



Newsletter of the Wairarapa Green Dollars Exchange Inc.

"Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants."

– Epictetus

Markets 2014

Sat 26 Jul: St John's Hall, Greytown

Sun 24 Aug: Senior Citizen's Carterton

Sat 27 Sep: YMCA Masterton

Sat 25 Oct: St James Church,
Masterton

Sat 22 Nov: St John's Hall, Greytown

Sat 13 Dec: Carterton Events Centre

Markets run 9.30am–12.30pm.

Stallholders set up half an hour before.

Stallholder enquiries to the
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Record-breaking Trading

Our recorded WAIS trading figures have hit yet another major milestone. For the twelve months over 2013, there was W\$40.145 worth of transactions which was up a massive 9.5 thousand on the previous year of trading. But by June 2014 halfway through our trading year, we had already traded to the tune of W\$44.740. What a fantastic result WAIS people! Looking forward to the next six months trading.

Welcome to These New Members

WAIS 0134 Rema Wimutu 022 658 5358 OFFERS: Unique Bone Carvings, Arts & Crafts, House-cleaning; WANTS: fresh eggs & produce, pottery tuition, cheapy laptop.

WAIS 0135 Kim Holden 021 575 512 OFFERS: CV development-working with you to make your CV stand out from the rest.

WAIS 0136 Joanne Dean 378 2426 OFFERS: kitchen duties / waitress, Admin and crafty things; WANTS fresh eggs, fruit & vegetables

WAIS 0137 Lyn McDonald 377 3047 OFFERS: Floral arrangements / planted tubs of flowers / gift ideas; books in excellent condition; beautiful bunches of flowers; WANTS: experienced gardener who loves plants; handyman to knock up a couple of small projects, and repairs.

WAIS 0138 Roger Haeata 377 7333 and 027 214 7333 OFFERS: General gardening & firewood; WANTS: guitar lessons, massage, free range eggs and fresh produce

WAIS 0139 Pasia Mensa 027 492 0683 OFFERS: fruit & Veges in season, clothes & shoes ranging from kids sizes through to adults

WAIS 0140 Michelle Murray 377 3113 and 022 108 4662 OFFERS: Leaflet distribution & Holiday childcare-have a national Nanny certificate . WANTS: fresh vegetables & produce

WAIS 0141 Susette Beneke 027 304 0692 OFFERS: Colloidal Silver, Hypertufa pots, birdbaths & grots, Runaround for those who can't shopping or appointments in Masterton

Farewell to Alf Dew

Alf Dew, husband of Green Dollar Guardian Helen Dew and father & father-in-law of members Paul & Jayne Dew, passed away last week after a long illness. Over two dozen Green Dollar members were present at the funeral service on Tuesday 8 July. The beautiful service included musical and song performances by his talented family and it was clear to all what a much loved and respected man he was. We send our love and support to Helen and her family.



MARKET DAY

Saturday July 26

9.30am - 12.30pm, St. John's Hall, Greytown



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GREEN \$\$ GO for Local Wedding

While the majority of blushing brides will lay claim to having spent many months and sometimes years, in planning, musings and dreams for their big day, local lass Joanne Williams had no such luxury. Back from Wellington for a weekend visit to parents Richard & Jean, Joanne & beau Jason visited local minister Steven Kimberley from St Matthews to see him about officiating at their future wedding. Booked solidly for a stream of Saturdays in a row, Steven only had one weekend free which was just a matter of days away. With her down to earth nature and no bridezilla bones in her genetics, Joanne, readily agreed to the short-notice nuptials. Jason a Wellingtonian, given the time restraints, had no real expectations for the occasion. He was just happy to be wedding his sweetheart sooner than he thought.

But Joannes WAIS parents, Richard & Jean, who are busy, hardworking members, decided to see if there was any chance of getting some green help to give the couple more than they expected. With just 4 days to go, Jean approached WAIS with a list of services and goods along with the hope that some, if not all, might be accomplished. So began a flurry of activity from the Green Dollar admin to pull together the necessary WAIS people to make it happen. Phone calls and text messages prevailed during the normal hours, and in the deep late hours the emails were flying out. Two days before the ceremony Joanne, her bridesmaid Kayla and Jean enjoyed a leisurely afternoon tea with fresh baking from committee member Sue Dyer. Before the nibbles, Sue and fellow therapist Gail O'Callaghan kneaded magic with their healing hands to give Joanne & Kayla a relaxing massage and ease them into the next two days of all systems go for the big day. By this time, the reception kitchen workers, Anneleise Hall, Dianne Grant and Rachel Fuge had been secured as well as Tauri Design for videography, Bev Smith for the wedding cake, Benedicte Tollu for her popular chocolate cakes & pudding and new member Rema Wimutu stepped up to the plate to offer fresh savoury items. Anneleise, also a dab hand with blow-dryer and cosmetics was booked in for make-up and hair for the ladies. At 36 hours to go, Sonia Corbett was confirmed for photography and the charming "Watsons Cottage" via Phil & Dianne Sutherland was confirmed available for two nights accommodation for the newlyweds. The only un-ticked item remaining on the list was flowers, and with no options left in WAIS, it was opened up to the public on facebook. Lyn McDonald, who had been a recent guest trader at one of our markets, was quick to respond. Her rustic flower arrangements were the perfect finishing touch for the day and she promptly joined the WAIS network as well.

