

WAI\$WORDS

Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Newsletter December 1991

* * * \$W 3689.60 * * *

Greetings Traders!

That's the trading figure for November! In total members have spent \$W 3689.60 on various goods & services from others members who together have earnt \$W 3689.60. That averages out to about \$W 10 each per week! Of course some didn't spend or earn that much but others must have had a very busy time.

We apologise for the absence of a transaction statement with the last mailout. A last minute technical hitch meant that they could not be printed before the impending trading day. I hope you weren't put-off trading by not knowing you balance or as to whether or not you had reached your credit (\$W 1000) or debit (\$W 500) limits. This is understandable but it highlights the importance of keeping your own "record of transactions" as up-to-date as possible using the statement to check that transactions have been processed.

Included in this mailout is a membership agreement. To protect members and the management from any unacceptable activities you will be asked to sign a statement that you have read and agree with these conditions. This will be done with all new subscriptions & renewals or when you update your service list. You should keep this agreement (along with some of the other paper we have sent to you).

This month's service list is an update only and will need to be used in conjunction with October's but as we all have new phone numbers we have produced a full members directory this time round (usually you would only get this in a quarterly mailout). The next mailout will be in February (we need a little break) and this will be a quarterly mailout.

After many months of hard work Dennis & Mary Collett have resigned as Treasurer & Secretary respectively. They have put in many hours getting the exchange up and running and we owe them a great deal. The founding of the system has been a very demanding experience for all of us and Dennis & Mary can take much credit for their contribution including our rapid growth.

Eric M^cCutcheon has agreed to be our new Treasurer and Ian Stewart will be acting Secretary. We will use Eric's place for our new postal address and will also be holding our committee meetings there.

WAI\$ Treasurer
Eric M^cCutcheon
50 South Road
MASTERTON 5901
Phone 0-6 377 1750

Colin Turner
377 5828
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Eric is happy to deal with any enquiries and as Treasurer will receive all \$K (kiwi money) while Denisse will see to all \$WAI\$ dollars and enquiries regarding your WAI\$ accounts and service listings.

WAI\$ Membership Officer
Denisse Godinet
20 Baillie Crescent
CARTERTON 5951
Phone 0-6 379 8055

Please be vigilate concerning your details in the service list, membership directory etc. We will do our best to avoid errors but we ask that you accept the fact we are human and that mistakes will occur from time to time. We squeeze a huge amount of information into a service list and have no hope of "proof-reading" it after so we have to rely on you to notify us if any details need correcting.

Finally if you missed the Xmas Function you missed a great time! A timely break in the rain allowed us to BBQ our meat & share our salads etc. Then in the fading light (& falling rain) a quick 1/2 hour of trading was followed by a lively & energetic couple of hours of music & dancing. The hall could have accommodated 5x the number present so it was a little disappointing to have so few turn-out. We would be interested to hear your reasons for not being able to come so we can see you at next year's function!

NORTHWAIS A very interesting trip to Ballance last month gave us a good insight into the progress of two other \$G groups and findout how the locals feel about future development. The Manawatu Green Dollar Exchange have bee operating for 2 years & have about 50 members. They were very impressed with some of our ideas some of which they seem keen to take onboard. Their committee seem to have plenty of \$K but limited \$G which is in contrast to us. Ten families around Ballance settlement run a very successful exchange using Ballance Bush Dollars (BBD's) as their currency. Being mainly rural they use the exchange to share labour & farm equipment. Some locals belonged to Manawatu \$G others were impressed with our system were keen to join up with us BB\$'s are considering the possibility of expanding their membership. Early next year we will have another session probably in Eketahuna & discuss how best to help the G\$ development in North Wairarapa.

SOUTHWAIS The next trading day will be at Dave & Jane's Greytown home where we hope to encourage more South Wairarapa folk to become involved. Until the membership at least doubles in the south trading will continue to be slow and the eventual establishment of an independant exchange will take a long time.

FINANCE The committee have had to shelve plans such as computer purchase due to some large \$K outgoings. We have begun implementing some cost-saving measures and organised some fundraising activities. Even though we pay many internal (management) expenses in \$W we have a policy of reducing these also to balance the books. We will give first consideration to getting things done on a voluntary basis first and only consider payment if necessary.

Our new Treasurer & our acting Secretary undertake their duties without payment and the extra spent "employing" our Membership Officer to streamline our systems has already seen a reduction in the hours required to process transactions and with less errors.

Some members may find it easy to spent \$W but hard to earn them. As the management account needs \$K (kiwi dollars) we are keen to exchange \$W for \$K. Remember that \$W have the same value as \$K the only diffence is that you can exchange \$K with anyone but WAIS dollars can only be traded with other members of our exchange. So if your account continues to go deeper into debit & you see no way of earning \$W I encourage you to consider using \$K to balance your \$W account. Remember you have had value for money whether \$W or \$K. We will all benefit you can trade again while the committee can have \$K to plan & develop with.

SUBSCRIPTIONS We have also reviewed the policy of allowing people to join without paying the full subscription. This can still occur (although not encouraged as it adds to our administration workload) but we have decided to insist on full payment within 3 months. It is felt that by joining-up & using WAIS dollars to trade members will soon have saved themselves enough Kiwi dollars to complete paying their subscription fee. Subscription renewals (\$K 15) are also due to be paid in Kiwi dollars on the anniversary of first joining.

