



LETS Talk

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A look back at 2015

It's December already and my how this year has flown! Adelaide LETS has had a really strong year. Despite the slump in November we are still averaging more trades per month than 2014 - which means more face to face interactions and a greater sense of community.

Adelaide LETS has hosted some wonderful events this year:

- **Happy Valley Catch-up** hosted by Elaine
- A Visit by Tablelands members Lyn and Reece
- **Glynde Catch-up** hosted by Peta
- **Pizza Day** hosted by Althea
- **Dinner & Movie screening (Thankyou Tim)** hosted by Sue & Geoff
- **Catch-Up with Tim Jenkin** At the Co-op Coffee Shop (which is sadly no longer.) With members of FLETS also in attendance. *Adelaide LETS raised \$200 and 400U towards Tims Trip out here.*
- **Yoga Sessions** lead by Paula as part of her studies
- **Prospect Catch-Up** hosted by Helen & Will
- **Community Garage Sale**
- **Basket weaving workshop** run by Kylie
- **Flower arranging demonstration** given by Sharon
- **Charles Sturt Catch-up & Lunch** hosted by Rosemarie

All this as well as regular Monthly Catch-ups and continued involvement in the Sustainable Communities One Planet Market each month.



None of this would have been possible without the wonderful members who hosted these events & all of you who got along and supported them!

Adelaide LETS also saw a big change this year, the introduction of the Annual Fee (10U deducted on the 1st of July) which was introduced with overwhelming support.

However, not everything was rainbows and butterflies. Since May there have been CES issues with all members who have a hotmail (or affiliate) address. This has led to substantial frustration for the people trying to get in contact with them. People with these addresses do not get your responses through CES to their offers & wants. They also do not receive the CES emails, such as statements, offers, wants, reminders & newsletters. Despite contacting of these members since May (outside of CES) on an ongoing basis, there is still approximately 40 ... Cont pg 2

Facts & Figures

- In November we welcomed 2 New Members
- Trading was a little slow this month with just 60 trades totaling 1320U compared to 180 trades totaling 2723 for the same period last year.
- Currently Adelaide LETS has 312 Offerings listed on CES
- Currently Adelaide LETS has 78 Wants listed on CES

members who have not provided a non-hotmail/affiliate email address. Unfortunately, as of January 1 - All members with these addresses will have their account put on hold (and hidden) until they provide a non-hotmail/affiliate email address. Hopefully this will result in a more fluid & responsive 2016 for those who have updated their details, or got in touch where needed too, to work out another arrangement.

But back to the positive notes, and it is here I need to take a moment to thank the wonderful team of people that help me as admin, each and every month to keep things running smoothly.

Sue, Our Market coordinator. Thank you for all the work you do, sending out reminder notices, organising stall holders places, making sure things run smoothly on the day & writing market updates for those who are unable to attend. Being part of the SCSA One Planet Market is the single most important event every month on the Adelaide LETS Calendar, not just for our members, but for Adelaide LETS to have a public presence also.

Peta, Our Social Admin coordinator. Thank you for your regular posts, and updates in the [Adelaide LETS Group](#) & on the [Adelaide LETS Page](#) for the 'events' you create to coincide with the Calendar and for the like minded events & articles you share. Thank you also for helping bring our [Instagram](#) to life!

Kylie, Our Website Manager. Thank you for the huge amount of work you did in transitioning the webpage from weebly, to wordpress & thank you for taking on the task of keeping it up to date & ensuring that Adelaide LETS is presenting its best face to all who search for it.

Monica, Susan & Sue, Thankfully, I've not yet had to call upon your services, but I appreciate you all being there as a part of the Adelaide LETS Dispute resolution team, incase there ever is anything that is not easily worked out between our members or with use of our T&C's. I can't think of a better, more balanced set of minds to fill this role.

Julie, Vanessa, Peta, Kylie & Sue, Thankyou for being part of my Promotions Posse *grin* It is such a blessing to have some of our most active members readily available to bounce ideas around with and discuss new ways to get Adelaide LETS seen. 2016 is going to be exciting for this!

And to everyone I've not named individually, the hosts, helping hands, traders, attendees and supportive lurkers - You are all what helps to make Adelaide LETS Great!

