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Green Dollars at the Tin Hut Music Festival



The beautiful back garden at the Tin Hut, site of the Summer Music festival

Green Dollars have been chosen to supply the market goodies at the Tin Hut's Inaugural Summer Music Festival. A large crowd of visitors and locals are expected for this music feast. We encourage all Green Dollars members to come down and support our members and our local music scene. You can get tickets for \$35 on the gate or for \$30 Eventfinda on this link: <http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2015/summer-music-fest/featherston>.

It's a twelve hour festival starting at 1pm, with some of the most talented local and national musicians playing a range of musical styles to please a wide variety of tastes in the beautiful rural setting of a country pub with real rustic atmosphere and a spacious back garden, bordering the local Tauherenikau racecourse.

BBQ food, sit-down meals (after 5pm) and beverages both alcoholic and non-alcoholic will be provided by the Tin Hut. The line-up of musicians will keep you entertained from the first chord played at 1.00pm by local trio Grafia to the final romping dance set delivered by Lenny T. and the Tin Hut Allstars Memorial Band. Of particular interest will be our special guests "Forleigh" from the UK who are appearing on their first tour down under.

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Next Market Days

WAIRARAPA GREEN DOLLARS
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Saturday February 21
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A Timebank Connected to Every GP's Office? Martin Simon, co-founder of Timebanks UK, visits NZ

BY HELEN DEW



Martin Simon (center) explains Time Banking.

Martin Simon kindly hosted me in 2003 when I was checking out TimeBanking in the UK. In true TimeBank fashion, I was able to return the favour by hosting Martin and his wife Julie last week during their whistle-stop tour of New Zealand.

Social innovator, community organiser and writer, Martin is passionate about participation, mutuality and

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Martin Simon at Helen Dew's
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social justice and is primarily interested in how people think about and effect social change.

Fourteen people representing various community organisations in the Wairarapa gathered in Carterton to hear fascinating and heart-warming stories of Martin's experience during his 10 years as CEO of TimeBanks UK. "One particularly inspiring story was of a prison in Gloucester where inmates earned time credits for refurbishing old bikes, many destined for Iraq. Credits earned helped support inmate's families and the bikes were coveted by youngsters who could only buy them with time credits, promoting another generation to think of others."

Susie Lees, co co-ordinator of Food Matters Aotearoa conference and tour.

View Martin's short video where he explains the role of TimeBanking in building more resilient and caring social networks.

Martin says this is an exciting time for Timebanks UK, particularly in relation to the promotion of community well-being. The ultimate goal - having TimeBanks connected with

all GP offices throughout the country - has made an impressive beginning, at Lewisham's Rushey Green Time-Bank.

An interview with Martin, recorded in Carterton, can be viewed here :<http://youtu.be/ex8o-HFgNIc> (Many thanks to cameraman AJ Hunter!)
- no prob! - Editor

Martin is now Senior Associate at Nurture Development, UK's leading Consultants and Trainers in Asset Based Community Development and he's also Co-Director of ABCD Europe.

Sandy Ryan, Manager/Community Development Officer at Connecting Communities Wairarapa, wrote: "For me as a community development worker the most interesting piece of advice was his model for tracking and identifying the skill base in communities. He maps on a local land map, the locations of people who have skills to offer. It might be their time, or architectural expertise, they can bake morning teas or might own a truck - whatever. Capturing this information in a way that is both visual but also gives people a sense of ownership and buy in to projects is something I will use in the future."

Visit Living Economies (www.le.org.nz) for more on TimeBanking.

Christmas in the Carterton Events Centre

26 stall holders braved a grey mid-December morning in Carterton to help make an outstanding Green Dollars Christmas Market. Turnover was more than G\$3,000 not counting the NZ\$ sales, so financially the Market was a considerable success, rounding off a year which saw the recorded G\$ sales at markets and on-line approach over \$80,000.

It's always good to welcome new members to Green Dollars markets and such was the case at our Christmas event. Turning up for the first time were Jason & Shona Reid of the Martinborough Organic Soap Company. The presented a quality range of soaps all attractively presented and priced - just right as Christmas gifts. They used vintage wallpaper for some of the packaging and products flew off the stall so fast that by market end the stall was almost sold out

and the Company better off by hundreds of dollars. Another first timer was Leanne Woolston who parked her ute in front of the Events Centre and proceeded to sell hundred of dollars of fresh local produce - new potatoes, spring onions, rhubarb, onions, pumpkins and radishes to name a few.

