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## **S.I. REGIONAL MEETING**

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Kia Ora all,

The Motueka Community House has been booked for our South Island LETS Meeting from 4pm on Friday 14th October until 12 noon on Sunday 16th October. We are negotiating the hire charges and will let you know the costs as soon as these are confirmed. The House is in Decks Reserve where the Motueka Sunday morning Market is held. Accommodation will be at member's homes. A welcome dinner will be held on the Friday evening from 6 pm at my home (113 Awa Awa Rd, Tasman) with lunch and dinner on Saturday provided either at Community House or at another private venue.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to Motueka.

**Carolyn Hughes**

Co-ordinator,

Motueka Skills Swap.

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## **REBS**

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Our trip to the Conference was wonderful, great flight, well fed and watered, just a little cold! We learnt quite a lot of good ideas.

1. Was to have a get together once a month like a potluck tea and have a trading table as well as goodies.

2. Have a banner outside the hall on Market Day.

3. Target people by word of mouth.

4. Send out accommodation list to each member with newsletter.

For Conference there was a new trading sheet and it is much simpler (That's great! No more screeds of paper). At least I think I now know how the Intertrading works thanks to Christoph at Conference

Your Committee is considering organising a social evening in July. Could members please give feedback and suggestions to Committee members.

In the past a vegie market was held for members, if there is enough interest this may be started again.

The A.G.M will take place in September. Nomination forms will be in the magazine in August.

**Courtesy REBS TRADER.**

## **What are your credits worth?**

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LETS is also called a 'mutual credit system'. The value of LETS is in the mutual community of members and their commitment to each other and the system. Mutual credit means that we are all in there together.

A LETS credit (or Green Dollar) doesn't have any material backing as such. The backing or the value of a LETS credit lies in the commitment of each member to honour the LETS credits as payment. The NZ\$ may be the standard of value for a Green Dollar, but it is by no means always it's worth. A LETS is a self-contained economic cycle, and the real value of a Green Dollar is entirely influenced by what happens within this cycle.

How do you calculate the value of your credits?

If the total of all accounts in credit is +25,000,

and the total of all accounts in debit is -15,000,

then 1 G\$ in credit is worth only 0.60 G\$ (or 60%).

A G\$ in credit is backed by the debits in the system. Please notice that only the balances of actively trading members should be added on the credit side. Also, only the debits in active member accounts count, the debit of the system account counts only in a limited way, to the extent that it represents the value of services rendered keeping the system going. Unpaid debts of members who have left the system do not count. (Members leave with positive as well as negative balances – but overall the total of outstanding accounts tends to be negative!).

Michael Linton once asked the question "When you wake up in the morning, do you breath in or out first?" Not that it matters with which we start, but we need to do both in equal amounts to survive. The same with LETS – it doesn't matter if any individual is in debit or credit, however, the system only works

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properly if credits and debits balance.

## Christoph

### Taranaki LETS

A.G.M. 24th June at TDRC 28 young street, New Plymouth. 6pm start with a potluck dinner. A.G.M. to follow at approximately 7.00pm.

Guest speaker at 8pm Dr. Peter North from the UK speaking on Building sustainable communities in a struggling world.

Everyone most welcome. Let us know if you are unable to attend but would like a report of Peters knowledge.

### Market dates.

Please can you send me information on your systems market dates to <taranaki\_letsnz@yahoo.co.nz> I would like this information to compile a list to be available for those travelling or even to plan a holiday around. To print them also on our web page and our next newsletter. Please sent by early July.

Wanted also items for us to buy to get our Lets Connect balance down. I myself am interested in buying really old dolls, toys or related items for a museum I intend to set up. Let us know what you have got?? A lot of us are gardeners, so plants and seeds may be of interest.

Thanks **Anne**

### LCNZ Committee

Following the discussions at Conference on WEB based Software the new Committee have investigated the "Cyclos" Software that has been developed by a Dutch group for the use of LET Systems. It was

thought that it may be usable by LCNZ to build a country wide System. However although the Software was free and the associated programs to operate it on a WEB page were also free the cost of operating it was still quite high and the Committee was prepared to drop it altogether while still concentrating on a WEB based goods & Skills List for those wishing to intertrade.

However the Committee has just been informed that the "Cyclos" Software has been considerably modified and and parts that required associated programs have now had them built in and the Committee will now re-evaluate it to see if it is more suitable.

One modification has been the addition of cell phone capability, this means that transactions can be put through using a cell phone instead of a computer. This has been done to enable people without computers to use the system, whether that will be helpful in this country is a matter of debate.

The Cell phone access includes a web module where you can login with a mobile phone (securely), view your balance, do payments and get a payment history list.

This Software has been subjected to computerised testing with up to 5000 members, 50.000 advertisements and 1.000.000 transactions and the performance results where satisfactory (on a 1000Mhz PC with 512 Mb RAM running Linux)

One of the proposed developments are the use of Credit type cards for payments. Watch this space.

### Trading Totals

There was one trade for a total G\$225.00

**Jim McCaughan Editor.**

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### LETS Connect NZ Members and their Balances.

