

Newsletter #8 - from January 2012 to 23 May

Welcome to our 8th newsletter and sorry for the very long delay since our last one. You can get previous newsletters from our website on www.positivemoney.org.nz/Site/Newsletters/newsletters.aspx

Following is a summary of what we have been up to.

- Sent <u>letters and supporting material</u> to the Head of Economics and the teachers of year 12 and 13 Economics of the 33 largest secondary schools in New Zealand.
- Did a <u>presentation to the Australasian Permaculture Conference</u> in Turangi and made some good contacts.
- Posted a very good <u>Kim Hill interview with the Ross Ashcroft</u> director of the documentary the Four Horsemen. I recommend you put aside 25 minutes and have a listen.
- Met with David Parker, Finance spokesperson for the Labour party on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, for 30 minutes. Sue and I received a good hearing, and we left plenty of information, but there were points where David did not agree with us. The seed has been sown.
- We have meetings scheduled with Annette King and Russel Norman and his finance team and are approaching more. Watch this space
- Had a <u>Letter to the Editor</u> published (with banner headlines) in the Dominion Post on the 12<sup>th</sup> May about Plan B for the New Zealand economy. I expected a robust response, or some support but no other letter was published.
- Ziv from Auckland joined our campaign in May and has taken on maintaining our Facebook page. This has been neglected in the past and it is great to have him on board.
- Don was interviewed by Steve Hart, freelance journalist and contract editor and the interview was posted on a special 10 minute podcast
- Attended the screening of the <u>Four Horsemen</u> at the Wellington documentary Film Festival on the 21<sup>st</sup> May at the Reading Cinema and handed out 50 fliers. We did not agree with everything in the film, but it was a good documentary.
- We will be attending further screenings (and handing out more fliers) on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4:45 and Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:45. If you can make it I suggest you attend.
- We posted up a very good You Tube clip of a <u>12 year old Canadian girl</u> blasting the Canadian banking system, with a message almost identical to ours. It reminded me of the children's story "The Emperor's new clothes.

This newsletter may arrive at the same time as the budget – so good luck to New Zealand – we may need it.

Don and Sue