carols Concert - Not to be missed.

Commencing at 7pm

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER - 2017 - CARDIFF RSL

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Every day brings a choice: Practise stress or practice peace.

It's so clever having the right answers !

One morning a husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book. Along comes a water policeman in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "**Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?**" "**Reading a book,**" she replies, (thinking, isn't that obvious?) "**You're in a restricted fishing area,**" he informs her. "**I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm only reading.**" "**Yes, but you have all the equipment on board. For all I know you could start fishing at any moment. I'll have to take you in and arrest you.**" the woman slightly annoyed over the policeman's statement answered; "**If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault,**" "**But I haven't even touched you,**" says the policeman. "**That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment.**" "**Have a nice day ma'am,**" and left. **MORAL:** Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

After the funeral service when the mourners were leaving, the funeral director came up to the very elderly widow to hand her some memento. The funeral director mentioned that 98 years of living was something to be very proud of and wished the widow all the best for the future: The widow commented: "**My husband was two years older than me.**"....."**So you're 96,**" answered the funeral director. She responded: "**Hardly worth going home, isn't it!**"

A reporter was interviewing a 104 year old woman: "**And what do you think is the best thing about being 104 years old?**" she simply replied: "**No peer pressure.**"

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked right up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "**I would like to buy some cyanide.**" The pharmacist asked, "**Why in the world do you need cyanide?**" The lady replied, "**I need it to poison my husband.**" The pharmacist's eyes got big and he exclaimed, "**Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!**" The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife. The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "**Well now, that's different. You didn't tell me you had a prescription.**"

*Als je honderd mensen niet kunt helpen,
help er dan eentje.*

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George and Edith had been high school sweethearts 50 years ago, but had gone their separate ways after graduation. Then, two years ago, their paths crossed again, and they began seeing each other regularly. With age 75 just around the corner, they decided life was too short, and they might as well spend the rest of their lives together. Excited about their decision to marry, they went for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and found themselves in front of a Chemist shop. George said, **"Let's go in. I have an idea."** Addressing the man behind the counter, George asked, **"Are you the owner?"**

The pharmacist answered, **"Yes sir, I am. How can I help you?"** George: **"Do you sell heart medications?"** Pharmacist: **"Of course."** George: **"How about support stockings?"** Pharmacist: **"Definitely."** George: **"What about medications for rheumatism, osteoporosis and arthritis?"**

Pharmacist: **"All kinds."** George: **"How about waterproof furniture pads and Depends?"**

Pharmacist: **"Yes, sir."** George: **"Hearing aids, denture supplies and reading glasses?"**

Pharmacist: **"Yes."** George: **"What about eye drops, sleeping tablets, constipation pills and Ex-Lax?"** Pharmacist: **"Absolutely."** George: **"You sell wheelchairs, walkers and canes?"** Pharmacist:

"Yes, indeed. But why all these questions?" George smiled, glanced shyly at Edith and replied,

"We've decided to get married and we're considering you for our bridal registry."

We are truly blessed in many way's

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.

But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, '**cause my cup has overflowed.'**

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough

But I've got loving people all around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, '**Cause my cup has overflowed.'**

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.

But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.

Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, '**cause my cup has overflowed.'**

When I think of how many people in this world are worse off than I,

I realise how blessed we really are.

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting its own battles.

Hi Joop, Received today the new "Concordia News"! As always a very good read! I enjoyed on page 5, the updated version of Nursery Rhymes! All Political correct! Also the story on page 22, the delay of liberating the western part, brought back some bad memories! I can recall vividly the bombers flying over so low, you could see the crew waving! During the last few month of the War, we really suffered! I also wanted to let you know, that I will not be there on Saturday the 20th May. I will be going with my son to Europe, where I will have the opportunity to say my farewell to family and friends for the last time! I am sure it will be a fun filled day in the Cardiff RSL! **Until the next time. Regards;**

Joop van Leeuwarden.

Dag Joop, Echt genoten van de Concordia nieuwsbrief van mei-juni. Moet altijd veel lachen om de geweldige grappen waarmee je altijd op de proppen komt. Zoals vele anderen, vonden wij de show van Maart ook **GEWELDIG**, maar ze zijn immers altijd geweldig en altijd weer iets om naar uit te kijken. Zoveel leuker en gezelliger dan een doorsnee Australische show. Persoonlijk vind ik de mei show vaak het mooist en ontroerends, met de herdenking van de Nederlandse zaken zoals Koningsdag, Bevrijdingsdag en dan het mooie Wilhelmus.....zo ontroerend en heimweeachtig he. Dus zet a.u.b. 2 namen op de lijst voor de next functie, **see you soon, with love.**

Annie en Keiran Stephenson, Central Coast.

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