

Borrelclub

BRISBANE INC.



50 years

1964 - 2014

In this fast changing society, where more and more emphasis is given to “electronic” relationships, it is great to see that the old fashioned human interaction, experienced in the Borrelclub, can flourish for 50 years.

I would like to thank all members, past and present, for keeping those traditions alive and hope that they may continue for another 50 years.

Ad van der Syde published a 35 year anniversary booklet looking back to the beginnings of the club.

This booklet concentrates more on the recent history and I hope that some of the photo's will create a lasting memory for everyone.

Proost

Bart Lommerse,
President 2014

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The 2006 Sinterklaas meeting organized in Café Oud Rijswijk

The origins of the Club - 1964

It is 50 years ago this month that....

Cees Mossel, head of the Dutch Emigration Service in Brisbane, decided to invite a couple of successful businessmen for an after hours "borrel"

The reason was to discuss business, difficulties and / or exchange experiences but also to have an informal chat while enjoying a "borreltje"

The very first meeting was attended by Cees Mossel, Tom Rombouts, Bert Tannhauser and Dolf Wentholt. But that it continued for the next fifty years would not have been expected by any of the first four people.

That the meeting was successful goes without saying, the drinks were free and that helped to create the right atmosphere. It was so successful that they decided to invite some more people and do it again.

During the first year the club grew quickly to some 42 members, probably the largest it has ever been. Over the ensuing years many changes took place and the club evolved to what it is today.



The main meeting venues

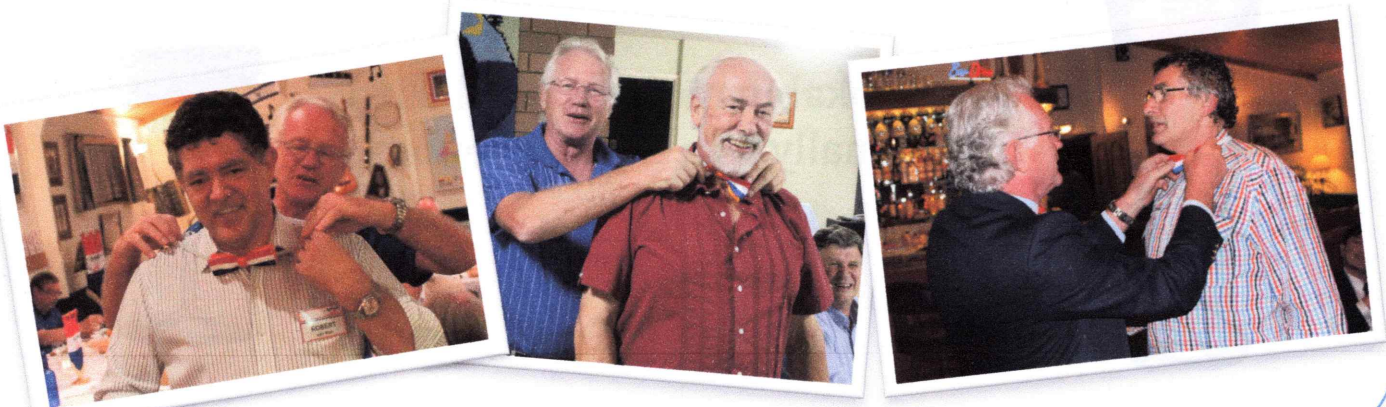
It has proven a difficult task to find suitable meeting places for the Borrelclub over the years. There are several reasons for this, namely:

- costs charged by the venue
- the desire to supply our own drinks
- convenient location
- relative small number of members
- the desire to have a separate meeting room from the rest of the restaurant / meeting place

.Many meeting places have been tried over the 50 years but it was only at the following four places where we held meetings for substantial periods of time.

The Breadhouse situated in Gregory Tce. was a large, simple place for meetings for almost 25 years. The food was prepared by the partners of the members and was reheated and served by Peter Lee for all that time. He was also the drankmeester and when the Borrelclub left this venue, Peter was awarded the honorary membership of the Club for his services.

Iedereen word gestrikt door Huub



The main meeting venues

The Kookaburra Café, an Italian restaurant in Paddington, was frequented for 8 years and has always been a welcoming place with good food. Unfortunately it also had some drawbacks in the fact that some members had troubles with the steep stairs, particularly with eskies full of drinks. The meeting room was very narrow and in the end the Club had to leave as the growing number of members made it impossible to sit together.



The Kookaburra Café is still used occasionally as a “fill-in” venue.



