



## Newsletter of the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange Inc.

*"The financial crisis we are facing today arises from the fact that there is almost no more social, cultural, natural, and spiritual capital left to convert into money." – Charles Eisenstein*

### Markets 2013

Sat 26 Oct: YMCA, Queen St, Masterton

Sat 23 Nov: St John's Hall, Greytown

Sat 14 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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## Green Dollar Market

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am–12.30pm

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**Guest stallholders welcome Ph (06) 3770717.**

## Welcome & Happy Trading!

**WAIS0117 Carol Cameron:** Knitting – dog/puppy jackets & a variety of odds & ends; Jigsaw Puzzles – 1000-piece; buttons – packets of 20–30 W\$1 per packet. 06 379 6448/027 422 6750

**WAIS0120 Wairarapa Timebank:** Services that will assist the running of Wairarapa Green Dollars. Hayden McGrail, 06 372 5866/027 475 5511.

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## First Date at the 'Y'

Saturday 26 October is the date to put in your diary as Wairarapa Green Dollars launches its first market at the YMCA on Queen Street in Masterton. In recent years our Masterton markets have usually been held on the grounds of St James Church, with the occasional visit to St Lukes and of course the former Community Centre on Dixon Street. Now your committee has decided its time for a change and has selected the YMCA, with its indoor / outdoor facilities and ample parking.

We'll have access to all the Y's tables and chairs and positions for stallholders inside or out. Weather permitting we can set up in the car park facing the Warehouse, or if it looks a bit dodgy we can take advantage of the indoor spaces. Either way there's ample room for us to use as we tempt Saturday morning shoppers to pop around the corner from the megastore and sample all the best that "Green" can provide.

Stallholder numbers at recent markets have been really impressive so we're hoping that the lure of all the potential customers from the Warehouse will attract a record number of stalls. 9:30-12:30 on Saturday 26 October is the time and Masterton's YMCA is the place. Make it a date!

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## Zero Heroes in November

It's Zero Hero time again. What does that mean for you? Is it time to start asking for some much needed help in the backyard, garden or around the house and spend some credits getting you closer to Zero? Is it time to de-clutter and have a garage sale &/or a stall at our next market, to earn some credits? Is it time to do some shopping from our ever-extending online directory?

Come to market armed with recycled bags and stock up on your staples, grab yourself some gift bargains, mellow out with a massage, and tantalise your taste buds. The October Market is during Labour Weekend, Saturday 26 October, at the YMCA. It is never too early to book your stall for the day.

**Are you a Zero Hero? If you have been up and down "through Zero" between 1 November 2012 & 12 November 2013, then you are one of our Zero Heroes and you'll be treated on the day!**

Why is going through Zero important? A trading system such as ours is based on giving and receiving. If you are doing too much of one and not enough of the other, it's like not oiling the cogs and putting a stopper on the action needed to move the wheels forward. We are conditioned by society to believe that money must be saved, but in this system traders who stay in credit are just as much a stopper in the cogs as those consistently below zero.

With Zero Heroes coming up in November, it's a good time to take stock of your account and decide what your needs are. Contact us if you need some help to get those numbers moving either way.

# New Growth in Greytown

Fresh from their Green Dollar experiences in Australia, new members Mary and Roger Stenton set up stall in Greytown for their first dip in the waters of Green Dollar marketing in the Wairarapa. The Stentons specialise in vegetarian and vegan-friendly scented soaps suitable for all ages and skin types. In addition to the soap range there's an appealing selection of vegetable-based candles just right to use at home to help set the right mood, or ideal as gifts. Their stall in Greytown's St John's Hall was a splash of colour against the back wall and Roger put all his charm to work to draw in the steady flow of customers circulating around the crowded room.



Meanwhile, in the centre of the hall another new member, Helen Simonsen, was selling her range of woodworked goods alongside other Green Dollar offerings, and fielding enquiries about her Apalachin bread knives, available in a selection of native woods and sold in their own safety boxes – just right for the kitchen and ideal in the box if there are busy little hands around the place! Add a bread board with a crumb-catcher beneath it and you've got a product anyone would be proud to have on their table.



There were also fresh faces on the food front this month: in addition to Frank and Maureen's foray into food were Lyn Laver, Bénédicte and Stefan, the troubadour chef. Lyn was offering the tried and true sausage sizzle, as well as having hot coffee and delicious spaghetti Bolognese on the go. Next door to her, shoppers had a choice between hot dishes of lentil curry and onion tart, and Bénédicte offered an array of French breads and chocolate cake to tempt the taste buds. Inside the hall numerous bakers had delicious foods on offer. Annaleise Hall was selling cookies, lemon syrup cakes and a cake platter, while Ruth Clunie had her ever popular cheese and date muffins and Lisa Ferris had her own delectable chocolate cake on offer.



