



Let's Make All Those Connections Come Alive

Het Heden
The Past
Our Future

Nederlanders
Nieuw Zeelanders
Tangata Whenua

Success Stories
Ons Verhaal
Immigratie

We Need Your Help - Samen Sterk

Als Nederlanders in Nieuw Zeeland, we have an identity of our own. Still, we're often called 'the invisible migrants'. In Michael King's bestselling 'History of New Zealand', all migrant groups get a mention, except the Dutch. There are some 140,000 of us (well over 3% of the population), but we're missing from the pages of history.

We've got to tell our inspirational story - ons verhaal - from Abel Tasman's first visit to today. So that our children can proudly tell their stories. So that people of two nations can create a future with closer ties in the realms of culture, science, business, the arts, entertainment, international cooperation and immigration.

Please help us build that place - onze plek.

Draag uw steentje bij om ons museum centrum te bouwen. Voor u, de kinderen en uw kleinkinderen.

The story of the Dutch in New Zealand, is a story that must be told!

The Time is Now - Nu of Nooit



In Foxton, just north of Wellington, the blades of **De Molen** tower high above the historic buildings lining Main Street. This iconic working windmill attracts more than 30,000 visitors every year. The Dutch Connection is in the process of establishing **ons museum en cultureel centrum** right next door, to offer visitors inspiring Dutch stories, activities and events.

We've partnered with Tangata Whenua and Horowhenua District Council to establish **Te Awahou - Nieuwe Stroom**, a world-class \$12 million multi-purpose facility.

This unique complex will host the Dutch Connection, a Maori arts centre, a Flax museum, a library, an i-SITE visitor information centre, a café, and much more. You'll love coming for a visit, **en een lekker kopje koffie!**

