



## Monthly News from the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Inc

### 2009 Markets

Sat 16 May, "WAIS UP" Auction, SCH, Carterton  
 Sat 20 June, SJH, Greytown  
 Fri 3 July AGM and mini-market, WCC, Masterton  
 Sat 29 Aug, Carterton  
 Sat 10 Oct, Featherston  
 \*\* note change of date \*\*  
 Sat 21 Nov, Greytown  
 Sat 19 Dec, Masterton  
 Stallholder enquires to our co-ordinator Keith Sawyer - 06 377 0717 or E-mail: [letstrade@wise.net.nz](mailto:letstrade@wise.net.nz)

#### MARTINBOROUGH MARKET SEEKS NEW STALL HOLDERS

A market is held in Jaq's Bar on Nelson St, Martinborough every Sunday 10am to 2pm. Set up is from 9 am. The markets successfully attract locals as well as people from outside the area. Our Members are welcome. Cost \$15 per stall.

**If you are interested in attending contact Robin Ph 06 306 9891**

#### FEATHERSTON MARKET Change of Date

This date has been brought forward one week to Saturday the 3rd of October. Featherston run their own monthly markets on the first Saturday of the month so it made sense for our Market to coincide with theirs.

#### Monthly Featherston Markets

There will now be a regular Market held on the first Saturday of the Month in the "Karm" car park which is situated just over the railway lines on the right hand side, heading south.

Each stall holder is required to pay \$5 per day. The next Market in Featherston is on Saturday the 2nd of May 2009. Green Dollar Members are welcome to attend this market.

**If you are interested contact Cyrille Ph 06 308 6130.**

#### COMMUNITY CURRENCIES PRESENTATION

Report by Kelby Courtney



Thomas H Greco Jr (pictured) gave a presentation on alternative currencies in Wellington recently. The focus of the talk was on how alternative currencies must play an important role to bring about change in light of the current world financial situation. Thomas began his presentation by informing us about the nuts and bolts of the current money system and how it is destined to perpetuate the "boom and bust" cycles that we are experiencing. He also outlined how U.S government debt had increased at an exponential rate far above current levels of G.DP. Thomas also

provided a social context to the presentation. He described how under the current financial system the vast majority of the population are being controlled by the vested interests of a small minority – the Bankers in collusion with the State Governments. In effect he spoke of how our rights are being subjugated under the current centralised system of exchange. A period of discussion followed the presentation which provoked lively debate amongst the large cross-section of people in the audience. The event was attended by members of the Green Party and other folks from various community based organisations.

Helen Dew helped organise the event with Paul Bruce - a Regional Councillor. The event paved the way for this weekend's Community Currencies Conference in Whanganui.

### 2009 Subs Due

Still only \$20\* per year!

To pay online here is the bank account number 030687 0321184 00 Pay soon so we can avoid hassle of chasing overdue subs. \*\$25 if paid late.

### Welcome New Green Dollar Members

#### Dennis O'Leary

Dennis is offering: Painting, Handyman Skills, Yard work and Tutoring  
 Contact Dennis on: 06 3703777 or 027 2796591

#### Dave Dewsnap

Dave is offering: Audio engineering for recordings, Session Musician Services and Live Music

Contact Dave on:

06 3787103 or at [knox.clan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:knox.clan@xtra.co.nz)

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## BIG BOOST FOR COMMUNITY CURRENCIES CONFERENCE

As most of you know the National Community Currencies Conference will take place in Whanganui on the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. The keynote speaker at this conference will be Thomas H Greco Jr. Thomas was interviewed by Kim Hill on Radio New Zealand National on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 9am. This interview has helped raise publicity surrounding the National Community Currencies Conference. Greco offers unprecedented wealth of information on the interplay of economics and democracy through his informative website: <http://www.reinventingmoney.com/>

### “WAIS WORDS” FROM THOMAS H GRECO, JR.



Here are some excerpts from Thomas Greco's Book  
**Understanding and creating alternatives to legal tender – MONEY.**

*Have a read. Let me know what you think - Kelby*

“How money is created, by whom, and on what terms actually creates an artificial world of winners and losers, a world where abundantly creative humans are pitted against one another for scarce money while all around them- and in them- is the real wealth to create a rich life. Again and again, Greco tells us: “By issuing money to unproductive or privileged clients of the money monopoly at more favourable terms, and by demanding higher interest rates from the rest, the banking system redistributes wealth from producers to privileged non-producers.” (From the Foreword of the book, by Vicki Robin, 2001)

“... While this book is revolutionary, he calls for a slow revolution. He suggests that we step out humbly by providing local communities with a way to buy and sell some goods and services using a self-created means of exchange that isn't based on debt, interest and distant financial decisions made solely for economic gain.” (Vicki Robin, 2001)

“Having new road maps for healthy money in a healthy world is as vital to our souls as food, air, and water are to our bodies. Tom Greco has given us a grounded, well-researched, comprehensive, and fascinating account of how money and commerce could work for our deeper values of justice, caring and community, and the earth.” (Vicki Robin, 2001)

“The rise of the community currency movement in recent years has provided ample learning opportunities for a great many people. But these opportunities are the exception rather than the rule. There remains a massive job of education to be done if the subjects of money, banking and finance are to be generally understood and people are to have the tools they need to bring about their own economic liberation.” (Thomas H Greco, Jr.)

