

MISSION STATEMENT

The Dutch Australian Cultural Centre has as its aims and objectives the collection, preservation, promotion and dissemination of Dutch culture and heritage in Australia.

ABOUT THE DACC

In the last newsletter a couple of options for the future of the DACC were discussed. The first was the creation of a 'Goethe-like' institute as an initiative of the Dutch community, spearheaded by the DACC. To test the enthusiasm of the community and Dutch commercial concerns here in Sydney, we proposed to hold a conference in May. General publicity as well as 200 individual emails to local Dutch businesses yielded 12 replies. The DACC Board members will discuss at their July meeting what other action to take.

The second option, the creation of some kind of Immigration Museum in the Parramatta area follows on from the government's decision to relocate the Powerhouse Museum to that area.

DACC MEETING WITH MS TANYA DAVIES, MP FOR MULGOA AND DR. HUGH MC DERMOTT, MP FOR PROSPECT, 6 APRIL 2016.

Our meeting with these two congenial NSW politicians couldn't have gone better. Both were very pleasantly surprised by the quality and character of the Dutch restaurant, warehouse, shop and Heritage Centre, which, for newcomers, is an unexpected oasis in an otherwise light industrial area. Chairman Paulus Breedveld welcomed the visitors and spoke about our objectives and why we strongly support a Migration Museum in some form or other for the Parramatta area. Our Vice Chair, Johanna Stas rightly pointed to several other examples of such museums in Australia, notably Adelaide, Melbourne and Broken Hill. We are all aware of the fact that this is still missing in Sydney in spite of its very cosmopolitan and ethnically diverse population. The MPs presented their assessment of the situation and indicated that the issue is alive and well. Dr. McDermott (ALP) felt that the move of the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta seemed likely and aired some ideas about where it could go and how a Migration Museum as an Annex, or as a stand alone facility, was a possibility. The former Women's Factory was also mentioned as a possibility. Tanya Davies (Lib) was less specific about the longer term options but felt more inclined to secure the current existence of the DACC as we have had a

floods in the last three years that required drastic action. She understood that we really need more space to come into our own and that we need more and younger volunteers to grow. That involves digitising our growing collection of books and archival materials, as archivist Sr. Lia van Haren explained.

Klaas Woldring drew attention to the Old Map Exhibition that we are offering to high school students this year, in the context of the 400 year Hartog Commemoration, as an educational tool. This collection of about 22 maps (excellent replicas) will also be on display at the Fairfield City Museum and Gallery during the month of October.

The MPs went away with a strong impression about the continued existence and future needs of the DACC which would be provided by the existence of a Migration Museum. There was also much discussion about the realisation of a harmonious multicultural society and the positive contribution a Migration Museum would make to that.



MS Tanya Davies, MP (LIB) for Mulgoa and Dr Hugh McDermott, MP (ALP) for Prospect

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ARE YOU GOING TO WA THIS OCTOBER?

October 25, 2016 marks the 400th anniversary of Dirk Hartog's landing on WA coast. In preparation for the forthcoming celebrations, the Premier Colin Barnett and Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said the Denham foreshore and main street would be renovated. This \$6.116 million project will provide new facilities and amenities in the town of Denham and along its foreshore, balancing the area's rich history with new development while maintaining Shark Bay's world heritage values.

Premier Barnett said "This anniversary provides an opportunity for Australians to learn more about the Dirk Hartog story and our early maritime history." A commemorative journey by the replica Dutch ship of the era, the Duyfken, along the Western Australian coast to Denham is expected to be one of the highlights of the celebrations. The Duyfken will then moor in Shark Bay for the period of the commemoration and be open to the public.

DIRK HARTOG AUSTRALIAN LANDING 1616 - 2016 1oz SILVER PROOF HIGH RELIEF COIN.

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- Proof of Quality 99.99% Pure Silver
- 400th Anniversary of Dirk Hartog's Landing
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THE DACC WILL SHOWCASE ITS MAP COLLECTION AT THE FAIRFIELD MUSEUM IN OCTOBER. More about that in the next newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS to PETER HAMER for receiving an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for service to the Dutch community of New South Wales, and to Rotary.



FROM THE CONSULATE

King's Day celebration in Sydney!

His Majesty King Willem-Alexander turned 49 on 27 April. The Consulate-General of the Netherlands organised its very own King's Day in the Sydney Masonic Centre, where over 600 guests dressed in Orange attended and danced the night away to the Dutch Hit Parade

This year was an even more special occasion; Consul-General Willem Cosijn awarded three ex-UNIFIL soldiers a Nobel insignia to honour them for service in the peacekeeping Corps of 1979-1985 in Lebanon.

