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H.A.N.D.S.

H.A.N.D.S. committee's report to H.A.M.M. (H.A.N.D.S. Annual Membership Meeting). This is a list of what H.A.N.D.S achieved in the past year:

- * launched CES website
- * launched Exchange Vouchers
- * opened HANDS shop and ran it for several months until we lost the venue
- * shifted office to Community Gardens kiosk
- * updated documents: member agreement, information brochure, committee responsibilities, HANDy messenger job description
- * summary of questionnaire responses
- * quarterly markets at different members' properties, plus January Fridays at the Village Green
- * introduction of charitable raffles: eight members were helped by other members paid with raffle ticket sales
- * introduction of market workshops: reflexology, hypatufa, vocal, biofuels, The Work, yurts, seedsaving, aromatherapy
- * joined LETS Connect
- * Murray attended National Green \$ Conference in New Plymouth
- * First Day Issue of Exchange Vouchers mounted and framed
- * created laminated edition of Exchange Vouchers for sale
- * wrote Business at HAND draft letter
- * proposed living on HANDS for a month
- * accounts now sent out monthly to all emailers
- * hosted South Island Regional Meeting and Living Economies conference
- * new directory August 2006, approx 30 new members and same number no longer members (about 280 total members)
- * value of vouchers in circulation: 4653H
- * changes to committee: one member left GB, two more joined, total six, with perfect gender balance

Empowering Members to Record Their Transactions Online

With two committee members currently entering 100 to 200+ transactions per month on the CES website, H.A.N.D.S. has begun a campaign to have members enter their own transactions. The HANDy messenger is contacting our most active traders to offer assistance in getting started and encourage them to enter their own, and a CES workshop is planned for our Autumn market. This article from our recent H.A.N.D.S. newsletter might be useful for other exchanges to use in their newsletters.

/// indicates information specific to each exchange that would need to be changed.

**Reserve the dates for the next national
LETS Conference in Christchurch:
13 - 15 April 2007**

How to Enter Transactions on our *///H.A.N.D.S.///* website - *It takes less than one minute!*

- * Only the SELLER in a transaction can enter transactions on the website.
- * Go to the website: <http://www.ces.org.za/>
- * At the bottom, Your Account Number is eight characters, *///GBNZ0- - -///*, where the last three characters are your *///H.A.N.D.S.///* member number. For example, the Account Number for #242 is *///GBNZ0242///*, or for #57 is *///GBNZ0057///*. If you don't have your Password, *///ask Joanna to get it for you, or ring Jemes on 525 7055 or email him on <pantrader@gmail.com>///*
- * This takes you to your own Trading Account page. Choose "Enter Single Transaction (list)" if you don't know your trading partner's *///H.A.N.D.S.///* number, or "Enter Single Transaction (quick)" if you do. If you want to enter more than one transaction, choose "Enter Multiple Transactions."
- * Choose the member you're selling to from the pull-down list or enter his or her eight-character Account Number (*///GBNZ0- - -///*). Type in the number of *///HANDS///* you're being paid. In the "Description" line, type in what it's for. You can also enter the date of the trade; otherwise the current date will show on the account statement.
- * Hit "Submit". This will take you to "Confirm Transaction" where you look at the details and confirm them, or if something isn't the way you want it, you can cancel, which takes you back to the Enter Transaction page.

Whilst at your Trading Account page, you can also click on links to view your Account Balance and your Statement of Account, which lists all your transactions since *///September 2005///*, when *///H.A.N.D.S.///* first started using the website. Across the top of the page are links taking you to the *///H.A.N.D.S.///* membership list; your own account details, offerings, and wants; other members' offers and wants; and various statistics about *///H.A.N.D.S.///*

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You can change your password and contact details by selecting "My Record" at the top of your Trading Account page. If you forget your new password, contact ///Jemes///.

How to view your account statement on line

- 1) go to <http://www.ces.org.za>
- 2) enter your account number and password
- 3) choose #10 - My Statement of Account
- 4) click on All Trades to see all of them since ///H.A.N.D.S./// went on line.

This guide was kindly made available by Joanna Piekarski of H.A.N.D.S.!

We are trying a new idea for markets this year. A real mix of ideas including community markets at members homes, garage sales, hall markets and joining in with other markets in town such as the Saturday morning boot sale. Any further ideas from other systems welcome!

The January market will be held at Judy's home with a working bee, market stalls, and end with a BBQ and short meeting Twilight start at 3pm. Public invited to the market and to learn about community currency.

Thanks, Anne

WAIS Re-launched

As reported in earlier editions, the Wairarapa Green Dollar Exchange had decided to embark upon a re-launch campaign, funded very largely through a generous grant from the Eastern and Central Charitable Trust.

After a Green Dollar appearance in the Christmas Street Parade in Masterton the campaign culminated in December in a series of radio programmes broadcast by local Access Radio, a full page colour feature in a local paper delivered throughout the Wairarapa, a public meeting to explain the virtues of Green Dollars and finally with a Christmas Market in the Wairarapa Community Centre. Committee members [dressed in G\$ polo shirts], assisted by keen Exchange supporters, put in a huge amount of work to make all of these promotional moves a success, the outcome of which saw record numbers attend the Market and a 28% increase in membership.

2007 should now provide increased opportunities for members to trade a wider variety of goods and services and, crucially, participate in the social advantages that membership can bring.

Keith

Taranaki News

Our Christmas market went well but down on some years. Over \$2000 traded in December. Five of us here in Taranaki are looking forward to travelling to Christchurch for the national conference in April. Please, other North Island systems, start thinking about who will host the 2008 conference.

We have another new member. Celebrate!!! Lynette is into nutrition. If you have diet or food problems contact her. (TSCT2025).

Upcoming Events

21 Jan: MOSS Market, Motueka
 14 Feb: CCD Waltham Christchurch market
 13-15 Apr: 2007 LETS Conference

(If you like to have your events listed, please inform the editor of the NEWS.)

Inter-trading Balances

All inter-trading balances are now available online on CES. Please consult the 'Group Balance' report.

Exchanges that need to buy (as of 14 January):

TATS Timaru:	+2,391.55 (y)
WAIS Wairarapa:	+2,086.90 (y)
WEST Westcoast:	+1,788.15 (y)
MOSS Motueka:	+1,294.95 (y)
TSCT Taranaki LETS:	+1,240.30 (y)
H.A.N.D.S. Golden Bay:	+1,040.55 (y)
IBES Invercargill:	+764.71 (y)
WINGS Blenheim:	+170.75 (y)

Exchanges that need to sell (as of 14 January):

Thames GDE:	-4,074.90 (n)
REBS Wanganui:	-2,969.99 (y)
CCD Christchurch:	-1,235.95 (y)
WTE Wellington:	-482.90 --

Exchanges that haven't traded (as of 14 January):

WEBS Wanaka	(y)
NZCE NZ Community Exchange	--

('y' and 'n' refers to who has paid yearly sub to LCNZ)