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Wairarapa Green Dollars Newsletter November 1991

Greetings Traders!

Our Membership will hit 80 soon with the anticipation of the 100th member joining before Christmas. Although a growing membership indicates a thriving organisation the committee has not officially made growth our top priority. Sober reminders in the form of a small number of resignations have pointed to the need to clarify policies, procedures, roles and tasks.

What the exchange was going to do for us or be like to be involved with has turned out to be very different from our original expectations for many of us. For me as a committee member it has been a very testing several months far more work than I or any of us imagined any many unexpected hassles to be sorted. Personally if I were to start again I would have delayed operating or encouraging new members until all the operating systems and procedures were in-place. Then again nothing ever goes wrong when nothing is happening and even if I do prefer to avoid the mistakes made by others we learn by our mistakes. No pain, no gain! The committee has been on the back-foot since the launching and we are still having two meetings each month! The pressure has been great with some agenda items being put-off through lack of time (even though the last meeting closed at midnight!)

For any members having doubts about their role in the exchange we ask that you be patient. We are available to help you to trade by providing ideas and contacts. If we have made errors let us know and give us time to correct them. None of us presently working for the scheme has had previous experience of running an exchange and although we bring a wide range of skills it takes time to apply these profitably.

NORTHWAI\$ Our article in the Bush Telegraph has aroused much interested in the Pahiatua/Ballance area. Some Eketahuna folk may also join us on the journey north this Saturday. This is a joint event with members of the Manawatu Exchange so it could be interesting comparing notes, working out ways of inter-regional trading and seeing which of the two groups the locals want to join. I believe some of them are keen to join both! The day starts at 11am at Terry Horne's Ballance property where a BYO/Shared? BBQ lunch will take place. If going from Pahiatua via "the Track" turn right after 2nd bridge, 2nd turn right, 1st turn left and to the very end of the road. See map attached.

SOUTHWAI\$ There are about a dozen members in the southern region so far and the long-term plan is to set-up an exchange there. Until the membership builds up and there are enough workers there keen and feel able to run an exchange our central committee are happy to manage things.

Transaction Statement Each month you will receive statement which records your account transactions that have been processed. Please reconcile your record of transactions with this statement and contact directly any member who has not paid you correctly. They may have forgotten or not got around to "paying you". You may discover they have done their part and a chit has gone missing. In some cases the error may have occurred during computer imputing in which case contact Denisse Ph 38-055. Do remember that chits written near the end of one month may not appear till the following month's statement.

FINANCE We were unable to negotiate photocopying payments using WAI\$ so the large account for this has meant a temporary halt to any plans to purchase a computer of our own. However cheaper printer options are being tried for this mailout.

We now officially realise that we are not in a position to create money to pay ourselves for the work that some of us do on your behalf. All green dollars spent by the management committee from the #1001 account must eventually try to balance the income. The expenditure to set-up and get-going at the start is high especially per head with a small membership but later the running costs will reduce as will the contribution from each member as the membership grows.

Most of the charges and payments were discussed recently and it was evident that many of these were not widely known about even by committee members.

CHARGES

Joining fee \$5, annual sub\$15, account levy \$W3/month (applies while listed in directory), Chit books \$0.50 (4 free/year),
WAI\$ADS \$K0.45(stamp) or \$W0.50 per line.

No Transaction or trading-day fees

PAYMENTS

Mailout distribution \$W0.45/copy

Regular payments are made to the Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Secretary and for computer hire. These have stipulated limits.

No Committee attendance fees are paid nor are contact people paid.

Some other payments are made from time to time for other important tasks. All these payments apart from some travel is paid in WAI\$ so is spent again within our group.

CHITBOOKS As this is a quarterly mailout you will find along with a skimlist(+/-) so you can update your listings, transaction & notice forms plus a skimlists you can give to friends you want to join-up will be your free-quarterly chitbook.

Additional books are available (for you busy traders) at \$K1 for two. A slight change in procedure will help "our" money system follow orthodox practises. From now on give the completed chit to the seller (just as you would a cheque) they can then record the details and forward the chit on to our computer imputer for processing (via a drop-box). This puts the onus on the person who wants to be paid to get the chit in for processing. Remember to send a chit in as written confirmation of an agreed transaction, telephone transactions will be recorded but not processed on the computer until a chit or similar written form of advice is received.

