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Newsletter #36 – Spokesperson for Kapiti and three people standing in this years election

Welcome to our 36th newsletter. Here is a link to [previous newsletters](#).

We are pleased to introduce Amanda Vickers as our new spokesperson on the Kapiti Coast. Amanda compiled an [impressive PowerPoint presentation](#) on the New Zealand economy so we invited her on board. She said yes. Amanda lives in Waikanae and works part time as a vet at the SPCA.

We also have three people standing in the 2014 election as independents, on a platform of modernising our banking system - Don in Rongotai and Sue in Ōhāriu (both in Wellington) and Amanda in the Otaki Electorate.

If you live in Wellington, Porirua or the Kapiti Coast and would love to help us out, please provide us with your contact details. The more people on board the bigger the spread of the message.

If you would be interested in standing in other electorates please use the Contact Us email address below and we will consider including you in our group: info@positivemoney.org.nz

During June:

- Michael Blakely, our spokesperson in Auckland hands out fliers at the Henderson market most Fridays and the [Oratia Farmers market](#) in Waitakere City on Saturday.
- We sent emails to the Conservative Party (Christine Rankin) and The Internet Party about PMNZ.
- We had a couple of spokespeople participate in a [discussion Forum from the Internet Party](#) where they discuss if Positive Money's solution should be adopted by them.
- Sent an email to the producer of Seven Sharp, suggesting they do a follow up. I also left a message on her answer phone.
- Received a response from *North & South* to an article we submitted. They said they agree our banking system is well due a complete overhaul and they use their own staffers or regular contributing writers. They have a writer who is very knowledgeable on economics and banking and who would be sympathetic to our cause. Our information is on their file and they will be in touch when we next tackle the thorny subject of banking.
- Requested an interview from the following Radio New Zealand programmes: Nine to Noon, Nights, Insight, the Sunday programme and "The Panel with Jim Moyra".
- Emailed Access Radio, Life FM, Radio Live and Newstalk ZB with a similar request.
- Posted a document from the Reserve Bank's website that "explains" [their monetary policy](#). There were a few statements that required explanation.
 - *Retail rates are directly related to the OCR set by the Reserve Bank.* This is not true. Banks settle amongst themselves with the Reserve Bank being the bank of last resort. It has little or no impact on the cost of borrowing.

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- *Monetary policy has contained inflation.* What about the cost of land? Land has been excluded from the CPI since late 1990's. Add the cost of land and inflation is well above the 3% threshold.
- *Inflation could be reduced by controlling the money supply.* Our money supply has trebled since the late 1990's with little or no impact on inflation.
- Michael spoke to the CEO of the Co-Operative Bank and mentioning Positive Money and providing him with a flier.
- Posted a link to a 6 minute clip from Positive Money UK. It states in simple terms [the benefit of creating sovereign money](#) for the real economy vs putting it into the financial economy.
- Michael submitted an item for the Auckland Diocesan website.
- Amanda gave a talk on Positive Money to Transition Towns in Kapiti.

Cheers and remember to [join up](#).

Don Richards and Sue Hamill