



Monthly News from the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Inc

“One of the great liabilities of history is that all too many people fail to remain awake through great periods of social change. Every society has its protectors of status quo and its fraternities of the indifferent who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. Today our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change.” -Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2009 Markets

Sat **20 June**, St John's Hall, Greytown

Fri **3 July** AGM with Pot Luck Tea and mini-market, Wairarapa Community Centre, Masterton

Sat **29 Aug**, Senior Citizens Hall, Carterton

Sat **3 Oct**, Featherston
** note change of date **

Sat **21 Nov**, Greytown

Sat **19 Dec**, Masterton
9am set-up time
9.30am market starts

Stallholder enquires to our co-ordinator Keith Sawyer - 06 377 0717 or E-mail: letstrade@wise.net.nz

LIVING ECONOMIES WORKSHOP IN CARTERTON “TRADING TOOLS FOR TOUGH TIMES”

The Living Economies Educational Trust will be holding a one-day workshop on **Wednesday the 17th of June at St Marks Hall**, Richmond Road in Carterton.

“While the world economy is crumbling, our communities are building innovative resource pools and trading systems to become more sustainable, empowered and resilient. This one-day workshop will introduce three complementary currency systems and look at how they work alongside the mainstream economy.”

The workshop is open to anyone who is interested in learning about complementary currencies. For more information about this event please see the 1 page Information and Registration form at the back of this newsletter.

REQUEST FOR KITCHEN HAND and LOCAL PRODUCE at L E WORKSHOP

Lunch, afternoon tea and dinner will be provided at the Living Economies Workshop on Wednesday the 17th of June by Lindsay Fraser. Lindsay is in charge of providing these meals, however, she cannot do it all on her own! She will need help with prep work and with general jobs around the kitchen. This job will require the person to work on the Wednesday and may also be required to do some prep work on Tuesday night. The successful person will need to know their way around the kitchen and not be afraid to get stuck in! Payment for this job is negotiable in WAIS and/or KIWI Dollars.

Lindsay also needs some fresh local produce, such as pumpkins, potatoes, silverbeet, onions...if you have any, or know someone who does can you please contact Lindsay.

Lindsay Fraser 06 378 8090

NEW WAIS WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

Our www.wais.org.nz website is up and running and includes useful information including a FAQ (frequently asked questions) section that prospective members should be directed to if they are interested in learning more about the exchange. The website also lists when and where the markets are to be held for 2009.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Geoff Stainer
30 Victoria Street Masterton
Ph 06 3782244
gsgoeffsta@gmail.com

Offering: Computing skills, Home maintenance/DIY, Gardening, Cooking, Eldercare

Wants: Unsure.

Daphne Healy
407 Waiohine Gorge Road
Carterton RD 1 5791
Ph 06 3796628

Offering: Crafts, Sewing, Knitting

Wants: Produce, Gifts.

Gayleen and John van Wijk
90 Harley Street Masterton
06 3774865
keywee@xtra.co.nz

Offering: Pet grooming, Dog training, Pet boarding, Learn to swim lessons, Typing, Graphic design, Electrical services, CV production, Seasonal fruit

Wants: Landscaping, Fencing, Plumbing.

AGM and MINI MARKET

The Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange will hold its AGM and a Mini Market at the Wairarapa Community Centre, 170 Dixon Street, Masterton on Friday the 3rd of July, 2009.

The format for the evening is as follows:

- 5.30 – 6.00 Mini Market
- 6.00 – 7.00 Pot Luck Dinner
- 7.00 – 8.00 AGM
- 8.00 – 8.30 Mystery Auction
- 8.30 – 9.00 Supper

Mini Market - If you are interested in having a stall at the market please contact Keith Sawyer on 06 377 0717.

Pot Luck Dinner - Please bring along some soup, bread or other food (and your recipes) to share!

AGM – Our Annual General Meeting requires that 10 members be present to make a quorum.

Mystery Auction – This Admin fundraiser has become a traditional highlight of the AGM. Members donate gifts that are all wrapped up so that we don't really know what we are bidding for! Bidding is done in Green Dollars.

