



Monthly News from the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Inc

In all recorded history there has not been one economist who has had to worry about where the next meal would come from. **Peter Drucker (1909 - 2005)**

Markets 2010

Please mark your calendars!

Sat 13 Mar - St Luke's Church on the corner of Worksop Road and Queen Street, Masterton

Sat 27 Mar - St James Church Hall, Masterton

Sat 24 Apr - St John's Hall, Greytown

Sat 22 May - Senior Citizens' Hall, Ctn

Sat 5 June - Karm Carpark, Featherston

Sat 24 Jul - St John's Hall, Greytown

Fri 6 Aug - AGM/MiniMarket - WCC, Mtn

Sat 25 Sep - Senior Citizens' Hall, Ctn

Sat 2 Oct - Karm Carpark, Featherston

Sat 27 Nov - St John's Hall, Greytown

Sat 18 Dec - St James Church Hall, Mtn.

Stallholder enquires to Keith Sawyer.

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Subscription policy under review

Have your say!!!

Flexible Subscriptions and Less Tax

- Ideas to consider from Hayden McGrail

My aim over the last 20 years has always been to guide the creation of a practical, affordable, flexible and fair community currency system for the Wairarapa. The journey continues as we tweak our practices to ensure continued improvement. Following are a couple of ideas, used in other systems, that I'd like considered at our AGM.

I'm keen that our committee spends less time chasing unpaid subscriptions and more time in other areas. Thus I propose that we either change our annual subscription to be payable in either WAIS or NZ\$ or make it voluntary all together. We lose far too many members to our current rigid annual fee.

It is also time we balanced the levies between the WAIS vouchers, currently 0%, with on-line transactions currently 8% (4% each way). Our system must have some admin tax to cover operational costs but this levy needs to be fair. Currently WAIS Vouchers are sold and bought back at their comparable NZ\$ value. I propose that value of WAIS vouchers when "cashed in" for \$NZ be reduced to 95% of its value and that our on-line transaction levies become 2.5% each way. This way our tax, on both forms of our currency, becomes 5%.

Think about these proposals, discuss them with others and attend our AGM in August and let's continue to improve our system and grow our membership.

Wais Words:

The secret of success is turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

Congratulations and best wishes to WAIS members Debbie and Gordon Yoi for their 24th Wedding anniversary on March 22!

New Venue for extra G\$ Market

The Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange will be holding an extra Masterton Market outside St Luke's Church from 9:30 - 12:30 on the morning of Saturday 13 March. The Market programme for 2010 has been established for some time (see the listing above top left) but an opportunity has arisen to allow us to experiment with a more central, accessible, public venue at St Luke's Church on the corner of Worksop Road and Queen Street.

The site, opposite Countdown Supermarket (formerly Woolworths), gives us the chance to showcase not only the quality and range of goods we offer at our Markets but also the Green Dollar organisation itself. Close to Masterton's shopping hub, we see this as a prime opportunity for members to enjoy a successful outdoors market - inside if the weather is disappointing - as a follow-up to the recently successful Market in Carterton.

So, make a note in your diary for Saturday 13 March at St Luke's Church and contact Keith Sawyer on 06 3770717 or letstrade@wise.net.nz if you want to arrange to have a stall.

Announcements

Editor Wanted: Applications for the position of editor for our monthly newsletter are sought. The committee is keen to engage a capable and resourceful person who can co-ordinate, compile, compose, create and otherwise continue to produce interesting, readable and regular issues. Attendance to monthly committee meetings is desirable and remuneration is negotiable. Please register your interest with Keith <letstrade@wise.net.nz> - 06 3770717 or for more role details contact Hayden foresthomes@wise.net.nz - 06 3725866. Examples of your publishing talent or ideas would be welcomed.

Send any newsletter items for the April issue to Anneleise before the end of March.
anneleise@gmail.com
or Keith on 06 377 0717.

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WAIS member spotlight

DEBBIE YOI

WAIS 1493

GREYTOWN



***CHOPPING BOARDS**

***JEWELLERY**

***PAUA MIRRORS**

***KEYRINGS**

***SUNCATCHERS**

***FREE-RANGE EGGS**

Debbie has been an active trader since joining in June 2008. Her sturdy chopping boards are good prices and come in various woods and sizes, or your required measurements can be made to suit. She has jewellery for children and adults, with the children's range starting from as little as G\$2. Also offered are paua mirrors, nic-nacs and fresh free-range eggs, great for the pan or baking!