The main meeting venues

The **Cloak and Dagger** restaurant in Stanley street, South Brisbane was a very suitable venue for the Borrelclub. It was run by a Scotsman, who could understand a bit of the Dutch language. The menu and the food were tops, and in particular the meeting room was very good and completely separate from the rest of the restaurant. It was enjoyable to have meetings undisturbed by outsiders. (Unlike the Kookaburra)

Unfortunately all good things come to an end and when the owner sold the business to a Vietnamese couple, we were looking for another place again. We tried the Greek Club and stayed at Café Mano for a while. This was followed by a stay at Augustines for some time.

Seated from left to right:

Robbie Boele v. Hensbroek
Ad van der Syde
Huub Gravendyk
Johan Lyffyt
Rudi Schoenmaker
John van Riel

Standing from left to right:

John Musters
Jeroen Boon
John van den Dol
Bart Lommerse
Frans Bos
Carel Vogelsang
Freddy van der Zant
Andrew Boele v. Hensbroek
Herman Wubben
Wim van Zijl
Peter Oversluizen
Hette Kingma
Harry Schols



A group foto in the Cloak and Dagger restaurant in 2000.

The main meeting venues

For the last eight years the Borrelclub has been able to call **Café Oud Rijswijk** it's home, where most meetings and all other functions were held.

This Café offers many advantages, such as easy parking, Dutch décor, atmosphere and music. Our own choice of meals eg. Hollandse pot can be served. There is also no disturbance from other people.

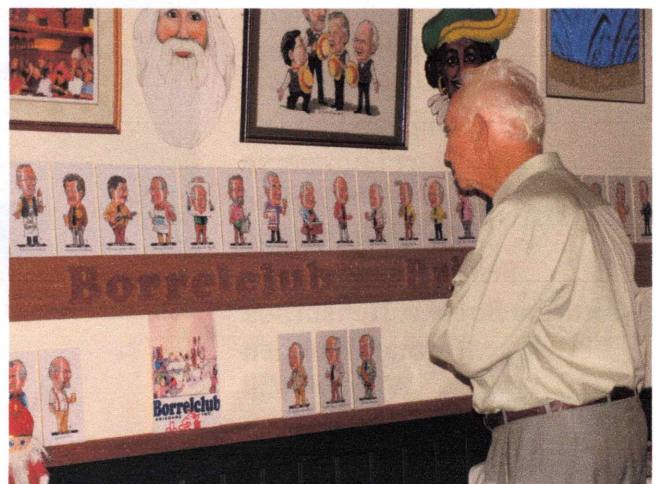
For some people the location may not be as convenient and the fact that the same people have to prepare the meals is not the most desirable situation.

However the fact that some of the members' partners serve the food creates a special atmosphere.



Oud Hollandse maaltijd:
Boerenkool met worst.

John van Riel admiring the
caricatures of the members



Our drankmeester Freddy
behind "his" bar

The main meeting venues

Ode aan
Café "Oud Rijswijk"
door
Arjen Wassenaar



Aan het einde van het smalle pad
langs het huis en net achter de mat
bevindt zich de Poort
naar waar niemand ons stoort.
De eerste woensdag van de maand
is wanneer men zich een weg baant
naar het Clubhuis als geen één
van de Borrelclub Brisbane.

Daar binnen is niet zo maar een Pub
maar het thuis van onze Club.

Links staat de sofa met daarop een 'ouwe knar'
en rechts de keuken en dan Freddy's Bar.

Wat verder naar achter de tafels en stoelen
waar we praten, eten, zingen en sjoelen.

Het biljart van Bart met zijn groene laken
en de keuken van Barbara met al haar smaken.

Aan de bar kun je bestellen met een gebaar
Freddy weet wat je wilt en heeft je drankje al klaar.

Janny, Henny, Alie, Marijke en Helen zijn gestopt met breien
om ons te onthalen op Hollandse lekkernijen.

Onze voorzitter hanteert de hamer, de secretaris de ganzeveer
en de penningmeester vraagt ons om geld steeds weer en steeds meer.

Hette neemt er onze Taal op de korrel
en wij genieten van onze jonge of oude borrel.

We verpozen daar voor enige uren
terwijl we eten en kijken naar Adje's karikaturen.

Aan't eind van de avond gaan we naar het kleine hoekje
voor een koppie koffie en een koekje.

PROOST

Members and Partners events

Over the years the Borrelclub has organized many events for the members and their partners. The most popular events have proven to be Sinterklaas nights, Sjoel evenings and winterdinners. Below you will find some foto's to rekindle some of these wonderful memories.



Sinterklaas 2013 in café Oud Rijswijk.

These Sinterklaas meetings have attracted the biggest crowds ever for the Club and gave Hans Lommerse, our events caterer for many years, the opportunity to prepare many Dutch snacks and dishes to please the people that attended.

The record number was 64 people.