Perhaps you have some ideas about how we can grow our Exchange. Anyone is welcome to attend so bring a friend.

We look forward to a fun evening.

UPDATING YOUR CES INFORMATION A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

Now that winter is well and truly here it is time to update your information on the CES website. It is important that we keep our information up to date for everyone's benefit.

To do this follow these steps:

Log on to the CES website – www.ces.org.za

Enter your Account Number and Password

Click on the "MY RECORD" tab at the top of the page.

It will then display your personal information, which you can update and save. (Save by clicking on the "UPDATE RECORD" button located on the green strip in the middle of the page).

Click on the "MY LOCAL OFFERINGS" button – This will bring up information on all the goods and services you currently have on offer.

Update these as required by editing, deleting, or updating the offer to today's date.

New offerings can be added by clicking on the ADD NEW OFFERINGS button near the top of the page.

You can also go to the WANTS tab to post an advertisement requesting something from the general membership. This feature is currently underutilized by our members.

If you have any difficulties or would like further help, please contact Glenyss Kurtz on 06 378 6339 or Kelby Courtney on 06 379 8705

EXPERT ANALYSIS...*Extract from an interview with*

Bernard Lietaer. Bernard is an Author and Expert on Complementary Currencies. The interview was made by Ravi Dykema in August 2003.

BL: Currently, our biggest problem with money and currencies is unconsciousness. We are not aware of what we are doing around money. We haven't really thought about what money does to us—we believe it's neutral, so it doesn't matter. But it's not neutral: it deeply shapes us and our societies. The first thing that has to happen before complementary currency systems can effect real change on a larger scale is a shift in consciousness and awareness.

RD: You mean, we need to be aware of how money works?

BL: Let me ask you this. Have you taken an inventory of the number of days you spend in life getting ready to make money? And when you have money, to manage the money or spend it? But then, think about how many hours you've thought about what money is. I suspect not very much. We are spending a huge amount of energy to get something about which we have surprisingly little understanding.

RD: Well, it's like the rain. It's something you adapt to.

BL: Yes, except that rain is not man-made. That's precisely the difference. We're treating money as if it is God-given, like rain or the number of planets in the solar system. But it isn't. If you don't like the quality of rain, there's not much you can do about it. If you don't like your money system, maybe you can do something about it.

GREEN DOLLAR POLO SHIRTS

NOW AVAILABLE

This popular line is available again thanks to some smart shopping by Hayden in Postie Plus. We have 14 shirts available ranging in sizes; Small/Medium/Large/XXL/3XL



If you've been looking to give a visual dimension to your G\$ membership and get a bargain at the same time then now is just the right moment as you can order one of these shirts for only G\$10.00 plus NZ\$10.00. Place your order with any Committee member or ring/email the G\$ Office by 20 June.

And if you already have a green garment of your own that you would like to link to G\$ then you can bring that in to the Office in the Community Centre and get it printed with the same LETS logo on the front and the ces website on the back. The cost for this service will be G\$5.00 plus NZ\$5.00.

WAIS Classifieds

FOR SALE	FOR SALE	WANTED	WANTED
<p>Certified Organic Butter for sale G\$12 per kg Pick up from Featherston Michele Stokes 06 3086553</p> 	<p>Strawberry, Grape vine and Blackcurrant plants \$3 per bundle. Jams and relishes, \$2.50 - \$3 ea. Vege seeds \$1 per bag. Helen Dew Ph 06 379 8034</p>	<p><i>Send me your wanted and for sale items...</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>a free service ☺</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">mrkelbyjohn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Organically Grown Produce <i>can pay</i> G\$ or \$NZ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Kelby Vital Foods 06 379 8705 vitalfoodsNZ@gmail.com</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: kurtz@clear.net.nz</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Vetcare & 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 style="text-align: center;">(Agro Chemicals Company)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Natural Seaweed 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 style="text-align: center;"><i>for more information call:</i> Javaid Nasire # Call Free 0800 77 55 11 Fax 06 370 3527</p>
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Machine or Hand-knitted Socks, Gloves, Hats Baby Jackets, Scarves, Mitts, Pilchers, Soft Toys Baking to Order Light Fruit Cakes, Loaves, Muffins, Biscuits</h3>  <p style="text-align: center;">Trish Moran WAIS1166 Ph 3707071</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">GREAT BOOK</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">“MONEY – Understanding and Creating Alternatives to Legal Tender,</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>by Thomas H Greco Jr.</i> G\$15 + \$NZ10 Living Economies WAIS0009 06 379 8034 / info@le.org.nz</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">WAIS VOUCHERS</h3>  <p style="text-align: center;">WAIS Polo Shirts or Vests 10WAIS plus \$NZ10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Available from;</i> Green Dollar Office Wairarapa Community Centre 170 Dixon Street Masterton</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">FIEJOAS \$3kg SEEDS \$1 pkt BULBS 20c each PLANTS from \$2 JAM & RELISH \$3 <i>Helen Dew</i> Ph 06 379 8034 helend@contact.net.nz</h3>