Familiar faces also provided Christmas fare that made ideal Christmas gifts. Jewellery, woodwork, knitwear, sewing, plants and preserves were

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Gaylene Hugh & Anita spreading some Christmas cheer at the Carterton Events Centre

Christmas in the Carterton Events Centre

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popular as were books, CD'S, DVD'S and knickknacks. Gorgeous bunches of flowers were there to grace a pre-Christmas table and there was that great thoughtful touch of a lucky dip, just right for the littlies as they worked their way round all the attractions. And if you started to feel a bit peckish you were spoiled for choice as you agonised over whether to select a bacon buttie, a sausage in a piece of bread or to be a bit more adventurous and splash out on Moroccan lamb in a wrap. A latte, hot chocolate or a cappuccino to go with that? The choice goes on.

But Green Dollar markets are about much more than just turnover, important as that is. And so, as the rain started to fall just after mid-day, it was all hands to the pump to organise the pack-up, ably led by Brett from the Centre staff who helped whisk away tables and chairs as the rest of the membership dealt to products and profits. This year's choice of the Carterton Events Centre for the Christmas Market turned out to be a winner and the icing came on the cake straight after as many stall holders headed down the road to Roger and Mary's place to enjoy a post market pot-luck meal. Thank you to both of them for providing an ideal way to round off the year's market merry-go-round.

Upcoming Events

Sat 21 February: The Senior Citizens' Hall, Carterton.

Sat 28 February: The Tin Huts Summer Music Festival.

Regular markets run 9.30am – 1.30pm.

Stallholders set up a half hour before opening. Stallholder enquiries to the WAIS office. Contact us in the way that best suits you with enquiries, offers and wants: 06 377 0717 – messages checked daily, Mon–Fri.

WAIS Office:

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Mon - Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm

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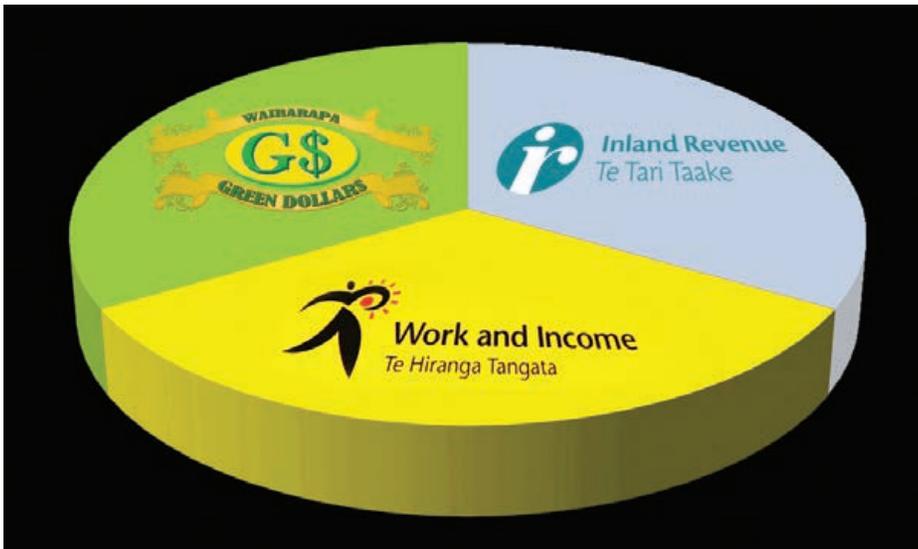
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WINZ, Green Dollars and the IRD



Late in 2014 the Inland Revenue Department contacted Green Dollars' Treasurer Lyn Tankersley to ask for a meeting to discuss our Exchange's activities. The request for this meeting was part of a checking process routinely carried out by IRD with a randomly selected number of organisations. The meeting took place in the Green Dollar Office on Thursday 4 December when President Hayden McGrail, Treasurer Lyn Tankersley and Community Co-ordinator Keith Sawyer welcomed one of the IRD's Community Compliance Officers. His purpose was to make a quick check of our financial processes and to remind us of the importance of members declaring income to IRD so that the appropriate tax could be collected. Some time was spent talking through the philosophy of Green Dollars trading and the practicalities of how the Exchange operated with Lyn in particular explaining the ins and outs of the Exchange finances. IRD was happy to give a tick to the way the Exchange was handling its finances and went on to stress the necessity for individual members to declare income, not for the Exchange to report it. It was emphasised that every New Zealand citizen was required to pay tax on any income they earned whether that income was in New Zealand or in Green dollars for services or goods provided.. Offset against this income could be a variety of expenses such as for materials and time for labour. He recom-

