



# THE DANISH • SOCIETY NEWS

## Sunday Roast in June

Sunday 8th June - 1pm



Bring the family together for a treat – Sunday Roast with fellow Danes, friends and family. Doors will open at 12.30pm and there will be a bit of time to enjoy a drink and mingle before we indulge in great food. The bar will be open and accepts both cash, eftpos and credit card.

The Buffet Roast is \$25 for members and for their guests.  
Children 12 and younger can eat for half price. RSVP by 2nd of June please

### To book:

Click/copy below link to register online:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/1idrf540ff>



or simply scan the  
QR code with your phone

Or Email:  
[events@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:events@danishsociety.org.nz)

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## Global Danes in Australia and New Zealand

Danes Worldwide, in collaboration with The Royal Danish Embassy, The Consulate General in Sydney, The Danish Seaman's Church in Australia and New Zealand, Danish Club Dannebrog in Melbourne, and Hamilton Danish Society, invites Danish citizens residing in Australia and New Zealand to a free online information evening

Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at 5:00 PM, Sydney time

The meeting is open to all Danes living in Australia and New Zealand, their spouses, family members or others connected to Denmark.

The meeting provides a unique opportunity to get an update on issues like Danish citizenship (retention and re-acquisition), Danish pension, and family reunification. You can also learn how your children can retain and improve their skills in Danish language.

The meeting will take place in English.

To register: [www.danes.dk/en/events/global-danes-in-australia-and-new-zealand-2025/](http://www.danes.dk/en/events/global-danes-in-australia-and-new-zealand-2025/)

### PROGRAM

- Welcome by the hosts
- Introduction to Danes Worldwide by secretary general, Michael Bach Petersen
- Information and latest updates on the above subjects by legal advisor, Caroline Ulrich
- Questions and dialogue



## SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 2nd October 2025 - 9am - 3pm



The Danish Society is excited to host the New Zealand Blood Service blood donation event at Penrose House. We encourage all members of The Danish Society who are able and willing to come and donate to this important cause.

As part of our support for this life-saving work, The Danish Society has decided to make this a charity event, offering our facilities to the New Zealand Blood Service free of charge.

We look forward to seeing you at the Danish House, 6 Rockridge Ave, Penrose on the day!

Thanks, Nicolai

## SAVE THE DATE!

Valhalla Sankt Hans celebration combined  
with a Working Bee

Saturday, 14 June 2025

More details will follow in the June newsletter.

Welcome  
to our  
**New Members**

A warm welcome to our newest  
full members:

Annette Holzmann

Teresa Brudevold-Iversen, Paul Larsen  
& Zoe Larsen





## March Bingo

A great afternoon was enjoyed by 25 very young and older members competing (by luck) for some really nice 'treat' presents. The final full card winner was able to traditionally take home a fresh Big Duck and a nice bottle of Red Wine.

Encourage your friends and family to join our next Bingo Event in September - the more people we get together the bigger prizes we can play for.

*See you next time - Mia*



## Open House

**Sunday 11th May, 2pm-4pm**

Complimentary coffee and tea will be served.

**Note this is the second Sunday of the month**

All welcome - no need to book.

## Movie night

I am not able to do the next few months of movie night.

If anyone is interested in showing a movie on the third Friday each month please contact me. I am happy to help with movie selections and announcement emails. All you need is a computer with VPN to connect to Denmark's movie rentals.

I can be contacted by email:

Randi.edwards@xtra.co.nz

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



## Events Sub-committee

Contact [events@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto: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!

## Quick Check Calendar

MAY

Sun 11th – Open House, 2pm

JUNE

Sun 8th – Sunday Roast (no Open House)

Sat 14th – Sankt Hans at Valhalla

JULY

Sun 13th – Open House, 2pm

Sat 26th – Smørrebrødsparty



# Valhalla Housekeeping



I think we need a reminder of what is expected when you book Valhalla and your responsibility being the member booking it.

It is a great privilege that we as members of the Danish Society get to rent the holiday home at a very good rate. We are not a Book-a-Bach or any other platform for booking a holiday house.

Saying this, it belongs to all members of the Danish Society, as does The Danish House in Penrose. So we

should be showing it the respect that we would give our own home.

We do have a cleaner who comes in to clean after your stay, but it is still your responsibility as the member who books the house to make sure the below are done before leaving and what you need to take up with you.

Please bring the below. We do not provide these things. We do not have a caretaker and even though most of our members leave some of this behind, not all of them do, so you don't want to be caught out.

- **Washing Powder** - if you want to do more washing than the tea towels and hand towels and bathmats.
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Rubbish Bags**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Handy towels**
- **Glad wrap etc**
- **Oil**
- **Containers** to put left-over food in that you might want to take home. If everyone takes containers from Valhalla, we won't have anything left to store left-over food in the Fridge.
- **All your own bedding and towels**
- **All your food etc.** I think you have the idea now.

