

PositiveMoneyNZ



Newsletter #57 – Bryan Gould as our Patron and a new Spokesperson based in Auckland.

Welcome to our 57th newsletter. Here is a link to [previous newsletters](#).

BREAKING NEWS!! We are proud to announce that [Bryan Gould](#) has agreed to be the Patron of Positive Money New Zealand. Bryan is a respected commentator on economic matters, an author, academic and Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. As Patron, Bryan has agreed to lend his name to our cause and will let others know of our approach.

Following [is Bryan's blog](#) where he announced that he had accepted the role as patron. It is also an excellent summary of the problems of our current privatised money supply.

By way of a further announcement, we are happy to announce that we have a spokesperson for the Auckland region. Emma Thompson, not the actress, approached us recently and she accepted the role.

In addition Emma will be our Facebook administrator. If you have links to any material that will support our campaign then please send them to Emma at: emmarosethompson23@gmail.com

Emma's other contact details are on [our website](#).

Our Wellington Spokesperson Marc Bombios is also starting a blog that we will host on our website and here is a [sneak preview of the first post](#). Mark will blog under the name of Marc Joseph.

Finally, as if that was not enough, Arthur Dominick has come forward and will assist with refining our presentations and will also book in some talks in the Bay of Plenty.

During March:

- The world economy stands [on the cusp of another crash](#), warns Lord Mervyn King, a former Governor of the Bank of England.
- The [Swiss Federal Council](#) – the 7 most senior ministers at the head of the Swiss government have “rejected” the proposal contained in the referendum to remove the ability of banks to create money.

This means the referendum will go ahead, but the government will advise citizens to vote against it.

- Staying in Switzerland, when the [Bank of International Settlements \(the Bankers' Bank\)](#) warns that there is too much debt, you know something is not right.
- Andrew Little, the Leader of the opposition Labour Party is starting to talk tough [over forced farm sales by the banks](#). He does not want to see the banks forcing farmers off their land due to a significant downturn in the dairy sector.

- Our Labour Party is also considering providing a [Universal Basic Income](#) for us all of \$200 per week.
- A new campaign was launched called [Basic Income New Zealand](#).
- The idea of a Universal Basic Income also received backing from [a Council Member of the European Central Bank](#). This time it was referred to as “helicopter money”. The term was coined by American economist Milton Friedman in **1969**; starting from 2012, economists have also called this idea “quantitative easing for the people”.

“Helicopter money” gets its name from the idea of a helicopter flying over communities and simply dropping money. This is a metaphor for direct injection of money into the community, rather than an actual policy proposal.

That almost completes our Newsletter – but not quite.

Membership for Positive Money is now due and for just \$20 (waged) or \$10 (unwaged) per year you can become [a member of Positive Money New Zealand](#). If you prefer not to be a member, you can always make a donation through Internet banking to our Kiwibank account 38-9012-0683815-00.

Please support us to get our important message across.

Cheers

Don Richards and Sue Hamill