



## Newsletter of the Wairarapa Green Dollars Exchange Inc.

*Focusing your life solely on making a buck shows a poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself. And it will leave you unfulfilled.* – Barack Obama

### Markets 2014

- Sat 29 Mar: St John's Hall, Greytown
- Sat 26 Apr: St James Church, Masterton
- Sat 24 May: YMCA Masterton
- Fri 6 Jun: AGM and basket-market, Community Ctr, Masterton
- Sat 26 Jul: St John's Hall, Greytown
- Sat 23 Aug: Carterton Events Centre
- 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 our WAIS office.

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Drop in or write to us at 41 Perry St, Masterton.



## BUY WAIS & SAVE \$\$

**How many of us pay cash on a regular basis for the following items: potatoes, eggs, vegetables, herbs, fruit, biscuits, cakes, sweets, take-away meals, puddings, greeting cards, vege plants, fruit plants, compost...?**

At the WAIS market you can collect your fresh organic vegetables & fruit, your preserves and eggs, sweet treats and home-baked bread. Instead of paying NZ\$ at the supermarket for the made-for-profit-only versions, you can purchase with G\$ and even collect recipes and tips along with your goods, direct from the growers themselves. Between markets you can also buy these items direct from traders.

Market Day on Saturday 29 March is your next opportunity. Invite your family, friends and work/sports mates to come along – they can also pay for their purchases in NZ\$, of course. Phone the office if you need to withdraw some WAIS vouchers from your account – did you know you can withdraw your vouchers when you are below zero, too, and you are not penalised for it? The savings you can make with G\$ on your NZ\$ budget are a huge help to the household budget. Don't be shy to go below zero – you're contributing to your community!

If you want to give gifts or treat yourself, there is an array of handcrafted goods available to suit all ages and tastes. Useful household items crafted from wood, linens, clothing & knitwear, jewellery, lotions & potions, books, and all manner of things in between, including pre-loved items. Bring your appetite along with your recycle bags, as we have hot & cold munchies on site, both sweet & savoury and, as always, good old sizzling sausages with a choice of spreads to garnish, and fair-trade filter coffee. You're guaranteed to be well fed on the day!



# MARKET DAY

**Saturday March 29**

**9.30am - 12.30pm**

**St Johns Hall, Greytown**

Sausage Sizzle   Delicious Baking   Produce   Crafts   Plants  
Knitwear   Clothing   Sweets   Drinks   CDs   DVDs   Books

NZ \$, Green \$ and WAIS Vouchers accepted  
Guest stallholders welcome: Ph 06 377 0717

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# First Market of 2014

The final Green Dollar market of 2013 took place in the Carterton Events Centre and late February of 2014 saw us back on Holloway Street, glancing nervously from time to time to see if the threatening clouds around the Tararuas would bring anything worse than the occasional spit of rain and gusty wind to the thirty or so stalls that nestled inside the foyer or, more at risk, along the Event Centre frontage. Pessimist Andrew Fletcher gave us five minutes at best before it poured down, but as we packed up in the middle of the day he had a much warmer [and dry!] smile on his face.



*Debbie Yoi*



*Jenny & customers*



*Jenny & Dawn*

One effect of the cool weather was to encourage shoppers and traders over to the increasing number of food stalls that have become a feature of recent G\$ markets. Sue and Paul were hard at work producing bacon sandwiches and sausages in bread, accompanied by perked coffee and a piece of carob slice, while new member Pamela Bramley and friends were serving up mussel, bacon and corn fritters along with the option of a pancake. Benedicte was busy tempting taste buds with chocolate mousse and cake along with fresh organic vegetables and Lyn Laver was experimenting with a refreshing watermelon salsa that had just a hint of chilli in the background.

We've been trying to attract a wider range of visitors to our markets in recent months and at this Carterton market we were delighted to again welcome, from Japan no less, Hirofumi Otani along with his wife Miko and daughter Erika. Hirofumi, an academic currently attached to Wellington's Victoria University, has been keeping an interested eye on Green Dollar activities for quite some time, and has visited our office to meet with Hayden and Catie-Lou. His studies focus on systems that encourage reciprocity. Look out in the future for the possibility of a book recording the history of Green Dollar in the Wairarapa.



*Stallholder Anneleise with  
Fumiko & Erika Otani*



*Helen, Catie-Lou, Hayden, Keith  
& Hirofumi Otani*



*Libbi & Lisa*

Not from quite as far away as Japan were Jayne Routhan and Jan Machin, from Wainuiomata and Wellington respectively. Thanks for making the trip over the hill, ladies. Thanks also to Hayden and Lyn who at short notice brought extra stallholder tables and arranged additional market signage.

And finally, what do you do on a Sunday morning? The Green Dollar committee is considering the possibility of experimenting with markets held on Sunday mornings in venues such as Carterton's Senior Citizens Hall, including using the lawn in front of and rooms inside Marjorie Healey's neighbouring house. A quick survey carried out at the Carterton market produced an almost 4 to 1 response in favour of the experiment. If you have any thoughts about this, please talk to any committee member or contact the office on 06 3770717 or [letstrade@wise.net.nz](mailto:letstrade@wise.net.nz)

# Green Dollar Membership Subscriptions

Next month the annual member subscription of \$25 is due. In comparison with the annual fees of many other clubs and organisations, our \$25 fee for all memberships is a small amount – less than \$2.10 a month. It would be so appreciated if members could pay their subs during the month of April, when they are due. We hate asking, but ask we must, as NZ\$ are needed to keep things running and maintain an office at the wonderful & busy community centre. NZ\$ payments – in full or a percentage of the total – can be paid to the Westpac bank account **Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Inc., 03-0687-0321184-00**.



