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Kongelig (Royal) Smørrebrøds Fest

Saturday 13th April, 6pm

Smørrebrød by Jacob & Bree Thuesen - Danish Delicacy Catering



Please join us for this formal attire event in celebration of our recently appointed King of Denmark, King Frederik X.

The evening will be hosted by The Danish Society at The Danish House, Penrose.

Doors will open at 6.00pm with a Royal welcome drink and plenty of time to mingle prior to delicious catering by Danish Delicacy Catering Co.

The price is \$45 per member and \$60 per guest/non-member. (max 1 guest per attending member please).

Cash/Eftpos bar available on the night.

RSVP: 10th April 2024.

Email: events@danishsociety.org.nz

Or click/copy below link to register online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1SzdsGNh1Y>



Or simply scan the QR code with your phone.

Payment details:

Account Name: **The Danish Society Inc**

Account Number: **12-3036-0671539-00**

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Valhalla Working Bees

Since the dreaded days of covid and lockdowns, no holidays, no weekends away and no working bees at Valhalla, the grounds were a big mess and the house in great need of attention also.

The Valhalla sub-committee has made a plan bringing the house and grounds back to a position, where we can easily maintain the place to a good standard.

A lot of hard work was carried out during working bees last year – but there is a lot more work to do.

Here is a bit of an update about some of the work that has been done and the plan moving forward.

The Grounds

As we all know, Auckland's 'Hot and Wet' climate is great for our beautiful plants, however, the weeds love it too. With nobody being able to keep a handle on the weeds at Valhalla and attend to all the fallen trees and branches, we had our work cut out when we finally returned.



Clearing tracks was a priority at last year's working bees, for us to at least be able to enjoy a bush walk and access the two beaches.

Maintaining our many tracks is a big job, but we have made a plan to make this easier in the future.

As you may have noticed we are well underway upgrading the tracks with the aim to have them long lasting, nice, dry and easy to maintain.

We have started with the track from the house to Ocean Beach.

There is a lot more work to be done to achieve this for the entire two main tracks.



As the tracks are built, the plan is to plant along-side them using plants that we can find in the bush - to make the tracks look beautiful and to keep the weeds at bay along the main routes.

Part of the track work includes directing ground water down the sides and under the new paths through maintainable leaf and silt traps.

This will keep the water from eroding the surfaces and washing mud over the gravel.



The drainage pits under the pathways are at work already.

While this big piece of work is underway for the long Valhalla track network, we need ongoing weed control and track clearing for the tracks that are waiting for 'their turn'.



We are also currently making a new road to the old cattle shed area. The plan is to use this space to store materials we use at the working bees, keeping it all out of sight when we are at Valhalla relaxing.

The House

Like a lot of us, the house is slowly getting older! The paint is peeling, timbers are starting to perish and a few upgrades are required.

The house is currently being assessed and a plan is being formulated to renovate parts of the house that are in most desperate need.

Some of this work will have to be carried out by paid contractors – to avoid parts of Valhalla being unable to be used for longer periods of time. However, there will be a lot of smaller repair and maintenance jobs, that we would like to get done at working bees. This includes fixing, tidying and cleaning inside the house also.

Please Come and Help

We are just about the kick off with the first working bee of the year on April 20th & 21st.

We often struggle with a dwindling number of people coming to the working bees. There is a lot of work to get done but simply not enough people.

Therefore, we hope this article has inspired you to come along and do your bit - to keep our beautiful retreat being and looking great.

We want the working bees to be an enjoyable time, where we achieve things together, meet new people, have a bit of fun and of course a good feed.

We all have different skills, strengths and interests and we aim to find a job that is suited and ideally enjoyable for you.

Please come and do your bit at one or more of this year's working bees. Come for a day on the Saturday or come for the whole weekend.

April 20th & 21st

June 15th & 16th

Aug 17th & 18th

Oct 19th & 20th

May 18th & 19th

July 20th & 21st

Sep 21st & 22nd

Nov 16th & 17th

The upcoming working bee in April is led by Adrian. He has Mia and Linda featuring in the kitchen spoiling the hard-working people with their famous Smørrebrød and other delicious Danish treats.



Please contact Adrian if you are able to join in April.

adrianfry72@gmail.com / 021 343 031

Other Ways to Help

If you are unable to attend any of the working bees but would like to contribute, we would like to hear from you also. You may, for example, be able to pop up during week days to spray the paths for weeds, or be in a position to donate the hireage of a machine like a bobcat, digger, or dumper, which will enable us to achieve our goals.

*****We need you!*****

Events Sub-committee



Contact events@danishsociety.org.nz if you can spare some time and be part of a fun group to help organize events. Any help is appreciated.

We have a team of dedicated helpers who tirelessly put up their hand every time but we need new people too.

The more volunteers we can call on, the better it will be for our club!



Beer tasting!

Saturday 25th May - 6pm start

One of NZ's very best beer brewers is a Dane! Søren Eriksen of 8 Wired will visit The Danish House for a great beer tasting event.

Afterwards grab a beer or two from the bar, while home-made burgers and hot dogs are being prepared!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcJYPUIhscA>

\$40.00 per person for members (paid up)

\$50.00 per person for guests (due to the conditions of our alcohol license all guests must be accompanied by a member).

Ticket includes beer tasting and burgers/hotdogs - please remember to tell us about any dietary requirements that we need taken into consideration.

Minimum 25 people.

Email on events@danishsociety.org.nz

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Or simply scan the QR code with your phone.

RSVP/CANCEL/PAYMENT:
No later than 20th May 2024.

Cash/Eftpos bar available on the night.



April Movie Night!



Friday 12th April at 7.30pm

Note a week earlier than normal movie nights

Bastarden / The Promised Land (2023)

Only Danish subtitles. Directed by Nikolai Arcel and starring Mads Mikkelsen

In 18th-century Denmark, impoverished war hero Capt. Ludvig Kahlen sets out to tame a vast, uninhabitable land on which seemingly nothing can grow. This beautiful but forbidding area is under the rule of Frederik De Schinkel, a merciless nobleman who realises the threat Kahlen represents to his power. As a new community starts to settle in, De Schinkel swears vengeance, leading to a violent and intense confrontation between the two men.

Come for coffee cake and hygge.

Members 8 dollars. Non members 10 dollars

Open House

Sunday 14th April, 2pm-4pm

Complimentary coffee and tea will be served.

Note this is the second Sunday of the month

All welcome - no need to book.

Quick Check Calendar

APRIL

Fri 12th – Movie night

Sat 13th – Smørrebrødsfest

Sun 14th – Open House, 2-4pm

MAY

Sun 12th – Open House, 2-4pm

Sat 25th – Beer tasting

JUNE

Sun 9th – Open House, 2-4pm



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