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Mayor Drs. Jan Van Belzen
Postbus 501
2990 EA Barendrecht

Subject: Visit to Barendrecht

Dear Mayor Van Belzen

Thank you very much for your warm welcome to Barendrecht and putting together a wonderful program. Please also pass on my very great thanks to all those who contributed to welcome Silvy, my wife Angela and myself.

We enjoyed our tour of Barendrecht Hollander, it was great to learn about what they do and how they do it. Joining the alderman of the Municipality of Barendrecht for lunch and talking to them was very informative.

At the Rehoboth School we were very impressed by the dedication of the schoolchildren who take care of the grave and monument of Jack Dawson Green. It was moving to hear them sing the Australian Anthem with such enthusiasm. I would also like to send my special thanks to the director of the school, Mr van den Berg, and to Mr Hans Onderwater for all they have done.

All in all it was a very exciting and enjoyable experience, I will certainly remember the visit to Barendrecht Hollander, the Rehoboth School and the visit to the final resting place of Jack Dawson Green. Thank you also for the generous gifts.

I really look forward to visiting Barendrecht again with my wife on Saturday 4 May 2019 to commemorate the end of WWII and those who have fallen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew E K Neuhaus".

Matthew E K Neuhaus
Ambassador

CC **Mr Nico van den Berg, director Rehoboth School**
Mr Hans Onderwater
