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Newsletter #43 – 1,000 plus likes on Facebook and our team is growing

Welcome to 2015 and our 43rd newsletter. Here is a link to [previous newsletters](#).

We got our 1,000th like on Facebook during January and we have an ambitious target to double that by the end of the year. We need your help so let us know of any groups you would like us to talk to and help us spread the word.

We are talking to the Rodney branch of the Green Party **on Saturday the 7th February at 11 am** and you are invited to attend. The talk will be at Shoemith Hall, corner of the main north road through Warkworth and Shoemith Street.

We have a new member on our team who brings expertise in graphic design, advertising and communication. Add to that, we have two representatives from Fair Money Australia on our weekly campaign calls and they are providing very valuable technical detail.

During the latter part of December and January:

- Sue and Don attended [a presentation hosted by the Reserve Bank](#) by American economist Ross Levine titled 'Finance, Opportunity and Inequality' on the 17th December. It was awful and reinforced Don's belief in the saying "Lies, damn lies and statistics". Levine argued that rather than inequality increasing in the last 20 years, it had decreased and we were better off. He mentioned the increase in entrepreneurs but did not say who these people were. The argument was so weak it was embarrassing.
- Don wrote to [the Governor of the Reserve Bank](#) asking the Bank to provide an accurate representation of how money is created.
- We posted a link to [a paper by Richard Werner](#) which presents the first empirical evidence in the history of banking on the question of whether banks can create money out of nothing.
- We posted a link to a [Dominion Post article titled "Investors driving Auckland property market"](#). Shamubeel Eaqub, chief economist of the New Zealand Institute of Economics, who said that low rent rises show the Auckland real estate market is being driven by investors, not a shortage of houses.
- We posted a link to a [Dominion Post article titled "High debt scares off Victoria University prospects"](#). The number of students who turned to loans to pay for their study reduced from 200,895 in 2012 to 191,958 in 2013.
- [We acknowledged Russel Norman](#) for his courage as leader of the Green Party and encouraged him to stay in parliament.
- We emailed Andrew Little, letting him know of Positive Money New Zealand and the presentation on the weekend. We said we were looking forward to receiving an invitation to talk to the Labour Party.

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That is our start for 2015. Remember that we are talking to the Rodney branch of the Green Party **on Saturday the 7th February at 11 am**

Don Richards and Sue Hamill