Fresh food, fresh faces, new items, and all the fabulous goods from loyal members who have been gracing our markets for years now – all together what you get is another wonderfully typical Green Dollar Market.

## Foodie Farewell

Tony and Lesley Stott were first introduced to Green Dollars at our “over the kitchen table” themed display at the “Made In Wairarapa Expo” back in 2009. Having run the Russian Jacks Café (now Taste Café) the pair were well experienced in dishing up tasty tid-bits and meals before Tony went on to work for Breadcraft and Lesley went into care-giving work. Tony whipped up spice buns one Easter market before they took on the hot food service that Hayden & Lyn had previously provided. The Stotts barbequed burgers, sizzled sausages, and toasted sandwiches to stave off our hunger pangs, and with their filter coffee became a popular regular feature at market. Until their family shifted north to Otorohanga, grandchildren Tamis & Lalandra often accompanied them to market, helping out with the food service and socialising with the other children.



It was at very short notice that our burger buffs announced they were on the move to Otorohanga themselves. The plan was to move up this year, but the speed of everything surprised both them and us. That made it even shorter notice to pin them down for an evening catch-up with us Greenies before they flew the coop. Despite previous commitments of many members and the All Blacks game night, an enjoyable gathering of WAIS folk took place for a pot-luck-tea farewell to Tony & Lesley.



Along with his signature curry dish, Stefan brought his ukulele for some light entertainment and a sing-a-long after the meal. With the Stotts in credit and still with WAIS vouchers to spend, a no-pressure “basket market” was provided for those who wanted to trade. With no set-up or pack-up required, it’s an easy way to present a batch or two of your best offers. Of course no “Farewell Basket Market” would be complete without a basket of goodies for our departing members. We are going to miss these active traders from our fold and we send our very best wishes to Tony & Lesley for their new life in Otorohanga with family close by again. They are still on our database with their updated details, so the friends they made who would like to keep in contact with them can do so. If you are going to be passing through, or staying in Otorohanga, they extend a welcome to drop in and catch up.



## Timebank National Hui: 15, 16 and 17 November 2013



Hosts: West Tararua Timebank

Venue: Otaki College, Otaki

Cost: \$58 per person (negotiable if necessary; we want the hui to be accessible to everyone). Morning & afternoon teas and lunches included in the registration fee.

Registration (if possible by 1 November): Electronic registration preferred.

Contact Helen Dew for the registration form and for more information.

# International LETS Visit A Winner

Roger and Mary Stenton are new to trading with Green Dollars and were intrigued to learn how extensive is the LETS International organisation. Having booked a holiday in Queensland, they accessed the CES database and discovered there were a number of Green Dollar groups in the area they would be holidaying. They sent off a short email asking if there was a market or other activity they could support while they were visiting the area.



Back came the reply that not only was there a market, but there would be a large Food Festival nearby, and members would love to see them. Meeting local traders gave an extra dimension to their holiday, not to mention a delicious day at the Food Festival, which, being a little way inland, was not on the tourist 'to-do' list. In addition, the person they contacted arranged to meet them to talk about her local group, and show them some of the 'sights' in her home town, which again included off-the-beaten-track places they might never have found on their own.



At the Maleny Traders Market, Roger and Mary paid for their coffee and bacon rolls in Green Dollars, and bought one or two items at the market, which the traders were able to record as 'remote' trades through CES. It was an added bonus to meet Ella, who knows Helen Dew of Wairarapa Green Dollars. Ella was happy to have her photo taken at her produce stall to record the event.



So, belonging to Wairarapa Green Dollars proved to be as exciting during their holiday as Roger and Mary hope it will be now they are back home. They plan to have their handmade soaps and candles at the next market, and look forward to meeting more new friends through Green Dollars.

Many thanks to Angela Mulgrew from Caboolture LETS and to Anne Jupp, Ella and the other members of Maleny LETS for their hospitality and kindness.

## Marketing Our Markets

We promote our markets to both members and the public in a variety of ways, but the number of customers attending and spending still falls below our hopes and dreams. The key to growing our markets is spreading the message and making the effort.

Stallholder numbers have gradually increased and the range and quality of goods have improved over the years, but sadly there are occasions when stallholders only have each other to trade with. We can do better and we owe it to our fellow members who spend many hours preparing for and manning their stalls. Please come to our markets and bring friends and family.

Even if you are a member who cannot get to markets you can make a difference by making good use of CES, our email updates, our newsletters, our directory, our staff and above all by being a positive advocate of our Exchange to your friends and family. Encourage them to come along to the markets and share with them our publications.

# WAIS Advertisements

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## Items for the November newsletter

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or Ph: 06 377 0717

by the end of October 2013

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Thurs: 9am-12.30pm & 3.45-5pm  
Fri: 3.45pm-5pm

Come and see Catie-Lou and Keith with your questions and ideas.

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