Members and partners events

We have been to many places for our *winterdinner*, but the favourite destination for many has been the welcoming restaurants of Alex and Heike on the “mountain”. They treat us to some fine wine sampling followed by a fantastic meal in a cozy atmosphere.



The *sjoel evening* is the second most popular event on the yearly Borrelclub calendar. The person that won the event more than anybody else in its 21 years of history, is Barbara Lommerse, with a respectable 10 times.

Some regulars are propping up Freddy's bar while others are competing in the Sjoel competition.



Members and partners events

Other events that have been held over the years are the unforgettable bus tours and weekends away organized by our travel expert Herman Wubben. To mention just one of these tours was the weekend to Stanthorpe, at which Sinterklaas made an appearance. The drawings and rhymes of Adje v.d. Syde are still being treasured.



Getting ready to go on the bus, with musical accompaniment by Rinus Lagerwaard

We have enjoyed different events such as:

- Car rallies
- Boat trips
- Fishing trips
- BBQ's in parks



Member information

All the Presidents:

The 2014 Committee
in summer uniform



From L to R:

Ad Wagemakers - Vice President
Bart Lommerse - President
John Kiewiet - Secretary
Huub Gravendyk - Treasurer
Freddy van der Zant - Drankmeester



Presently the longest serving member is Andrew Boele v. Hensbroek, who joined the club in 1975

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| 1965 | Sjaak Timmermans |
| 1966 | Dolf Wentholt |
| 1967 | Ton Rombouts |
| 1968 | Ted Wijberg |
| 1969 | Len 't Mannetje |
| 1970 | Len 't Mannetje |
| 1971 | Binnerts Haites |
| 1972 | Binnerts Haites |
| 1973 | Chris Pender |
| 1974 | Jim Bakker |
| 1975 | Jim Bakker |
| 1976 | Han Persijn |
| 1977 | Han Persijn |
| 1978 | Gerrit Filet |
| 1979 | Ton Rombouts |
| 1980 | Carel Vogelsang |
| 1981 | Carel Vogelsang |
| 1982 | Theo Hoog Antink |
| 1983 | Jim Bakker |
| 1984 | Rob Westhoeve |
| 1985 | Rob Westhoeve |
| 1986 | Huub Gravendijk |
| 1987 | Rudi Schoenmaker |
| 1988 | Rudi Schoenmaker |
| 1989 | Andrew B.v. Hensbr. |
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| 1991 | Hette Kingma |
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| 1993 | Rudi Schoenmaker |
| 1994 | Bart Lommerse |
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| 1996 | Herman Wubben |
| 1997 | Herman Wubben |
| 1998 | Carel Vogelsang |
| 1999 | Rinus Lagerwaard |
| 2000 | Huub Gravendyk |
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| 2002 | Hans Lommerse |
| 2003 | Herman Wubben |
| 2004 | Herman Wubben |
| 2005 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2006 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2007 | Hette Kingma |
| 2008 | Hette Kingma |
| 2009 | Arjen Wassenaar |
| 2010 | Dirk Schroor |
| 2011 | Dirk Schroor |
| 2012 | Arjen Wassenaar |
| 2013 | Arjen Wassenaar |
| 2014 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2015 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2016 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2017 | Arjen Wassenaar |
| 2018 | Arjen Wassenaar |
| 2019 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2020 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2021 | Bart Lommerse |
| 2022 | Peter Overshuizen |

Members information

Members Sep 2014

Alex Baan
Andrew B. v. Hensbroek
Widjaja Chandra
Bram de Ruysscher
Cor Frederiks
Huub Gravendyk
Robert Hoogervorst
Tony Jansen
John Kiewiet
Hette Kingma
Rinus Lagerwaard
Bart Lommerse
George Oosterloo
Peter Oversluizen
Martinus Ruiter
Harry Schols
Jan Schoonbeek
Tom Seesink
John van den Dol
Fred van der Zant
Robert van Kan
Jaap van Vaardegem
Ed Vos
Ad Wagemakers
Arjen Wassenaar
Anton Wolters
Herman Wubben
Jan Zomerdijk
Kasper Kuiper

A big thank you to all members for making the club the success that it is. Some members have put in some extra effort to create this success:

Bart & Barbara for welcoming members to their café for 8 years and preparing so many meals.

Freddy for being such a good drankmeester.

Cor for carrying out the official audits every year.

Herman for organizing so many fantastic trips/weekends.

Huub for supplying the Dutch colored strikkies for everybody.

Rinus for always disappearing before Sinterklaas arrives.

Peter for supplying clothing, wimpels and barmats.

Andrew for paying insurance bills for so many years.

John v.d.Dol for photography.

The many **Ladies** that help serve the food.

Apologies to anybody that should have had a mention, but didn't.

