



We Need Your Help – Samen Sterk

Things are going well with the Dutch Connection. When we started work on the museum project in 2005, we were set to go it alone. Now that we're part of Te Awahou – Nieuwe Stroom Trust (TANS), we're sharing buildings with others and our costs have been reduced dramatically: from \$6 million down to \$5 million! Plus we can share staff and resources with our partners like Horowhenua District Council (HDC). What's more, TANS has taken responsibility for rolling out the entire project – including the building.

This leaves the Dutch Connection with a very important responsibility. We must ensure that the exhibitions and our collection can go on display by opening date. This involves three key tasks.

- 1. Fundraise among the Dutch community** – \$1.5 million in total
 - \$1 million for our three Permanent Exhibitions
 - \$0.5 million for our Collection and the Opening Exhibition
- 2. Collect museum items that are gifted by the Dutch community**
 - *Huiskamer/Keuken voorwerpen* – things you'd find in a typical Dutch living room or kitchen
 - *Scheepshut/reis voorwerpen* – items from migrant cabins on cruise liners like *Zuiderkruis*
 - *Kunstvoorwerpen* – Dutch art objects like paintings, *borduurwerk*, *Delfts Blauw* etc
- 3. Archive historical records** – like photographs, diaries, articles, *archieven*, *brieven* etc
 - Collect (oral) history and stories from people of Dutch descent. Written, recorded or on video

Draag Uw Steentje Bij!

Als Nederlanders – we're expected to come up with \$1.5 million in funding for the Dutch Connection. We need to provide the money for the Exhibitions and the Collection. All we ask from the Dutch community is a contribution of 30% of the total costs of *ons museum en cultureel centrum*. With 140,000 of us, it shouldn't be too hard to get that money together. *Toch?*

Please contribute!

Donate museum items, have your story recorded, or have photographs taken of you and your family.

If you donate money to help fund the Museum, you can claim a 33.33% tax rebate from the IRD. Your contribution will be highly appreciated!

There's More! We're organising a *Koffiemaand* later in the year, as part of a national funding appeal. Visit old Dutch friends for a coffee. Or organise a coffee morning at your place. *Ga gezellig kletsen* and rattle the money box on our behalf. *De collectebus staat (bijna) klaar.*

The Project in a Nutshell – Tijdslijn

2005 - Initial idea of a Dutch Heritage Museum

2006 - Nationwide Survey among Dutch organisations says: "Yes, we want this!"

2007 - Study, funded by the NZ NL Foundation, by museum expert Luit Bieringa finalises the concept for **The Dutch Connection**. HDC commits \$100,000 / NL Society Wellington \$27,000 / former Tasman Village project \$4,000

2008 – We get the "go ahead". Feasibility Study outlines 2 options for financial sustainability. Memorandum of Understanding with HDC secures site. Partners with Tangata Whenua

2009 - TANS Trust set up. Town Development Plan for Foxton

2010 - TANS Trust Deed signed in presence of Dutch Ambassador Arie van der Wiel, Minister of Internal Affairs Nathan Guy, Mayor Brendan Duffy. Project officially launched

2011 - Architectural plans and exhibition plans finalised.

Resource and Building Consent

2012 - Building commences. Open first part of complex

2013 - Building finalised. Opening of Dutch Connection

At the end of March we will launch our new website www.dutchconnection.org.nz

We'll let you know when it's ready.

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