The HEALTHY WAI\$ Account Unlike the Kiwi dollar system where you earn interest on you money as it "sits" in the bank the amount in a WAI\$ account decreases as time and money is spent maintaining a non-trader. There will always be some charges on accounts in order to run the system so you are encouraged to trade. The levies going out in \$W are going to another member and that wealth is still in the system, still within our group and they may well spend some in your direction again. A member whose account is in debit does not owe any one person money they simply owe the group. Remembering that for every dollar of debt there is a dollar balancing it in credit.

The real worth of a green account is in its activity. Sitting on a large credit helps no-one whereas finding yourself deep in the red/green means you have helped others gain credit. It is impossible for all of us to get wealthy with green money until we spend it (and then earn some more!) Any good business relies on turnover to make a profit so trade and spend and give it away if you've got too much!

SPUDS The idea of growing potatoes co-operatively has had to be shelved. We have the land & the equipment but with out the willingness of someone to oversea we cannot procede this season.

CONTACTS

Greytown	Barry Longhurst	#1029	Ph(0553)49943
Carterton	Helen Dew	#1021	Ph(059)38034
Gladstone	Ian Stewart	#1014	Ph(059)727-864
Masterton	Mary & Dennis Collett	#1002	Ph(059)89567
Eketahuna	Shirley Hull		Ph(06505)8552

DISTRIBUTION The committee has agreed that distributors can receive \$W0.45 for each copy they deliver. Although our policy will always be to choose the cheapest option distributors can claim up that amount if they wish. Let us know if you want to help Helen or Eric or maybe cover another area.

Masterton	Eric McCutcheon	#1021
Carterton	Helen Dew	#1025

TRADING DAYS These are going really well (even when we run out of chits!) and traders are getting well organised with items being clearly priced and bearing WAI\$#'s to help identify sellers.

Remember to make our Xmas function on the 28th Nov really special by being as generous as you can. It was noticable that there was only just enough food at the last Pot Luck Tea. As a guide prepare enough to feed all the mouths you are bringing with you plus one more. It's not just a contribution-like a plate for supper it's a meal as well and this month hopefully a feast. Even if your contribution is plain and simple (& cheap) added to everyone else's a banquet can often result. Bring a BBQ if you can, plates, tools, cups etc? BYO drinkies, dancing shoes and something for supper.