FUNDRAISING We hope you will fully support the following activities by purchasing yourself and getting your friends, neighbours, relations & members of the public buy.

XMAS TREES pruning branches range of sizes \$K 3-5 available from 14 Dec at trading day being held at 111 South Belt Masterton. Contact Eric for further details.

MEAT RAFFLE First Prize - Whole Hogget valued at \$40

Second Prize - Side Hogget valued at \$20

Third Prize - Shoulder of Hogget \$10

Tickets 50 cents (\$K 0.50) - limited to 300 - drawn Fri 20th Dec.

Contact Eric if you are interested in buying or selling tickets.

SERVICE LISTINGS NOW UNLIMITED! We have re-evaluated the limitations that we earlier placed. We cannot run a dual system with someone holding a master list while publishing a list limiting members to 5 services. Some of us feel restricted by this also therefore you may now be listed with as many services, skills & products as you wish.

WAI\$AD\$ In the last mailout a sheet of 4 notice slips were provided for you to use when you have a need to advertise items or services that are seasonal, one-offs or additional to your service listings. These slips should keep you going till the next mailout. It is planned to send these out as part of the quarterly mailout but there is some debate as to the justifying the cost. Over 350 of these slips were printed costing \$20 to be done and with only 4 being received this time bringing in \$6.35 in WAI\$ & stamps it hardly seems worthwhile. This is cheapest advertising service you'll find. So use it or lose it!

CHITS As hundreds of transactions are now being processed each month it is essential the operation runs smoothly. From now on transactions that are not recorded on the official chit will not be processed. It takes extra time to process non-standard chits. Some hours are spent first debiting each account as detailed on each chit then a similar time is spent crediting accounts and finally the chits are filed. To avoid errors & to help the operation run smoothly please use the official chits we supply. Handwritten notes are confusing as they can be set out in a variety of ways, may not have all the correct information and tend to be an impossible size or shape to file. As there is no interest there is real hurry to get transactions in. Statements are produced at the end of each month and what ever arrives late will be in the next statement. If we can keep reducing our administration costs we will be able reduce the monthly levy so we will all be better off.

TRADING From my own experience it does take time to get-to-grips with this green money. I've been involved locally for over a year but have only felt confident with the system a few months. The important thing is to make a start and once started to consciously make an effort to continue to trade. The one and only reason for being in the system is to use the system. It helps to check out the directory for people you know 'cause it's easier to trade with friends. It helps to meet other members face-to-face to build up trust and gain understanding of their wares, services or needs and in doing so how you can both profit from a trade. Spend sometime thinking about jobs others can do for you especially things you don't like doing and that you can't afford paying \$K to have done. What "jumble" do you want to get rid of? Take it to a trading day! Got too much? Then host a trading day at your place when it suits you!

Being listed in the service directory is no guarantee someone will contact you. Most of my trades have resulted from WAI\$ advertising, conversations with other members and getting along to the trading days a seeing what's on offer.

Trading Totals for the last few trading days are;

26/10 Martinborough	\$113.00
28/10 "Amokura"	\$193.60
09/11 Carterton	\$387.60

Happy Trading!
Hayden M=Grail

TRADING DAYS PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Hosts	Venue
Sat 14 December	4-5.30pm	Karen Summers	111 South Belt Masterton ⑫
		Xmas Trees! WAI\$# 1023	
Sat 28 December	Day off?	Bru Walker	⑫
Tue 28 January	6pm Pot Luck Tea	Beth Covern's	Fire No 204
	7pm Trading	WAI\$# 1020	Norfolk Road RD1 Carterton ⑭
Fri 28 February	5pm onwards	Dave MacPherson & Jane Steven's	
		WAI\$# 1013	44 Jellicoe St Greytown
		Back section so please park on roadside.	

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Wairarapa Green Dollars Classified Advertisements December 1991

A single charge of one standard postage-rate stamp (45 cents) per line has been fixed. This payment can be easily sent in with the notice or \$W0.50 can be deducted from your account. (Note that the \$V charge was increased at the last committee meeting). Stamps will directly help us cover some of our postal costs. [The number in the brackets following the ads below represent the cost in stamps for each].

Notices can be posted or placed in drop-boxes. (Use notice slip attached below). Telephoned adverts are acceptable but written notices are preferred.

As our newsletter is photocopied any ready-made advertisement can be sent in for us to include.

PLANTS FOR SALE PERENNIALS, ANNUALS, HOUSE PLANTS.

H. DEW. WAI\$# 1021 Ph 379 8034.

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Chatham Is Ake Ake excellent shelter rooted cuttings PB3/4 \$W 1.50 each or \$W 1.00 for 10 or more. Contact Beth Cowern WAI\$# 1020 Ph 378 8760

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EXPERIENCED CARPET LAYER REQUIRED Contact Denisse WAI\$#1057.

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URGENTLY REQUIRED TO BUY OR HIRE: FREEZER, SOLID WOODEN BUNKS & SET OF 6 DINING ROOM SEATS. Contact Denisse WAI\$# 1057.

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WANTED 1 old sofa and 1 TV for holiday home.
Phone Bev on 377 0312 WAI\$# 1082.

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WANTED Safety seat to carry child on bicycle.
Phone Lorraine on 377 3709 WAI\$# 1075.

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WANTED SM GLASS HOUSE OR MATERIALS FOR BUILDING ONE.
Ph 379 8034 A. & H. Dew WAI\$# 1021.

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