



## WAI\$ WORDS

Wairarapa Green Dollars Newsletter July/August 1991

Greetings and apologies for the late late lateness of this issue. We have had untold hiccups with the programme and have devised another programme with less problems. This has meant work work and more work!

After our meeting on the 10th Ian Stewart worked until 2.30a.m. trying to get your newsletter out but regardless of all our efforts and every possible moment working on the computer we are still making haste very slowly!!

Here is Ians letter just as he wrote it ,and more from me later:-

Good Morning Members,

I've just returned from a "depleted" committee meeting -one member left the district - Hayden is in Australia -Lindsay is in Norfolk Road (we think) and 2 apologies.It was an active and positive meeting.

We have made the following decisions:-

(1) To invite you to share the following information from a letter dated 26/4/91, to Wyatt Creech, from the Director Taxpayer Services :-

"The Green Dollar scheme is, in fact, only an information service/service agency or clearing house set up to facilitate transactions of either a business and/or hobby nature between members."

(2)To apologise for lateness of this newsletter and current update of members,their wants and needs.

(2a)The computer has one or two hiccups - we are also looking for a trainee -or two to help operate and feed information into this user-friendly beast.

(3)This is how your sub. is spent - WAI\$15 is credited to your WAI\$a/c -\$5 to the 1001 Admin.a/c . Each month a/c1001 will also be credited with WAI\$3 and each member will have this debited from their a/c. This means you have 5 months before you have used up your credit balance(i.e. 5x\$3) assuming that you haven't started trading. Management needs to have a Green Dollar a/c so it can pay members for services rendered, and so that we have a credit and debit entry for each transaction,e.g.refund in WAI\$ for stamps, petrol, photography and many activities requiring K\$ Input in dollars for energy still being donated by the committee.

Its also our recommendation that if anybody wishes to pay off WAI\$ debts in K\$ this is very acceptable as it gives us K\$ in the bank. We agreed also that members can apply for extension of either the WAI\$500 debit or the WAI\$1000 credit, however in general terms we think that the effective WAI\$1500 spending power that one would have if they had saved WAI\$1000 would go a long way towards a major transaction.

(4)For your convenience we have "borrowed" an answer phone.However this machine gobbles up batteries at the rate of 1 a month. -Does anybody have a surplus rechargable battery charger and does anybody else have a 9 volt battery to go with it ???? These could also be lent, hired, sold, for WAI\$ and save Admin. K\$.

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(5) We invite members to see if they can encourage 1 new member to join in the next month - the snowball effect is all we ask - if you need assistance or advice approach a committee member. We joined up 4 new members as the result of the front page news last week - (thanks Christine Langdon).!

(6) Past Activities:-

20 people attended the trading evening at Sedgley - \$300 WAI\$ changed hands - The soup was all different (and nice). We met new faces - Each of us went home with goods. Short and sweet, home by 8.30 p.m.

Mary has attended a couple of meetings by invitation and gained a member each time. (We can still use secretarial skills!!!!!! Mary's days seem to be getting shorter and shorter!!!!!! Any volunteers?????????)

(7) Future Activities:-

Enclosed is a copy of the Wanganui Members Agreement and application form. It is our intention to invite members to discuss these rules as a basis for ours. This discussion will take place on Friday 2nd August at 8.p.m. at Ian Stewarts

Kahurangi (fire no.200)

Gladstone (1 mile south of store on the Martinborough road)

Preceding this discussion at 7.p.m. we will have a "trading hour". We feel the evening is appropriately named a Pot (as in pan) Trading/Luck Supper Evening. It's open to member and non members or intending members, WAI\$ or K\$ accepted.

Bring yourself, a plate, and a friend to a fun 2 hours - kids, and grandparents welcome.

November in the first week we hope to have a static display in Masterton. It is also our intention to have a Family Day during that month before the Xmas rush, maybe we could trade kids for the Xmas holidays, or give a child a holiday for WAI\$.!!

Final reminder is its now 1.45 a.m. and our Green Dollar Exchange is only as good as the energy and support we all put in - we are only the management committee - and our skills and energies are limited. If you haven't been approached to help and feel comfortable to offer skills, then give that answer phone a ring! You may even get Mary or Dennis if you're lucky. Dial 89567, join the team!!!!!!

Good Night

Ian Stewart for the Management Squad.

P.S. Have just reread June newsletter - Hayden (last editor) I apologise for repeating some information - obviously some things haven't changed!

P.P.S. This is Mary writing now and its 25/7/91 at 4.30p.m. and I have a husband to visit in hospital at 5p.m. as I commence work at 6p.m. as a Care Giver of the Aged (sometimes I feel as if its the other way round!), so I won't say much more except to offer Evelyn Dillon and family our sincerest sympathy in the loss of her Mother. I'm sure we can say that we of WAI\$ care.

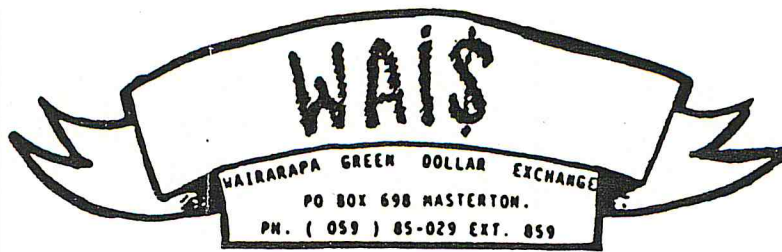
The other thing I would like to say is "get trading its fun and beneficial. Don't be frightened to go into debt as someone has to be there to give someone else a chance to be in credit. Next issue I will list the person who traded the most for the month."

Wise trading and a profitable month for all. Dont forget Friday August 2 at Ian Stewarts.

See you there!

WAI\$ly,

Mary Collett.



+++NEWS FLASH+++

(1) An official reply from the office of the Minister of Social Welfare dated 16/7/91 reads:-" The Dept. of Social Welfare supports the concept of Green Dollars trading. When determining whether or not trading has an affect on social welfare benefit payments, regard is had to the Social Security Act 1964. In terms of section 3 (1) of the Act, income consists of money received, or the value of any interest that is acquired, which is used for providing goods or services that are normally paid for from income. Green Dollars will, in some circumstances, come within that definition.

Only the Green Dollars that are earned as a regular trader, more or less occupied full-time within a scheme, are to be regarded as income for benefit assessment purposes. Green Dollars earned only sporadically are not regarded as chargeable income."

(2) For those in the Sth. Wairarapa, keep watching the Public Notices in the Newspaper for the venue of a WAI\$ Trading Event to be held in Featherston on 28th August. Everyone welcome and trading in both K\$ or WAI\$ acceptable.

(3) We are sorry we cannot send you a directory update this month or monthly accounts, due to further computer hiccups... hic hic hic hic hic hic .....WAISLY,

Mary.

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