mended that members who were in doubt about whether they should be declaring income should consult IR320[Smart Business Guide] and IR325[Income tax in your first year of business] as well as taking the opportunity to speak if necessary to an IRD person direct[call 0800227774]. Another financial matter that presented itself to some members last year related to income earned when the member was receiving some kind of WINZ benefit. As far as WINZ is concerned trading with Green Dollars falls within the definition of income and so any Green Dollar income should be considered when assessing the rate of benefit payment. WINZ is, however, at pains to stress that a liberal interpretation of what constitutes regular trading and income should be adopted. For example, periodic payments for what is little more than a good deed for another person should not be considered as regular income in the assessment of the respective benefit. However, if it is clear that a member has established themselves as a regular trader then income received will be chargeable. For example, if a solo parent beneficiary is cutting firewood and selling it through the Green Dollar system then Green Dollars generated from those sales would be regarded as income and taken into account when assessing the level of benefit. If in doubt you should talk to your WINZ case officer or ring WINZ on 0800559009.

Upcoming Events

February 21st Market

Mark your calendar twice this month. First up the February Market on the 21st promises to be full of variety as we've come to expect from our monthly stallholders. 9.30am-1.30pm with set up from 8.30am. The Senior Citizen's Hall is a great venue, being on the main road. With the availability of Marjory's front lawn next door for the stall-holders to spread out on, it ensures traders and stalls are easily seen in this high traffic area. We also have a bright new market sign board to attract attention our way coming from the skilled hands of Betty, one of our newest traders. It's never too early to book your stall, so if you're thinking about it, give us a ring or email and we will put you on the list. Be sure to invite you family, friends, neighbours and workmates to come along shop local, and grab themselves a bargain. Tasty hot & cold food, vegetables, preserves, baking, artwork, jewellery, soaps, candles and all manner of things available including some pre-loved items.

Special Twilight Fundraiser in March.

Every year your G\$ provides venues for our stall-holders at no charge to stall-holders themselves, and gives you access to a 24/7 online directory with free listings of wants & offers for many of your day to day/weekly consumer needs that save your NZ\$. Maintaining an office, employees, newsletters, supplies, venue hire, advertising etc... still all costs the organisation in NZ\$. In the past we have had fund-raising sausage sizzles trying out both weekend days and different times and locations but it mainly came down to the same core group of volunteers to man the 3 shift periods. If you want to show appreciation for your G\$ then March is a good time to be a stall-holder. MARCH 17th is a day that goes green in many towns and

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WAIS Trading Summary 2006 - 2014

Report compiled by Catie Lou Manson – *Membership Support Officer*

In the years 2006-2010 there was an average of 680 trades a year at an average of 2 a day (14 weekly) with a combined trading value of W\$83,870 for those 5 years from an average of W\$16,775 a year.

2011 saw an increase to an average of 3 trades a day (21 weekly) for a total of 1182 trades and W\$26,538 for the year.

2012 saw an increase to an average of 4 trades a day (28 weekly) for a total of 1450 trades and W\$30,663 for the year.

2013 saw an increase to an average of 5 trades a day (35 weekly) for a total of 1903 trades and W\$40,145 for the year.

2014 saw the biggest increase of trading activity and trade value in our 23.8 year history. Average of 7 trades a day (49 weekly) for a total of 2,391 trades with W\$80,226 value.

2014 had 29 new memberships comprising the span of generations including families, couples, singles and businesses all bringing in more skills, goods and services into the pool. Of the 147 actual active trading memberships there are 175 adults (plus children). Among the memberships we have 'special needs,' 20 businesses, 23 pensioners and 42 members with children-some of whom have their own stalls or help their parents at market stalls.

2014 also saw up to 30 or more stalls at the monthly markets, including staples like fruit, vegetables, bread

and other food as well as practical household items. These items can ease the tight financial circumstances for many in our group. Members also benefit socially and emotionally as they benefit from and enjoy the company of fellow members. Most of the trading however, is done on a day to day/weekly basis outside of markets with some W\$4-6,000 traded through the month.

