



Monthly News from the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Inc

The economy depends about as much on economists as the weather does on weather forecasters.
~Jean-Paul Kauffmann



The Community Centre Inc - where everyone is welcome

Hi everyone - my name is Carol Moffatt and I manage the Community Centre located at 170 Dixon Street, Masterton (pictured left). The Community Centre is all about supporting local people and various 'non-profit' groups/organisations. Everyone is welcome at the Centre and a lot of what happens there is free.

Our Centre is a "not-for-profit" organisation and having a common facility to house different groups enables them to share the costs by operating under one roof, thereby allowing these groups to concentrate their funds on providing their core services to their clients - the people of our Community. The Centre also provides two meeting rooms for use by the tenants and general public.

The rental is kept to a minimum and these rooms are proving popular with all kinds of groups/individuals. If you need a room for an hour or two, or perhaps at the weekend, give me a call. I may have just what you need.

There are a variety of groups 'housed' at the Centre - Heart Foundation, Asthma Society, SPELD, Supergrans, Lifeline, Wairarapa Women's Centre, Brain Injury Association, Geological Society, Laser Therapist, Counsellors, Massage Therapist, Happy Circle and of course, your own organisation - Green Dollars.

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, we are having an Open Day / Garage Sale. Tenants can set up stalls with saleable goods and will also be available to discuss what their organisation is all about. Start time 9.00am, wet or fine.

Our Community Centre is an asset in our community and people from all walks of life help make it the welcoming place that it is. From paid employees through to volunteers, without these people places like our Centre would not exist. I believe that communities are strengthened when everyone is working towards a common goal - in this case by supporting what happens at the Centre and spreading the word.

If you would like to know more please call me on (06) 377-1022 - I'd love to hear from you.

Markets 2010

Please mark your calendars!

- Sat 24 Apr - St John's Hall, Greytown
- Sat 22 May - Senior Citizens' Hall, Ctn
- Sat 12 June - Karm Carpark, Featherston
- Sat 24 Jul - St John's Hall, Greytown
- Fri 6 Aug - AGM/MiniMarket - WCC, Mtn
- Sat 25 Sep - Senior Citizens' Hall, Ctn
- Sat 9 Oct - Karm Carpark, Featherston
- Sat 27 Nov - St John's Hall, Greytown
- Sat 18 Dec - St James Church Hall, Mtn.

Stallholder enquires to
Keith Sawyer (06) 377 0717 or
letstrade@wise.net.nz

Happy 70th Birthday Ian Stewart!

Make a difference in May

On the morning of Saturday 1 May the Wairarapa Community Centre will be holding an Open Day to attract as many visitors as possible in to their Dixon Street headquarters in Masterton. Those who attend will be able to discover as much as they want about the activities of the Centre and what it's hoping to achieve in its future - a new home for the Centre should be announced at some point this year.

While in the Centre, visitors have a perfect opportunity to check out all the groups which are tenants and to buy from the Garage Sale style stalls that they will be operating. Green Dollars has been promised two tables to display any of the Exchange's publicity material and to sell a carefully chosen selection of goods typically available at our Market Days.

So, if you are able to volunteer to staff this stall from early on Saturday May 1 [and at the same time have the chance to sell some of your own quality goods] please contact any member of your G\$ Committee before the next Committee Meeting on Thursday 15 April so that we can arrange a roster of representatives/salespeople.



St Luke's market

Strollers browse Wendy's stall at the WAIS market held in the St Luke's Church grounds in Masterton on March 13.

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G\$ faces at Ian's Gladstone gathering

By Catie-Lou Manson

Ian Stewart, a WAIS "Old-Timer" entered his seventh decade with a gathering at his Gladstone property on the March 20. Well-wishers arrived from midday to the rural location to enjoy the good company.

Some G\$ faces popped up in the music and entertainment. The petrol-heads amongst us will appreciate Ian's classic 70s cars, as did those who enjoyed a rural ride in them.