The Consulate in Sydney is now present on Twitter, with account name [@NLinSydney](https://twitter.com/NLinSydney). They will be posting updates, show exclusive behind-the-scenes photos of events, and much more. The Dutch Consulate is also proud to present the Bridging the Distance project! **Maybe you have migrated family living in Australia? Or perhaps you are simply interested in the shared heritage? If so, this website is entirely for you!** <http://www.bridgingthedistance.com.au>

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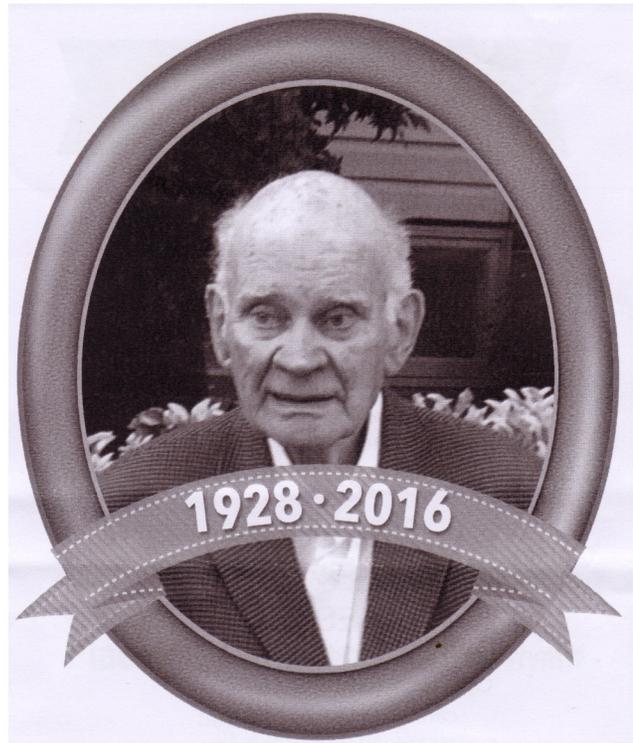
LENA VAN TWIST

Sadly we said goodbye to two of our members earlier this year.

Lenie was born in Zwijndrecht in 1916. After primary school, there was no money for her to continue her education and she was sent out to work. During the war, Lenie was involved with the resistance. She married Bram in 1949 and two years later the pair emigrated to Australia. They settled in Brisbane where Bram found work in the meat works industry and Lenie worked as a domestic. Through work and Church they formed a tight circle of friends with other 'Dutchies', which has lasted a lifetime. After Bram's retirement, they became foundation residents of Logeman Court, of Juliana Village in Sydney. There Lenie established, catalogued and maintained the Library and also helped with the set-up of the Library at Abel Tasman Village. Lenie passed away on 30 January, aged 90. She will be very much missed.

Interestingly, Gerard also had a passion for books.

Although his formal education was limited, he was an avid reader and had encyclopedic knowledge and a challenging mind. Dutch history and politics were his favourite subjects and he could be relentless in his opinions. Gerard had a lovely singing voice and belonged to his Church's choir. He was also passionate about carillons. Gerard, as both a member and a volunteer over many years, made a significant contribution to the Dutch Australian Cultural Centre. His involvement began when the Centre was located at Chester Hill and continued during and after the relocation to Smithfield. Gerard began the process of establishing what is now the DACC Library. Those handwritten pages of information for each book are kept inside each book, where he placed them. His contribution has become part of DACC history and Archives.



GERARD HAANSTRA

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PROUD TO BE DUTCH

THE HAGUE, June 8, 2016 – The Ocean Cleanup, the Dutch foundation founded in 2013 by then 18-year-old Boyan Slat, is developing advanced technologies to rid the oceans of plastic. It announced today that it has successfully secured the funding required for its North Sea prototype test, which will start early summer 2016. This is an important step towards the world's first deployment of an ocean cleanup system, and will be the first test of the design at sea. The prototype spans 100 m and will be deployed in the Dutch North Sea, 23 km off the coast of Scheveningen harbor for one year. The objective of the test is to monitor and analyze behavior of a floating barrier segment in all weather conditions, including gale force winds and waves. By 2020, The Ocean Cleanup aims to deploy a 100 km-long structure between Hawaii and California. Analysis suggests this array will be able to clean up about half the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in ten years time. The system makes use of very long floating barriers, which act as an artificial coastline, passively collecting and concentrating the ocean trash, powered by the natural ocean currents. The Ocean Cleanup currently employs over 40 engineers and researchers, and is headquartered in Delft.

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The Dutch Australian Cultural Centre can only achieve its aims and objectives with assistance from members of the Dutch Community in Sydney. The collection and preservation of archival material secures the history on which our community is built and is thus an integral part of that community. Your donation will ensure that the journey from our past to our future continues to be recorded.

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