



# *De Nederlandse Vereniging in de Sutherland Shire*

(The Netherlands Society in the Sutherland Shire)

Secretary, P.O. Box 209  
Sutherland N.S.W. 2232.

22nd February 1984.

The Secretary,  
Federation of Netherlands Societies Ltd.,  
53 Hinemoa Avenue,  
Normanhurst, NSW 2076.

Dear Secretary,

At a special meeting held by our Club Committee on 12th February 1984, it was decided that we would like to bring the following points to your attention, with the aim to improve the co-operation between Associated-Members and the Federation Board.

The reason for this is because we believe that our Federation should grow and become stronger, in men-power and financially. So we may possibly achieve, as an united Dutch community, worthwhile projects, such as a Nursing-home, Social/Welfare worker and a Dutch Australian Centre.

We are convinced that many Associated Members will fully endorse our thinking. With this in mind we have forwarded a copy of this letter to all other Associated Members.

The aim of establishing a Nursing-home is certainly a very commendable project. Nevertheless we feel that the realisation of a Cultural Centre is also of great importance for the future.

We do understand such projects can not possibly be achieved without the full and total co-operation of the entire Dutch community.

In order to achieve the above we compiled the following suggestions, which could be used as agenda points for a future meeting of your Board.

In view of the importance of the matter we would appreciate your reaction by 31st March 1984.

Your sincerely,

Committee,  
Netherlands Society  
in the Sutherland Shire.

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1. Itemized suggestions
2. A \$50.00 donation to the Federation Benevolent Fund for the sole use of a Nursing-home/nursing at home purpose.

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Secretary.



- Item 1. Could the Board suggest ways in which it could improve a closer co-operation and communication between Associated Club Members and the Federation Board Members. So in future, important decisions made in the past by the Board Members, could be discussed by the individual Club Committees, prior to the meeting attended by our delegates.
- Item 2. We understand that the Board should consist of nine members, if so, what is the cause of delay of appointing the ninth Board Member.
- Item 3. Would it be feasible to give broader access to social/official-functions for Club Committees, instead of only President/Secretary, and could all invitations be directed to the respective Secretary.
- Item 4. We also believe that the position of a Public Relations Officer should substantially improve communication.  
As an example, the recent arrival of "The Uiver", was insufficiently promoted, we believe the Federation should have been substantially more involved.
- Item 5. We generally believe that if the Federation is to achieve the goals it has set themselves, the structure of the Board does not adequately represent the Associated Members. A more representative structure would be a Board, consisting of representatives of Associated Members, who are then elevated to Director-status, which would assure greater involvement and responsibility. We assume that this would mean a change of Articles. So be it.
- Item 6. In our way of thinking a more amicable manner should prevail at Federation meetings without rigid adherence to Articles of Association. After all, Articles are meant to be used to support our Federation and not hinder it, common sense should prevail at all times.