



Monthly News from the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Inc

2009 Markets

Sat **14 March**, Karm Carpark, Featherston

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

Sat **21 Nov**, Greytown

Sat **19 Dec**, Masterton

Remember to wear your Green Dollar shirts and vests!!

Stallholder enquires to our co-ordinator Keith Sawyer - 06 377 0717

or E-mail:

letstrade@wise.net.nz

NEXT MARKET FEATHERSTON

The Green Dollar Market will be held for the first time in **Featherston** on Saturday the 24th of March from 9.30 to 12pm.

The market will be at the "Karm" car park which is on the right hand side of the main street, just over the railway lines heading south. Stall Holders are required to be there at 9am to make sure they are set up.

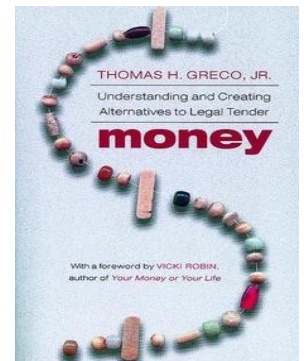
If you are interested in having a stall at the markets please contact Keith Sawyer on 06 377 0717 or 06 377 5121. We look forward to seeing you all there!

COMMUNITY CURRENCIES CONFERENCE 2009 "Trading Through Troubled Waters"

The National Green Dollar Conference will be held in Wanganui between the 17 – 19 of April. Helen Dew, Hayden McGrail and Glenyss Kurtz will be attending as representatives from the Wairarapa. This conference will be held in the beautiful surroundings of the Quaker Settlement in Wanganui.

The mission of the conference is "exploring the how and why to building viable working systems of currency, trade and barter for community wellbeing in hard times." The keynote speaker will be Thomas H Creco Jr. from America. Thomas is an author and an expert on complementary currencies and will be presenting 20 years of knowledge on

community currencies and will share information from his soon to be released new book "The End of Money and the Future of Civilisation"



The Conference Registration fee is \$45.00 which can be paid in \$NZ and or \$LETS. No person will be excluded on economic grounds.

If you are interested in attending the conference or would like further information please contact Helen Dew on 06 379 8034

2009 Subs Due

Membership Subscriptions for 2009/10 are due 1st April

Still only \$20* per year! To pay online here is the bank account number 030687 0321184 00 Pay soon so we can avoid the costs and time-wasting hassle of chasing overdue subs. *\$25 if paid late.

Welcome New Green Dollar Members

Emma Waddington of Masterton

Emma is offering:
• Business book keeping,
• Tax returns,
• Cleaning,
• Gardening and Fruit Picking

Gail O'Callaghan of Masterton

Gail is offering:
• Natural Medicine,
• Music Tuition and
• Spinning Wool



Debbie Bennett of Featherston

Debbie is offering:
• Computer website – training, support and trouble-shooting.
• Horse training and trimming.
Debbie is looking for:
• farm services and plants

GLOBAL RECEDING HAIR LINE (An article by the WAIS NEWS editor Kelby Courtney)



If we listen to (and believe) what the media are saying then we are heading towards perhaps the biggest economic and social recessions of recent history. No matter what anyone says we are entering into a time of increasing change and uncertainty, so let's think positively.

There all sorts of opportunities being created out there because the of the economic downturn. We just need to change our perspective to see them. As more businesses and shopping centres close down we are left with more empty buildings. These are often full of un-used capital and materials like workspaces and facilities. I heard a news article the other day on the National Radio about a collective of local arts and crafts people in some part of Victoria, Australia (I can't remember the exact place sorry). This group of people transformed a large abandoned shopping centre into a large studio and workshop that is now open to the public. From here they run a variety of workshops and offer free studio time to local people. This is a perfect environment for a LETS! (Local Exchange Currency System). LETS has a big role to play in "freeing-up" the resources (capital and labour) that become redundant under the collapse of the conventional monetary system.

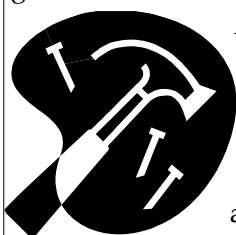
This concept is similar to the "Men's Shed" phenomenon where males of all different ages can come and share their "hands on" skills in open and friendly environment. Carterton has its own Men's Shed based at St Marks Church. The Men's shed runs workshops every Thursday at 1pm.

There are plenty of opportunities out there! All I'm saying is that we should try to consider how we can build our LETS around these opportunities. We are getting a message loud and clear that our conventional economic system cannot survive on its own. We have to break the old way of doing things. Actually, this is not even a recession. It is the simply the undertones of a new beginning.

If you have anything to contribute, email me greenlenticpentatonics@hotmail.com.

"WAIS UP" AUCTION Planned for May Market

To help raise interest in the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange the committee has decided to hold a GREEN DOLLAR AUCTION at the May Market in Carterton on Saturday the 16th. This promises to be no ordinary auction – we will only use WAIS and all items will be provided by current Green Dollar members. *Members of the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange are invited to donate some of their wares or services as an item up for grabs during the auction.* We have already had two committee members offer their services as items up for grabs at the auction. Glenyss Kurtz has offered her fine tailoring skills to create a garment of your choice and I have offered one day's general labour. Please advise me of your pledge as soon as possible. We hope to get 20 items to auction.



Auction proceeds will go towards reducing the debt of our administration account. This account does earn revenue from selling advertising space and is also topped up by the levy of 4% raised from every WAIS transaction, however these sources of income are not nearly enough to cover the cost of the bad debt owed historically by people when they left the Exchange without settling up. This loss has to be covered somewhere, so it is covered by the administration account. The administration account also make payments to our secretary, treasurer & newsletter editor for their essential service. It is crucial to the overall health of any economic system that the central trading account is kept healthy.

Those donating will really be helping us all out and adding a splash of colour to what will be an exciting event. With lots of support from our members we will not only have a successful auction but raise lots of positive publicity for our exchange and attract more people to participate in our local trading system!

The format of the auction will initially be "silent". This means that items up for grabs will be on display along with a bidding form where people can write their name and contact details alongside the amount they tender. Bids can also be emailed beforehand. The auction will conclude with a final opportunity to bid "loudly" for each item. Non-members can participate. Watch for more item details in our next newsletter.

Many thanks, Kelby (WAISWORDS Editor)

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 06 3086553</p> 	<p><i>Your Wanted and For Sale ads please</i> Email Kelby at greenlentilpentatonics@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Greytown 3 bedroom plus sleepout/office. Garage and carport. Good area with bustop to train station nearby. \$260 per week. Enquiries to 06-3048148 or email deegee@slingshot.co.nz</p>	<p>Brief classifieds are free to members while advertisements are 3 WAIS per issue. Deadline for articles & 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 ones 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>(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 # 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>Trish Moran 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>  <h4 style="text-align: center;">Green Dollar Vests \$G10 plus \$NZ10</h4> <p><i>Available from;</i> Green Dollar Office Wairarapa Community Centre 170 Dixon Street Masterton</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">MEMBERS Advertise Your Business HERE</h3> <p>Only 3 WAIS per month!</p> <h2 style="text-align: center; color: green;">GET WAIS...</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Kelby</p>

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