See you there!
Happy Trading!
Hayden McGrail

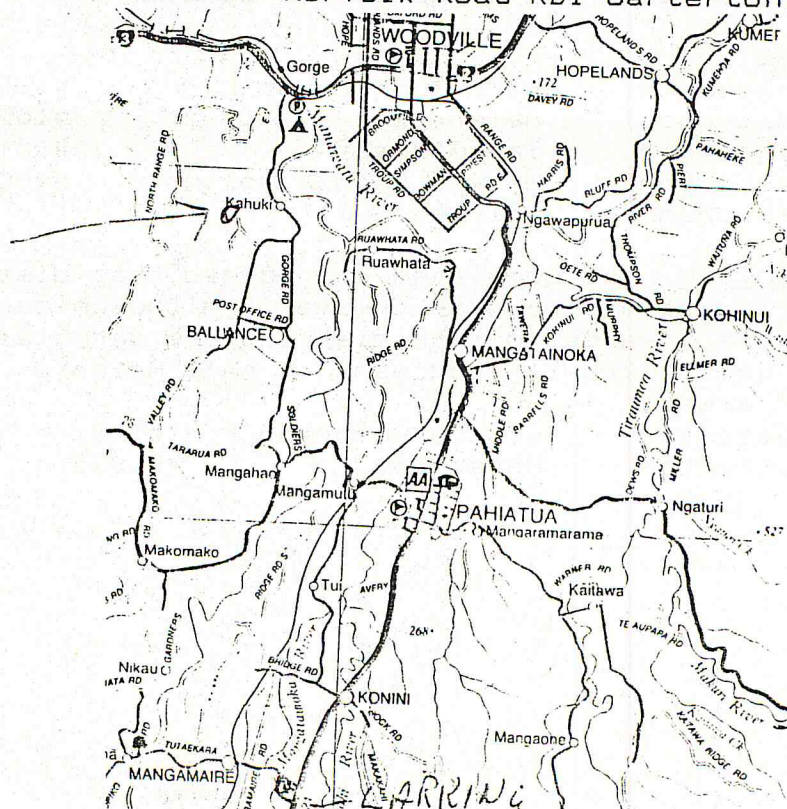
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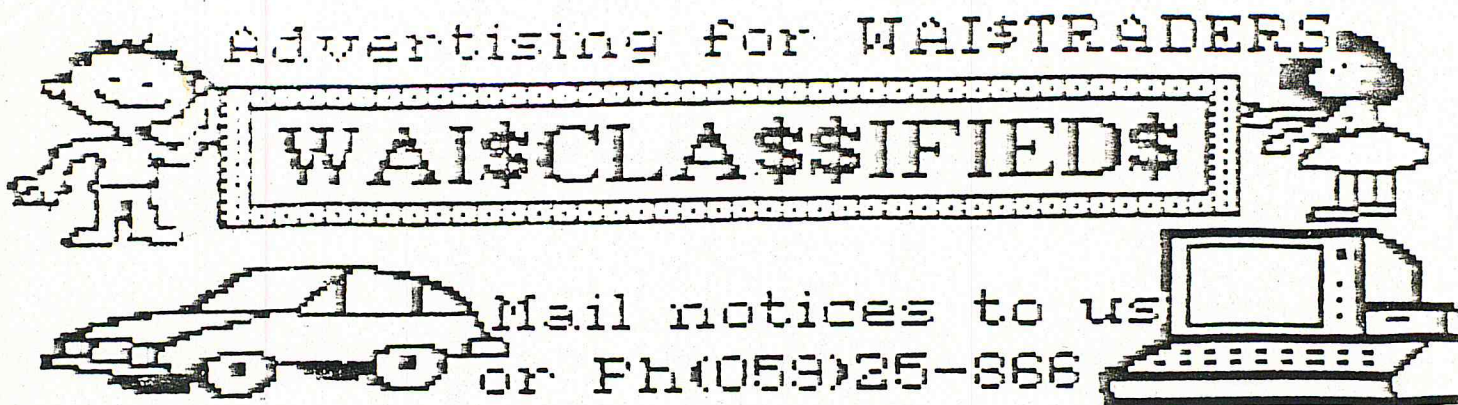
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sat 16 November	from 11am	Terry Horne's	Ballance Settlement B.B.Q. lunch see earlier newsletter item & map (10)
Thur 28 November		Our Xmas Party at the Hall of Basketmaker Greg Welch Fire No.212 Norfolk Road, (Route to Mt Holdsworth) 6pm Pot Luck BBQ Tea - bring own gear & heaps to eat! 7pm Trading Session 8pm Family Dance - Live Folk Music & tapes B.Y.O. (11)	
Sat 14 December	4-5.30pm	Karen Summers WAI\$# 1023	111 South Belt Masterton <i>*Xmas Trees \$3-5</i>
Sat 28 December	Free!	Who will book this highly (un)desirable date?	
Tues 28 January	evening	Mac McGibbon & Beth Cowerns WAI\$# 1020	Fire No 204 Norfolk Road RD1 Carterton

Fri 28 Feb 5pm onwards

flexes available
Tolliver
park outside

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Wairarapa Green Dollars Classified Advertisements November 1991

A simple 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 \$W 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.

MUTTON FOR SALE Abattoir killed & jointed. Whole mutton \$W30 Side \$W15. Phone Brian Tel (059) 85676 Wai\$# 1010.

AVAILABLE Medical Herbalist & massage (aromatherapy) Reg. N.Z.R.D.T. Phone Shelley M^cCutcheon WAI\$# 1025. [2]

Cork Available Grubbing thistles Ph Ian Tel 727864 WAI\$# 1014

PLANTS for SALE Tomato & vege plants. Barry Longhurst WAI\$ No 1029.

WANTED Gas barbeque or cooker, gas lantern; Pot Belly Stove - Water Tank. Contact Colin WAI\$#1076. Phone (059) 85828. [2]

WANTED to BUY Fabric scraps suitable for patchwork. Phone Shelley 81750 WAI\$# 1025. [2]

WANTED to BUY Jam jars, any size, any quantity. Phone Shelley M^cCutcheon WAI\$# 1025. [2]

WANTED to BUY Second-hand 2-wheeler bicycle. Suit 5-7 yr old, reasonable condition. Ph (059) 83709 Lorraine MacHugo WAI\$# 1075

Manawatu Green Dollars
c/o Manawatu Resource Centre
89 Grey St
Palmerston North.

(Angela Baker/Ritchie)