TRADING TOOLS FOR TOUGH TIMES

An introduction to complementary currencies

Wednesday June 17, St Mark's Hall, Richmond Rd, Carterton

Programme

- 10.00am Registration, networking time and morning tea
- 10.30am Overview of programme and presenters. Introduction to Complementary Currencies what they are and how they work. Attendee introductions.
- 12 noon Lunch provided, networking time, trading tables, Complementary Currency resource material available**
- 1.00pm TimeBanking: Lyttelton has piloted NZ's first TimeBank and it is thriving. Time Banks are about members swapping their skills with one another and this is measured in time. Every person's time is regarded as equal. Margaret Jefferies and Anneleise Hall will explain what a Time Bank is, how it works and give an inkling of the huge potential that opens up when people share their skills within their community.
- 2.00pm Peter Luiten will present via powerpoint a new model for a community currency which enables people to purchase local goods and services with debit cards as well as paper means demonstrating how regular suppliers can create an interest-free means of exchange by spending as much new currency into their community as they are able to accept in payment over a normal business month. Its containment within a region is one of the currency's several "engines", re-energising local trading.
- 3.00pm Afternoon tea and networking time**
- 3.30pm Bryan Innes will present the Genuine Wealth system, adapted from a European interest-free loan model. Group savings are pooled into a holding account where the balance is used to allow interest free purchases for members of the group. Repayments include a portion of balance and an equivalent portion of compulsory savings until the purchase is fully paid off, allowing other purchases within the group. The pilot of this scheme, which will be presented, has enabled a family to build a house.
- 5pm Dinner provided, entertainment, networking time, books and resources available for purchase**
- 7-9pm Expert open panel discussion: Ask specific questions and gain deeper understanding from our specialist panel including Margaret Jefferies, Lyttelton – NZ's first Time Bank; Bryan Innes, Coromandel - Genuine Wealth System; Peter Luiten, Auckland - Links Trading System; Laurence Boomert, Wanganui - Smart Planet NZ; Hayden McGrail - Masterton, Wairarapa Local Exchange Trading System; Carolyn Hughes, Motueka - Living Economies Board.

To register please print and complete attached registration form and return by Friday June 12 to: LIVING ECONOMIES: 12 Costley St, Carterton 5713.

For more information contact: Helen Dew, Phone (06) 379 8034 email helend@contact.net.nz or Robyn Bracey, phone (06) 378 7420 email bracey@orcon.net.nz

Visit our website www.le.org.nz



Living Economies Educational Trust Complementary Currencies Workshop Registration

Name _____ Contact email _____

Address _____ Organisation _____

Phone _____ Special dietary or other requirements _____

I would like to register for:

Day session only including lunch (10am – 5pm)

Full workshop including dinner and evening panel (10am – 9pm)

Cheque enclosed

Or direct deposit to: Living Economies - Kiwibank 38-9001-0312357-00

If paying by direct deposit please include reference CCW and your surname

Tick box

\$20

\$30

We will accept 50% in \$G for LETS members

\$NZ10/\$G10

\$NZ15/\$G15

LETS trading Number _____