On the day, amid a couple of little hiccups as is often the case, it all came together with the bride looking beautiful and the groom dashing. Among the small family & friends gathering, the vows and rings were exchanged while the kitchen ladies were busy back at the family home farmlet getting the reception and venue ready. Proud parents Richard and Jean relaxed and enjoyed the happy event with their guests. Although Joanne was no stranger to Green Dollars through her parents, this was Jasons first-hand experience of how a local currency system works for meeting peoples needs. Jason a qualified hair stylist currently working in painting and decorating, was pleasantly surprized by how quickly the greenies pulled together to make their day special, and is now a firm believer in the system. Joanne, who was working for Sir Peter Jackson, has recently moved into human resources with the Ministry of Social Development. The happy couple, together with Richard & Jean, thank everybody who contributed in making their wedding day such a joyful occasion.



Green Dollar AGM 2014

Friday 6 June saw some 40 Green Dollar members gather at the Wairarapa Community Centre for the Exchange's Annual General Meeting. But, first, there was the small matter of the "Basket Market" where about 15 members took the option of bringing in a basket selection of their most popular goods for sale so that some successful trading could whet the appetite before the shared pot-luck meal.



Come 7:00 pm and it was time to take the roll call of members present and then to go through the order of the agenda. The election of the G\$ Committee for the next twelve months went smoothly with Hayden re-elected as President followed by the retention of Lyn Laver as Secretary and Lyn Tankersley as Treasurer. Helen Dew, Jan Machin, Jenny Freemantle and Gill Lundie were re-elected as Guardians and re-elected to the committee were Benedicte Tollu and Sue Dyer. A welcome was extended to new members Kelby Courtney, Christine Loveday, David Christopher and Roger Stenton. Congratulations and thanks to all those who have made themselves available to serve Green Dollar interests for the next year.



And so to General Business. The matter at the forefront of everyone's minds was the remit relating to trading limits for members, a remit which Hayden had signalled well in advance. His proposal was that the debit and credit limits of all members be set at twice the opposite maximum historic balance of the members recorded trading activity or by application to the committee. There followed lots of questions, comments and considerations and it became increasingly clear that members needed more time and thought to absorb the possible ramifications of such a remit. Accordingly, it was withdrawn with the realisation that it was an issue that the incoming committee would need to grapple with.



Much simpler was the Mystery Auction that followed where generous members stumped up considerable sums to bid for elegantly wrapped parcels, thereby generating some hundreds of dollars for the Admin Account and the ensuing problem of what to do with what you had successfully bid for!

Community Currency Lesson at Business Course

Business guru Jeanette Hall teaches free business courses morning & night at Totara Conference Room at 407 Queen Street. The students doing the Certificate in Money Management were recently taught about sustainable living systems through WAIS guest speaker Helen Dew of Living Economies. Helen extolled the benefits of local trading employment opportunities through community currencies like our own Green Dollars and TimeBank. She also opened their eyes as to the mega savings that become possible when locals band together and form their own savings pools. These pools make it affordable for members to take out loans when expected or un-expected circumstances dictate extra money is needed. The pool members combat the crippling interest rates charged by the banks on usual bank loans. Several pools are already successfully operating in the Wairarapa.



July Zero Hero – Sandy Hewitt

Sandy can usually be found on her property at High Street South in Carterton. She has a fruit/veg/plant stand on the roadside where you are able to pay for your purchases in a portion of Green Dollars, or in some cases, in full green dollars. She's also the person to talk to if you are looking for mushroom compost for your gardens. Sandy has had a stall at several of our monthly markets with her fresh produce. When time allows, she will also whip up some batches of her special pumpkin cupcakes which are a sure WAIS favourite among regular stallholders and shoppers. The cupcakes are a delectable treat in a similar vein to carrot cake.



Make a Difference to the Planet

Do you want a fun way to learn and adopt actions that will reduce your environmental impact at home? That's a question that many of us have given a passing thought to and, for some of us, an issue that sits at the forefront of our minds as we try to determine what part we can play in creating a better world for our children and grandchildren. If you're looking for some practical ways to change your lifestyle, if you think you might like to join with like-minded people in group discussions and if you want to discover what's going on in your area then maybe it's time to take the first, simple step. Check out www.sustainableliving.org.nz or give Sustainable Living's National Co-ordinator Rhys Taylor a ring on 03 6938726



Make a difference.

G\$ Pop-up Shop – Limited Time!

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Newsletter Editor

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WAIS Advertisements

Remember there are a variety of items for sale at the WAIS office.



DVDs; local artist CDs; G\$ pens, including funky torch pens; jam, sauce & chutneys; new books for kids & adults and other novelty items.

ALL 100% Green Dollars!!
Call in if you're passing Perry St for some great gift ideas.

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