During NZ Music Month celebrations at this year's May Market, there will be **3 thank-you prizes given away, drawn from members who pay their subs in April (or earlier) with at least 50% of it in NZ\$**. Last month we traded over W\$8,100, which shows a lot of trading was going on in-between markets, and equates to the NZ\$8,100 saved locally. A lot of behind-the-scenes work goes on to keep things ticking over, providing opportunities in our network, and helping you save some of your NZ\$ through trading. Please help us continue to do so – and save us admin time for future creative events & projects – by paying your subs next month. Thank you in advance from the committee.

## Accommodation Fundraiser a Win-Win

Green Dollar members Lyn Tankersley and Hayden McGrail hosted the Otani family for a night in February, with proceeds going to our exchange's much needed funds. This Japanese family have been regular visitors to our markets recently and were delighted with the opportunity to stay at "Forest Home Paradise", as Hirofumi describes it. Hirofumi and Fumiko Otani, together with their daughter Erika, are into their last few weeks of a year-long stay in New Zealand. They are very keen to start a G\$ exchange when they return to Japan, and Hirfumi is currently working on a history of our exchange.



The family enjoyed a tour of the farm and an evening meal, followed by star gazing – the highlight of their New Zealand stay. A cloudless sky and a new moon made it the perfect night and the Milky Way was stunning. We take these simple pleasures for granted but the Otani family were amazed.

The family's generous \$100 donation has boosted our fundraising efforts and is most appreciated.

## Record Trading!

February was a whopper of a month for trading. We surpassed our December record by more than \$2,500!! Well done to all you busy members, proving how much of a difference local currency trading can make to the average household. We traded to the tune of \$8,134.92 last month and this month is pumping along strongly with W\$5,000 traded so far, and one week to go before market.

## Mystery polystyrene bins

A mystery soul left two polystyrene chilly bins filled with seeds at the Community Centre, apparently intended for WAIS. We have no idea who that person was, or who the bins are for. Could the mystery person please contact us, and we'll be sure to get the bins to the right person.

# March Zero Hero: Bénédicte Tollu

Benedicte joined WAIS in May 2011 after attending the 20th Anniversary Market the month before, at the old Dixon Street Community Centre. Fairly new to the Wairarapa but with experience in Europe of a variety of community initiatives, she was keenly interested in the concept of community trading and the following month at the AGM Benedicte was elected to the committee, on which she still serves. It was at a committee meeting that first year that we sampled her special French chocolate cake with the surprise chocolate sauce in the middle – and knew she was onto a winner! Since then, Benedicte has been a most popular regular at markets with The Chocoholic French, a range of tasty chocolate dishes to tempt any chocolate lover. Not limited to the markets, she takes orders (with notice) during the week and for special occasions. Benedicte also works a shift at the WAIS member organisation Wairarapa Eco Farm for a weekly supply of fresh organic vegetables & fruit to complement her vegetarian lifestyle.



## Welcome & Happy Trading to these new members



**WAIS0126 Barbara Goodison**, Masterton. Tel: 377 3877 / 021 243 7352 / [barbaragoodison@rocketmail.com](mailto:barbaragoodison@rocketmail.com) *Offers:* Adidas High Tops blue gold white, hardly worn, W\$20, other offers will be added as they come up.

**WAIS0127 WAI POSTERS**, Masterton. Tel: 021 044 9733 *Offers:* Wai Posters has been in operation for over two years informing the general public of upcoming events, gigs, concerts, etc... Poster placements on prominent billboards & retail outlets throughout the Wairarapa. Prices depend on space taken up – refer to the online directory for poster size & pricing. *Wants:* Will be doing some promotions with clients in the future and be looking at various G\$ options for things such as catering, labour, etc.

## Midweek Promotion



Did everyone see the *Midweek* with front-page story on Green Dollars? It was a fabulous introduction to the all-new monthly feature on WAIS trading in the midweek. The first feature was on page 8. Hopefully this prominent exposure

will give the general public a clearer understanding of how we work, and encourage more new members into our system.



## Sausage Sizzle Fundraisers

Since December we have had successful sausage sizzles at various sites around Masterton. A lot of time and team effort is required to put these together, with volunteers manning the stalls and often donating items towards them to cut down expenses. Thank you very much to our volunteers for continuing to put in the effort. The total raised so far is \$891.50. The small core of members stepping in to man the stalls needs your help! Unless more members jump on board for sizzle teams, we will take a break from it and consider other fundraising ideas to help generate income. Your ideas are welcome; please email us your thoughts or ring the office.

# 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.

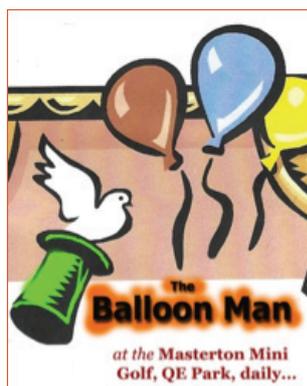
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## Items for the April newsletter

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## WAIS office hours

Office hours for Catie-Lou have changed to Mon & Fri mornings 8.30am-12pm. Afternoons by appointment or call in to the Mini Golf in Queen Park between 12.30 and 3.30pm.

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