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Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange

As a follow-up to our very successful re-launch promotion at the end of last year we held another promotional meeting on the evening before our first Market of the year. As a result of this get-together, other enquiries and our earlier endeavours the Wairarapa Exchange has had a 34% increase in membership and this was reflected in the highly successful Market held the next day in late February. Sixteen stallholders turned up providing an increasingly wide range of goods for sale and many reported selling out all they had on offer. Last year we ran markets almost every month and found that this placed too great a strain on members so this year there has been a conscious decision to set six major occasions for the year and to promote them as widely as possible - if the success of the first is anything to go by then we can look forward to some excellent results as the year develops.

Keith Sawyer

LETS Connect NZ

LETS Connect likes to welcome a new member from Southland: MATES – Murihiku Alternative Trading and Exchange System. The new exchange is on CES and can be contacted through Joy Scott at letsmates@gmail.com.

Due to none payment of the 2006 fee, the Thames membership has lapsed.

This is also to remind you that most renewals are due by 1 May, except for HANDS that was due on 26 Jan, WEST on 14 Feb, and REBS on 28 March.

Each exchange may also have a think about who they like to nominate for the next committee.

Issues to be discussed at AGM can be sent to the chair, Bryan Duxfield at <b2dux_joan AT xtra.co.nz>.

This Newsletter

Are you interested in downloading this newsletter from the internet? Are you curious to see some other newsletters from other groups internationally? The CES website offers a small selection of LETS newsletters from NZ, Australia and South Africa at: <http://www.ces.org.za/cen/index.htm>.

The April issue will be a special conference issue and serve as conference information paper. In order for the News to be ready by conference, the deadline for input will therefore be on 10 April. Use this opportunity to share information with other exchanges.

This is also to remind you that I will be stepping down from editing the newsletter and that we will need a new editor for this publication to continue in May!

Christoph Hensch, the editor

CCD Christchurch

Our Group in Christchurch is still in the rebranding process. We've been able to secure a \$3,000 grant from the City Council to help us with that. The process of designing a new logo has taken a bit more time than anticipated. Once that is done, new brochures will be printed.

Trading has been steady. Though we discovered that since members are responsible to enter transactions into CES themselves, a few tend to forget ...

We are also investigating why all the members who are receiving their email through paradise.net do not receive statements. There seems to be something wrong with how those emails are routed, but we haven't been able to pin down the cause yet. Has any other exchange experienced similar issues?

Christoph Hensch

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LETS Conference

Christchurch 2007

13 - 15 April 2007

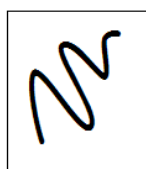
Taranaki

Last newsletter before conference. Time does fly by!! Please don't let the conference fly by also without your valued input! For now coming from Taranaki seeking new ideas, sharing with other systems, listening, meeting up with friends we have made over the years and just enjoying the companionship with like minded folk.

We have a market 31st March at our new venue at the Taranaki Art Center. New venue, new format. Can't wait to see how it goes!!

See you all at conference. Thanks!

Anne Taranaki LETS.



LETS Conference Christchurch 2007

Conference update and more information for the attendees

As of 15 March we have received registrations for 15 people from 7 different exchanges, who have taken advantage of the 'Early Bird' offer. Please note that you can still register – however we cannot arrange accommodation for you if your registration arrives after 1 April. People making a last minute decision to come to conference are welcome, but will have to provide for their own accommodation.

Program

Friday 13 April: 4pm onwards – Welcoming the visitors, socializing, dinner, and systems reports after dinner.

Saturday 14 April: We will meet at 9am and at 10am till 1.00 pm we will run a market, which will be accessible by the public. A variety of foods will be available in the context of the market for lunch.

During the afternoon we will have workshops, presentations and discussions.

Some of the speakers invited include Margaret Jefferies from Project Port Lyttelton, Sharon Torstenson from Council of Social Services and Katherine Peet of Sustainable Otautahi Christchurch. Unfortunately we were not able to raise the funds to bring Tim Jenkin from CES to the conference

Sunday 15 April: The Sunday morning session will be held at the St Albans Community Centre, as the church facilities are not available on Sunday. The Sunday program will include the AGM of LETS Connect NZ, and the conference is due to close after lunch.

Directions

The conference location will be at 145 Cranford St, the St Matthews Anglican Church.

People arriving from the North follow Hwy 74, Main North Road. When Hwy 74 turns right into Queen Elizabeth Dr, keep going straight on Main North Rd until the next set of lights, where you turn left into Cranford St. St Matthew's church is on the right hand side, after you cross Westminster St..



From the South: follow Hwy 1, pass the airport and take Sawyers Arms Road, then Northcote Rd. Turn right into Main North Rd and take a left at the first lights into Cranford St. Follow Cranford until you cross Westminister, and it will be on your right hand side shortly thereafter.

Discussion issues

So far we have not received any suggestions for discussions. If you have a burning issue, or a question you'd like to be discussed at the conference, please email us at communitydollars@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

31 Mar: Market at Taranaki Arts Centre, New Plymouth
13-15 Apr: 2007 National LETS Conference, Christchurch
9 May: CCD Market, Waltham, Christchurch