The booking member must check Valhalla before leaving to make sure the below has been done. I have had quite a few texts and phone calls about things being left at Valhalla. If all the rooms are checked, bedrooms (also under the beds), lounge, kitchen etc., you shouldn't leave anything behind.



## Valhalla Housekeeping (continued)

### Check that all the below has been done.

- **If there is a gas bottle that is empty** it needs to be swapped at Matakana Garage email a copy of the receipt and you can take the cost off your rental cost.
- **All fridges** are empty and wiped out.
- **Food drawers** are empty and wiped out.
- **Microwaves** are wiped out.
- **All tables and bench tops and stoves** have been wiped down.
- **Children's area** is tidy and organised, check everything is put back complete.
- **All toys** are put away from outside as well and any sticks that they have been played with are removed from the lawn.
- **All dog poo and rubbish** is picked up from outside and the wood replaced from the BBQ area and the inside fire is laid ready to use.
- **Check that all Rubbish** is put into the rubbish bin on the road side NOT inside our property. If there is no room you will need to take it home with you. The bin gets emptied on a Tuesday.
- **You can use the Recycling Bin** which is down by our bridge before the hill for all your recycling if there is room, otherwise you need to take it home with you. We have gone to Goat Island with our recycling if it is too much for the bin.
- **Please wash the Kitchen Bin** and put a new rubbish bag in it.
- **Check all toilets** and make sure there is at least 1 roll of toilet paper in each toilet. Even a spare one would be nice. Some members are driving up to 2 hours to get to Valhalla and may need to run to the toilet, just to find no toilet paper. If we all do it, then no one will get caught out.

Just the last thing: If you have taken containers, dishes home please return them to Valhalla, or at least to the Danish House, so they can be returned to Valhalla.

We had every bed with a mattress protector on them. I can see we have quite a few missing, and these are not cheap to replace. Please bring them back clean if you took them home with your sheets. (This is an ongoing problem).

Please report anything that is broken or needs fixing so that it can be done at the next working bee.  
Email: [valhalla@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:valhalla@danishsociety.org.nz)

Thank you for taking the time to read this and let's keep Valhalla a nice place to enjoy.

*The Danish Society*





# The Danish Lutheran Church of New Zealand wishes everyone a Happy Easter!



*Our church crucifix in Easter basket in the countryside at Geraldine, South Canterbury*

## Easter

Easter is the major Christian holiday and a basic story in our culture. It is about the big questions of life and about close human experiences – hope, reconciliation, forgiveness, community, faith in life, but also failure, loneliness, suffering and death.

The story of Easter spans a dramatic week, the last week of Jesus' life, which ranges from the fellowship of the Lord's Supper, the sorrow over Jesus' suffering and death - to the joy that he rises from the dead

## Easter eggs

Eggs symbolize the resurrection. Since the earliest Christianity, the egg has been used as a symbol of the resurrection. The eggshell looks dead and lifeless like the grave. But inside the shell, a new life emerges, just as Jesus broke out of the grave when he rose from death on Easter morning.

## Decorating Easter eggs

It is also an old custom to decorate one's eggs. In the past, you carried an Easter basket with eggs to church on Easter Sunday and had the priest bless your eggs. In many places, there was a competition to decorate the eggs most beautifully and carry the most beautiful Easter basket to church.

*(Source: [www.folkekirken.dk](http://www.folkekirken.dk))*





## April '25 working bee achievement

The main aim of the day was moth plant collection, removal of the cut Pohutukawa's, and stacking the dry firewood in the shed.

Adrian and Jeremy on the Chainsaws, Antony loading and driving the trailer along with Luca and Adi. The teenagers came to help piling up the brushwood. All the cut wood was finished by the end of the day.

Meanwhile Celina, Sarah, Adi, Liam and Zane, Mia (Jr) wheelbarrowed the existing firewood pile into the shed.

Christina Gilderdale had come up in the days prior and made a map of the worst effected moth plant areas.

The moth plants were then attacked with full force by Nicolai, Paula, Inger, Robert, Hele, Todd, Kathryn and 5 others from the Leigh Harbour Valley Society and the Leigh Coastal Care Group, collecting 25 bin sacks full of pods, they all did an excellent job

The LHVS also has a mention on their website: [www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz/posts/](http://www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz/posts/)

Rob and I had a look at the septic system, flushed one line and checked out the other set of trays, Rob cleared around them ready for a service.

Steen checked all of the traps that were set around the place for any caught pests.

Jules from 'My Gardener' came up and sprayed some of the Pohutukawas and all of the oak trees for the pests and diseases that are killing them. He was very kind donating all the chemicals along with his time.

Mia and Linda did their usual magic in the kitchen making sure nobody went hungry (not even for a minute!!!)



Kathryn's team from Leigh

The Working Bee Team



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### Contribute to our magazine

The next magazine deadline is  
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If you are interested in learning  
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levels) then this is for you.

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