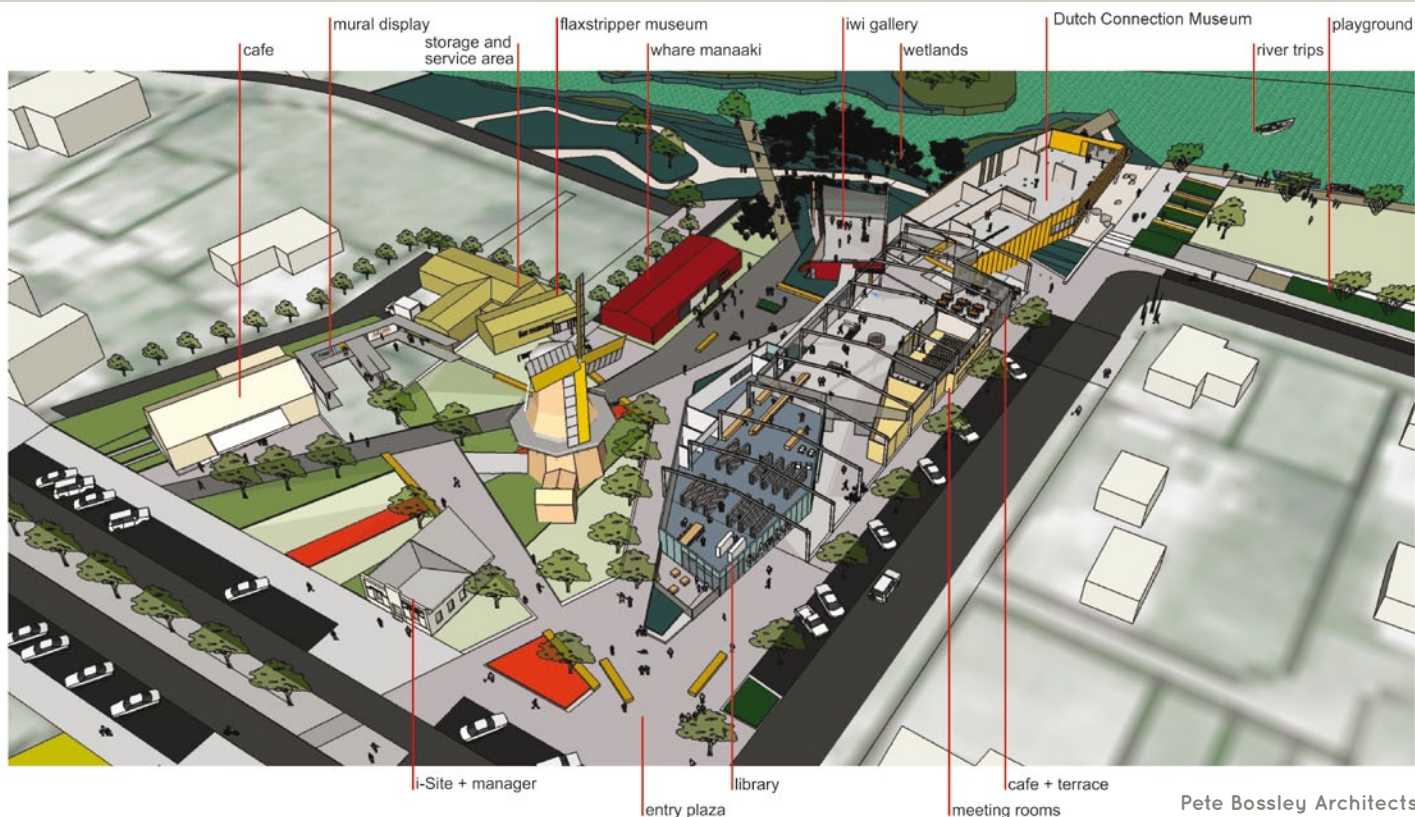


Photo: Draaiorgel 'De Lieve Stem', a 19th Century Museum Piece

Grootouders
Kinderen
Grandchildren
The Arts
Kunst
Cultuur

Twee Landen
Two Peoples
Better Connected





Let's Go Dutch – Lekker op z'n Nederlands

The Dutch Connection has been working on its museum project since 2005. In 2010, all the other parties officially joined us in Te Awahou - Nieuwe Stroom. Plans for buildings and exhibitions are being finalised. Building starts in 2012. The Dutch Connection will open its doors soon after.

The partners in the Te Awahou – Nieuwe Stroom facility:

- The Dutch Connection
- Horowhenua District Council (HDC)
- Save Our River Trust
- Te Taitoa Maori o Te Awahou
- The Library
- Flax Stripper Museum

With these credible organisations on our side, the Dutch Connection can share costs and workloads, and attract the right experts, funding organisations and sponsors.

The time has arrived to let people discover more about us. Let's celebrate the achievements of artists like **Petrus van der Velden** and **Ans Westra**, and highlight the stories of entrepreneurs like **Klisser** (Vogel's bread), **La Grouw** (Lockwood Homes) and **Verkerk** (deli products).

Let's explain our influence on horticulture, and how **Suzie van der Kwast** was at the roots of Wellington's coffee culture. Let's celebrate what our artists and sports people achieved, and the hard work of all those Dutch dairy farmers in Fonterra.

Ons museum en cultureel centrum will tell the inspirational success story of the Dutch in New Zealand: from Abel Tasman's first contact with the Maori, to today's achievements in farming, sports, business, science, the arts and more. We'll also provide a place to enrich and enhance social and cultural exchanges between Nederland and New Zealand.

The Dutch Connection will symbolise the proud Dutch presence in Aotearoa. It will Inform, educate and inspire. It will also act as a focal point for our Dutch community, which is spread far and wide throughout the country.

Dit wordt onze plek om samen een heerlijk kopje koffie te drinken, onvergetelijke ervaringen op te doen, en trots te zijn dat je Nederlander bent.

**Help us build our place – onze plek!
Contact us. Work with us. Contribute. Hand in Hand!**



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