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WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Now You Can Exchange Your Skills and Time

Monday night saw the launch of timeXchange Waimakariri at the Waimakariri District Council chambers in Rangiora.

timeXchange Waimakariri is a concept borrowed from the United States in which members of the community can share their specific skills and services with other members in the community, and are given 'time credits' for the work they do. With the time credits they gain, each member can then buy someone else's time and get the service they need.

Trading does not have to be directly reciprocal – members can trade with any member of the timeXchange.

Some of the offers and requests through the timeXchange could be: cooking, sewing, gardening, childcare, walking a dog, wood stacking, music lessons, even keeping an elderly person company ... the opportunities are endless.

The rules are few and simple. One hour's work earns one hour's credit, no matter whether the work is physical or mental, strenuous or sedentary, qualified or unqualified. To comply with taxation regulations you can't offer a skill for which you are currently in paid employment.

Other than that all people have to do in the first instance is register - it's free to join. For those interested in being part of the project, they can visit the timeXchange website to register (timexchangewaimakariri.timebanks.org) or call the Council's Community Development Advisor, Linda Dunbar, on 311 8900.

Those who register will meet with a timeXchange coordinator to complete the membership registration.

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