The fact that the value of trading has doubled in 2014 from the previous year, shows how many more people are turning to our system first to meet their needs. Traders have benefited from the increased confidence with trading and a feeling of belonging among the members, as well as money-saving on their purchases. Pensioners are regular stall-holders and shoppers, and are among some of our most creative and productive traders. Children manning their own stall or helping their parents stall have improved maths skills, sales experience and relate well to people of all ages. Some teenagers have been mowing lawns and wood stacking for pensioners on their family membership and some younger children have helped Mum with window-washing and house-cleaning trades for older ones.

A spirit of willingness, cooperation and giving is evident within the Green Dollar community at all times unlike with the general public where you only see this coming out at festive times of the year. Our people appreciate their fellow members time, skills and offerings regardless of their status or circumstances in

life. It is a level playing field in the Green Dollar world where everybody starts with zero account balance and it's only by being active in giving and receiving with other members do balances move up and down. The value of recorded trading in 2014 reflects the healthiness and usefulness of the WAIS system in our Wairarapa region.

Note that not all trading is recorded as some goods or trades are straight swaps (barter) or by way of our printed local currency WAIS vouchers. Here circulation is only recorded when it is withdrawn or deposited into someone's account. Vouchers could have been traded a dozen times over in between times. The well-being of the members and them actively giving forward or paying back contributes to the local economy by keeping the 'wealth' of trading local. At times the system has even launched small businesses as people test out new ideas on the green dollar community first, or the network has helped bring in new customers to established businesses.

Overall, the vastly increased trading activity in WAIS over the last 4 years, and in particular 2014, is a reflection of the ongoing efforts of people who have believed in the system for more than 2 decades. The (unpaid) committee members, old and new, the 2 part time office staff and the enthusiastic members with their 'word of mouth' endorsements, all contribute much to making the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange, the most utilized and successful branch of local currency trading in New Zealand.

Upcoming Events

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cities as patrons celebrate the Irish tradition of St. Patrick's Day. Being such a green day, we are giving the public a chance to really shop green as well, by using our WAIS currency and getting a percentage more WAIS for their buck as a bonus!! This is a fundraising market and attending stall-holders need to agree to accepting WAIS vouchers only for their goods/services on this day. The public can buy our vouchers at face value, or if they convert \$30 plus into WAIS they get 10% extra, if they convert \$60 or more they get 20% extra and if they spend \$100 or more they get 30% extra. It is a twilight market at the YMCA in Masterton running from 5pm-9pm, with set-up from an hour beforehand.



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Community Events

The Tin Hut Summer Music Festival

It's a showcase for the best that Geen Dollars have to offer, and a chance for our members to tap new markets.

Hot on the heels of our February market is The Tin Hut Music Festival on 28th Feb. With 12 hours of music, from some 18 different performers including Barry Saunders, Grafia, Mike Rigg and our very own WAIS members Stefan Brown & Lenny T.

Also, on tour and special guests are British band Forleigh, who are starting to make waves in the music scene.

A group of our talented G\$ members are stall-holders with new only items, including original art pieces big and small, crafts, soaps, candles, master-crafted wooden toys and utensils, jewelery to suit any budget, gorgeous garden art, and much more including trick-stick juggling, and even a massage tent for those who need some help to unwind.

Stall-holders will be soaking up the sunshine, enjoying their fabulous outdoor environment and kicking back with the non stop music line-up. Grab a group of friends and get your tickets early for only \$30: door sales on the day are \$35. Check out www.grafia.nz for the full line up, and see you there!



UK special guests Forleigh, seen here playing at the Fringe Bar in Wellington

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Confirmed market dates for 2015

- 1 Sat 21 Feb, Senior Citizens' Hall Carterton
- 2 **Tues 17 March, YMCA Masterton [4:00pm-9:00] (St Patricks Day & G\$ fundraiser)**
- 3 Sat 18 April, Senior Citizen's Hall Carterton
- 4 Sat 30 May, St James Church, Masterton (May Music n Market)
- 5 **Fri 12 June, AGM/Pot Luck/Basket market [5:00-9:00]**
Community Centre Masterton
- 6 Sat 25 July, St John's Hall Greytown
- 7 Sat 29 August, St John's Hall Greytown
- 8 Sat 26 September, - Carterton Events Centre (Spring)
- 9 Sat 31 Oct, YMCA Masterton Masterton
- 10 Sat 28 November, - St James Church Masterton (Zero Hero)
- 11 Sat 12 December, Carterton Events Centre



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