100. <b>Management</b> .	+23.00	<b>Taranaki LETS</b>	+982.80 n	<b>118 Nelson CELTS</b>	+86.50 y
C/- 48 Mountain View Rd., TIMARU		P.O. Box 5015 NEW PLYMOUTH		27 Boundary Road NELSON	
105. <b>Thames</b>	-3,268.40 n	<b>113. PLEBS</b>	-1,176.80 n	<b>119. REBS</b>	-2,025.99 y
P.O. Box 229 THAMES		C/- Worcester Street, CHRISTCHURCH		C/- 81 Swiss Avenue WANGANUI	
106. <b>TATS</b>	+3,022.21 y	<b>115. MOSS</b>	+542.90 y	<b>120 WEST</b>	+2,294.05 y
C/- 40 Heaton St., TIMARU		P. Box 350 MOTUEKA		2 Tui St., Kumara, WESTLAND.	
108. <b>Wairarapa</b>	+959.90 n	<b>116. WINGS</b>	+309.00 y	Y equals sub paid N equals sub not paid	
108 Bannister St., MASTERTON		121 Charles St., BLENHEIM		Groups in Debit (-) need to <b>SELL</b> .	
109. <b>CAPS Wellington</b>	-2,459.40 n	<b>117. IBES</b>	+548.85 y	Groups in Credit (+) need to <b>BUY</b> .	
C/- 6 Beauchamp St., WELLINGTON		P.O. Box 7087, INVERCARGILL		Groups under 1000 (+or-) can do <b>EITHER</b>	

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## Accommodation List

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The National G\$ Accommodation List is organised by Dave Robbie of Invercargill. If you have accommodation to offer then you should forward details to him for inclusion in the National List. D. Robbie 41 Oreti Street, Invercargill E-mail [drobbie@es.co.nz](mailto:drobbie@es.co.nz) ph 03 216-6904

When booking accommodation at exchanges outside of your own, PLEASE check their trading conditions.

It is important to note that the organiser of the New Zealand G\$ Accommodation List and LCNZ is in no way responsible for the standard of accommodation provided. It is accepted that those wishing to take advantage of the service offered will make contact and ensure that their needs are going to be met prior to leaving home.

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### INVERCARGILL

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Clean 3-bedroom house available, non-smoking, price negotiable on application. Phone (03) 216-9077

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Clean 3-bedroom house available, smoking permitted, price negotiable on application. Phone (03) 216-3565 or e-mail [c-drobbie@es.co.nz](mailto:c-drobbie@es.co.nz)

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### CHRISTCHURCH

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Up to three bedrooms: 2 big, with double beds, 1 small, with single, others possible or mattresses on floor. Look after yourselves, buy and cook your own food, do your own dishes and come and go as you please. Use my facilities eg. Washing machine, linen and bedding, bikes, microwave, TV and video, dryer etc. 1.5 km to city centre, bus routes one block away to city and beach. Near shops and pubs, quite, sunny, private back half of house.

G\$10 + NZ\$5 per adult per night G\$5+NZ\$5 per child per night. Phone Averil (03) 381 2799

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A Vegetarian House with single bed +/- or floor +/- or tent space. Contact Lyneke at phone (03) 382-6064 e-mail [lyneke@can.org.nz](mailto:lyneke@can.org.nz) or postal address is Lyneke Onderwater 13 Effingham St, North Beach, Christchurch.

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### SPRINGFIELD

Holiday accommodation 4 doubles, 2 outside hammocks. Charming Edwardian Villa The birthplace of Rewi Alley. G\$50 /night o.n.o. G\$200 per week Located 70km west of Christchurch, on a county road. ½ hour drive to the mountain, Lake Lyndon, on great Alpine Highway. Available any time. Except 1 Jul – 16 Oct 2005. Fully furnished. Inquiries or bookings: Leith: 03 318-4085 or 03 384-2322

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### BLENHEIM

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Walk to town! Central location with easy walking to town centre off street parking, 1 double bed and/or 1 or 2 single beds. G\$25 per person per night with own linen,

G\$30 with linen supplied. Continental breakfast included. Please write to Maxine Wain 121 Charles Street Blenheim or phone (03) 578 9939

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### SEDDON

A place to camp at Seddon. Pitch a tent or bring your caravan. Contact Colin Summers Phone (03) 575-7701 or write to Colin Summers 5 Duncan St Seddon via Blenheim.

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### MOTUEKA

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Rowan Cottage Organic Bed & Breakfast. Only available January – June

A separate spacious newly built studio, perfect for a couple's privacy or a small group. Set in our half-acre organic property, surrounded by trees, flowers and fragrant herbs. Outdoor living on the deck, where breakfast is served. Spa bath to soak in under the stars. Ensuite with roomy tiled luxurious shower. King-sized bed with fold down couch for person or child.

To make a booking you can phone (03) 528-6492 or e-mail at [trish-renee@clear.net.nz](mailto:trish-renee@clear.net.nz) or write to us at 27 Fearon St Motueka NZ

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### WANGANUI

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Fern Lodge is very central, by the main street and the river. Walking distance to Sargeant Gallery, Museum, riverboat and bus station.

We have rooms available, single and double G\$20 and G\$30 per night respectively. Linen etc and tea & coffee available, laundry and dryer and cooking facilities.

Phone John or Miranda on (06) 347 2723 or 025 778 303 or write to Fern Lodge 43 Taupo Quay Wanganui.

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### NEW PLYMOUTH

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Accommodation available 1 room double bed. Off street parking in Westown Area.

Tea / Coffee available. Phone Judy West on (06)753 9155 or e-mail [judy'splace@infogen.net.nz](mailto:judy'splace@infogen.net.nz) or write to 6a Brierly Place Westown, New Plymouth

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### WAIRARAPA

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CLOSE TO RAIL & TOWN, quiet locality, 2 trundler beds, all bedding supplied. G\$20 per person per night, meals extra, G\$/NZ\$ negotiated. Access to Stable Money Trust library and information. (SMT researches community currencies though NZ and International networks.) H & A DEW, 12 Costley St, Carterton 5951.

Ph/Fax 06 379 8034 Mobile 025 330 663 email [helen.alf.dew@contact.net.nz](mailto:helen.alf.dew@contact.net.nz)

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If anyone else has accommodation to offer please forward details to:- Dave Robbie.