*If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book or would like to find out more about Thomas H Greco, Jr. please contact Helen Dew on 06 379 8034.*

### A VARIETY OF MUSICAL SERVICES NOW ON OFFER







Dave Dewsnap is an active musician who has recently joined our Wairarapa Green Dollar Community. Although Dave was born in England he now considers the Wairarapa his home. He has developed a “sound career” for himself through an ongoing process of self-learning and experimentation - D.I.Y style.

Dave has played in many local bands throughout his musical career and recently performed at Aratoi Museum with the Blues Group Grafia. He also played an accompanied set in Strada Cafe a few weeks ago. Dave has experimented with a variety of musical styles including, Gypsy Soul and Blues. Dave made the decision to join the Wairarapa Green Dollars in light of the current international financial crisis and believes, “there's no reason why we have to stop trading just because the big banks say that there is no money”. Dave is offering audio recording services for people who wish to record their own music. He also is offering his services as a session musician and a live performer.

## WAIS Classifieds

FOR SALE	WANTED	House to Rent	WANTED
<p>Certified organic butter for sale G\$12 per kg Pick up from Featherston Michele Stokes <b>06 3086553</b></p> 	<p><i>Your Wanted and For Sale ads please</i> <b>Email Kelby at</b> <a href="mailto:mrkelbyjohn@gmail.com">mrkelbyjohn@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Greytown 3 bedroom plus sleepout/office. Garage and carport. Good area with bus stop to train station nearby. \$260 per week. Enquiries to 06-3048148 or email <a href="mailto:deegee@slingshot.co.nz">deegee@slingshot.co.nz</a></p>	<p>Brief classifieds are free to members while advertisements are 3 WAIS per issue. Deadline for articles &amp; notices is end of month. All items to Kelby. Publication is the first week of the month.</p>

## WAIS Advertisements

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Massage</h3>  <p><i>Massages are great for improving one's physical and emotional well-being. Treat yourself or someone special to a massage. Gift vouchers are available.</i></p> <p>Sue Dyer #1434 (G\$ or Kiwi\$) Phone: A/H 378 8633 or Mob 021 211 9900</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Computer Services</h3> <p>For <u>all</u> IBM Systems :- <i>Word Processing, Scanning, Accounts, Tuition...</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone the Help-line!</p>  <p>Glenyss Kurtz (Dip B.C) # 1005 Phone: 06 378 6339 Email: <a href="mailto:kurtz@clear.net.nz">kurtz@clear.net.nz</a></p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Vetcare &amp; Veterinarian Services</h3> <p><i>Vet services – Pets, Re-homing, Vaccination, Puppy Pre-school and Cattery Service. Qualified Surgical and Medical Services.</i></p> <p><i>Also; Grooming, Hydro-Baths, Livestock and Farm Calls.</i></p> <p>Dr Heidi Ward-McGrath #1417 Phone: 377 7955 Fax: 377 2183</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">BSI</h3> <p>(Agro Chemicals Company)</p> <h4 style="text-align: center;">Natural Seaweed</h4> <p>or Synthetic Liquid Fertiliser</p> <p><i>For Vegetables, Fruits, Flowers, Lawn and even for your Farm.</i></p> <p>Green \$ and Kiwi \$ (50:50)</p> <p><i>for more information call:</i> Javaid Nasire # <b>Call Free 0800 77 55 11</b> Fax 06 370 3527</p>
<p><b>Machine or Hand-knitted Socks, Gloves, Hats Baby Jackets, Scarves, Mitts, Pilchers, Soft Toys Baking to Order Light Fruit Cakes, Loaves, Muffins, Biscuits</b></p>  <p><b>Trish Moran</b> WAIS1166 Ph 3707071</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</h3> <p>Still only \$20* per year! Post cheque to; Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange PO Box 2100, Masterton or pay online to account 030687 0321184 00</p> <p>Pay soon so we can avoid the costs and time-wasting hassle of chasing overdue subs. *\$25 if paid late.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">WAIS VOUCHERS</h3>  <p><b>Green Dollar Vests \$G10 plus \$NZ10</b></p> <p><i>Available from;</i> Green Dollar Office Wairarapa Community Centre 170 Dixon Street Masterton</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">MEMBERS</h3> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Advertise Your Business HERE</h2> <p>Only <b>3 WAIS</b> per month!</p> <h2 style="text-align: center; color: green;">GET WAIS...</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact Kelby</b></p>

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