Daphne displays her wares at the St Luke's Market

Variety and bargains at March Markets

Two markets were held in Masterton in the month of March. A small number of traders made it to the trial market day held at St Luke's church opposite Countdown on March 13. None-the-less it was cosy for the limited space and the faithful few had displays inviting to the eye and wallet.

The market returned to the regular High St venue two weeks later and while many of our regular traders had to be elsewhere, those who were there to spend G\$ still had a good variety to pick from. A push mower donated to WAIS was quickly snapped up as a bargain buy and Gillian's lemon meringue cupcakes were a hit!

G\$ Classifieds

FOR SALE

For Sale: Firewood - Cut your own macrocarpa, also some cut firewood, demolition timber and untreated sawdust. Priced from \$20 or 20W per trailer. Trailer available. Be in quick to beat the wet weather. Contact; Hayden WAIS1016, (06) 372 5866 or 027 475 5511.foresthome@wise.net.nz.

For sale: Bulbs: Freesia, cream; mixed Daffodil and Jonquil; Iris, blue (spring flowering), 5 for G\$1; Jams - Black Currant, Blackberry, Cape Gooseberry, Plum, Fiejoa - G\$2.50 & \$3 jar. Seeds: \$1 per pkt - ask for catalogue. Plants - veg: lettuce, rocket, silver beet; flowering annuals, perennials, grasses grape vines, black currants. Helen Dew, 06 379 8034.

Helendew@contact.net.nz

For Sale: Books, DVD's and magazines from the Living Economies range will be available for all G\$ for a limited period. Titles include Money as Debt, The Money Fix, Healthy Money, Healthy Planet, Interest and Inflation-Free Money, The End of Money and the Future of Civilisation, No More Throw-Away People, Organic NZ, Pacific Ecologist. Full list available from Helen Dew, (06) 379 8034.

info@le.org.nz

WANTED TO BUY

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Wanted: vege plants, native trees, book shelves, saw horses. WAIS/\$NZ. Contact Anneleise WAIS0025 (06) 308 8485 or anneleise@gmail.com

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Announcements

Editor Wanted: Applications for the position of editor for our monthly newsletter are sought. The committee is keen to engage a capable and resourceful person who can coordinate, compile, compose, create and otherwise continue to produce interesting, readable and regular issues. Attendance to monthly committee meetings is desirable and remuneration is negotiable. Please register your interest with Keith <letstrade@wise.net.nz> - 06 3770717 or for more role details contact Hayden foresthomes@wise.net.nz - 06 3725866. Examples of your publishing talent or ideas would be welcomed.

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April Spotlight



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PERSONAL MEDICAL ALARMS

By **Catie-Lou Manson**

If you, or someone you care about, has a health concern, disability or medical condition that hinders independence, Jean is a lady well worth talking to. She loves helping people and finds giving someone a measure of independence (or maybe a little freedom for carers) one of the most rewarding aspects of her work.

The base unit of the personal medical alarm system has a “help” button and is run through a landline. A pendant or wrist band, encases another help button. If an accident or medical issue occurs, press the button for emergency assistance 24/7. It has a 24 hour battery back up in case of power failure. The wristbands and pendants are waterproof and activate up to 70 metres from the base.

Jean can tell you anything else you need to know, including how to qualify for this valuable service FREE. That’s another part of the job she loves, working with the alarms is not selling or asking for money.

A majority of the people enquiring about them qualify for the free subsidy.

In their WAIS time, Richard & Jean have much diversified in offerings. Their full list of offers, in addition to the alarms, can be viewed on the on-line directory and include: transport throughout the Wairarapa, Pine \$170 a cord at 50% G\$, phone promotions, “live” talking books and company for the elderly. Likewise, variations apply in spending G\$.

Some of the trades they have enjoyed through the system are a trailer, two cars, wedding presents and other gifts, sausage sizzle, concrete ornaments and a lot of catering for their 25th wedding anniversary and other special occasions. With three much loved dogs in the family, it’s no surprise full use has been made of the vet too.

WAIS Wish List: Most wanted at the moment for this couple, are an auto-electrician, house repair materials and grit-spreader for the driveway.