Debbie' has benefitted from a wide range of goods, trades and services including gardening labour, woodsplitting, chainsaw work, fruit, veges, jams relishes etc. It has also opened the way to extras and treats so the 'in-town-days' are no longer just running errands and needs. Now there are options of "wants" and "always wanted to" like beautician services and music lessons. She would like to see more businesses joining to benefit their own business and our loyal traders.

Most often you will find Debbie's daughter with her at the markets. Jasmine, 12, contributes a sunny smile, enterprising spirit and her original work to their sales table. Jas (like other youngsters active in the Wairarapa Green Dollars) proves you are never too young to buy and sell through your L.E.T.S. (Local Economic Trading Systems)



Let other members know a bit about you and what you have to offer with a member spotlight!
Contact Catie-Lou Manson (06) 370 8906 or lets.lenzviewz@live.com

What can you buy with your green dollar\$?

By Catie-Lou Manson

What goods, services, produce and trades are available through local currency that you presently, fully pay for, in NZ\$? Or what about the tasks you really dislike, are unable to do, or just don't have the time or equipment for? Would you like someone else to take care of it?

Your local economy trading system opens time opportunities to members, in addition the savings of cold hard cash. The time previously spent on the most disliked tasks, can be spent on other things wanted or needed, while someone else willingly does those bothersome jobs.

Access to local traders who trade in local currency opens options for new pursuits, hobbies, learning opportunities and recreation activities. Art or music lessons or education tuition may have been un-viable in NZ\$ but an enjoyable reality in G\$.

Members can also enjoy treats or extras that the NZ\$ budget may not have stretched to like massages, skin and beauty treatments, fresh home-made baking/meals or even a couple of helping hands in the garden/backyard?

How is your wood supply looking? Wairarapa Green\$ has wood suppliers, tree fellers, wood splitters and trailer hire.

Who has pregnant children, grandchildren, nieces, cousins or friends? Who already have babies and children? We have an abundance of beautiful knitwear and clothing for children/babies, original and not available in general shopping places. These are top quality at 100% Green \$.

Who would love a relaxed at home family portrait/pet portrait? Who needs a photographer for their wedding? We have photographers 100% Green \$.

Who needs a good babysitter or care-giving help with the elderly? We have such people, willing and just waiting to be asked.

Who has cats, dogs, birds or other domestic animals or stock? We have pet-minders, dog-walkers, dog-groomers, dog-boarding, pet grooming, vets and even a farm-animal orphanage.

Who needs: a roof painted? House water-blasted? Plastering? Painting? House renovations or re-decorations? Handyman jobs? Pest or weed spraying? We have handymen, painters, builders and pest control.

Ask yourself: What Can I offer? and What do I need?

WAIS co-ordinator Keith Sawyer is always happy to help you find the right person for your needs and also help you work out what you could offer.

LETS make our green dollar system work for us and grow local trading in our community.



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Firewood - Cut your own macrocarpa, also some cut firewood, demolition timber and untreated sawdust. Priced from \$20 or 20W per trailer. Trailer available. Contact; Hayden WAIS1016, (06) 372 5866 or 027 475 5511. foresthome@wise.net.nz.

For Sale:

Colour TV 14" (34cm) 5yrs old but still in excellent condition. \$60 or 60W ono. Contact; Hayden WAIS1016, (06) 372 5866 or 027 475 5511. foresthome@wise.net.nz,

For sale:

Grapes - ripe soon – limited supply – orders taken. Bulbs: Freesia, cream; mixed Daffodil and Jonquil; Iris, blue (spring flowering), 5 for G\$1; Jams - Black Currant, Blackberry, Cape Gooseberry, Plum, Fiejoa - G\$2.50 & \$3 jar. Small birdbath – Sandy Duncan original, price negotiable. Raffle: Porcelain doll in cradle – value \$100 – NZ/G\$1 per ticket. Helen Dew, 06 379 8034. Helendew@contact.net.nz

For Sale:

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Wanted to buy:

Chest freezer in good working order. Contact Catie-Lou Manson, WAIS1476 lets.lenzviewz@live.com or (06) 370 8906.

Wanted to buy:

Clay for pottery making. Wood carving chisels. WAIS or \$NZ. Contact Anneleise WAIS0025 (06) 308 8485 or anneleise@gmail.com