I keep hinting that 2016 is going to be monumental - and that's because the calendar is shaping up to be wonderful, with more hosts, events and workshops than ever before!

That being said, there is still time if you would like to host a LETS gathering, or run a workshop yourself just send me through an e-mail:

letsadelaide@gmail.com

Even if you are unsure of the date and time suitable for you, letting me know the month helps evenly spread the events through the year and allows particularly flexible hosts to work in with your schedule.

Ideally, if you would like your event published in the newsletter or mail outs done via CES I will need 8-10 weeks notice, as newsletters will become bi-monthly in 2016.

This will give 1-2 newsletters, 2-3 Markets & catch-ups and ample time to schedule in a CES updates without our members having LETS inbox overload.

The best way to ensure the maximum number of members knows about your event is to publicise it via as many avenues as possible and the best way to get our members to your event is to give as much notice as possible.

To see what is already in the works for 2016 have a look at next years line-up on the next page!

A final word, before I sign off. Adelaide LETS is your community, it is your actions that help grow and shape it. If you have ideas you think will help make our community bigger, brighter and more productive in 2016, let me know.

Happy Trading!
Candice

What's On For December?

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Thur 3rd = ☽ ● = Adelaide LETS
 Sat 12th = ● ● = LETS South
 Sat 19th = ☾ ● = SISLETS
 Sat 26th = ○ ● = Public Holidays

- **Fri 25th - Christmas Day**
- **Mon 28th - Proclamation Day**

- **Wed 2nd - Christmas "Catch-Up"**
10am - 2pm

🍴 Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.

🎄 There will also be a gift exchange, if you wish to participate please bring a homemade/handmade/LETS Purchased gift, of no more than 10U/\$ Value.

- **Sat 5th - SISLETS Market**

10:30am - 12.30pm
 Clarence Park Community Centre,
 74 East Avenue, Black Forest.

🕒 11.30 Workshop: Chemical free body products and making safe, affordable alternatives to shampoos, hair dyes, body powders, tooth-paste.

- **Sat 19th - One Planet Market**

9am - 12noon
 Payneham Community Centre
 374 Payneham Road, Payneham
 (Public Transport: Stop 13 Payneham Road)

🕒 Guest Speaker: TBA

What's on in 2016?

The unofficial guide

Please refer to future "LETS Talk" issues for confirmed dates, times & venues.

January

- 1st New Years Day
- 6th Salisbury Catch-up
- 16th SCSA OPM
- 26th Australia Day

February

- 3rd Port Adelaide Catch-up
- 20th SCSA OPM

LETS Display at Greenacres Library for month of February.

Tentative
 - Talk at one planet market
 - Tomato / Pasata Day

March

- 2nd Onkaparinga Catch-up
- 14th Adelaide Cup
- 19th SCSA OPM
- 25th Easter Friday
- 26th Easter Saturday
- 28th Easter Monday

Tentative
 - Workshop hosted by Kylie

April

- 8th Charles Sturt Catch-up
- 16th SCSA OPM
- 25th Anzac Day

May

- 4th Port Adelaide Catch-up
- 21st SCSA OPM

June

- 8th Port Adelaide Catch-up
- 13th Queens Birthday
- 18th SCSA OPM

July

- 6th Host Needed
- 16th SCSA OPM
- 31st Dinner

August

- 10th Port Adelaide Catch-up
- 20 SCSA OPM

September

- 7th Port Adelaide Catch-up
 - 17th SCSA OPM & LETS Fete
- *Tentative*
 - Seed Freedom Food Festival

October

- 3rd Labour Day
- 5th Host Needed
- 15th SCSA OPM
- 23rd Shared Lunch

Tentative
 - Workshop hosted by Kylie

November

- 2nd Host Needed
- 19th SCSA OPM

December

- 7th Port Adelaide Catch-up
- 17th SCSA OPM
- 26 Christmas Day Holiday
- 27 Proclamation Day Holiday

Tentative Hosts

Helen and Will
 Kath Towing

Tentative Workshop Topics

Candice - How to Crochet, Knitted Dishcloths
 Kylie - Basketry, Recycled Crafts

Recommendations for November



Susan

Draught Stoppers

I bought 2 of these recently. They are well-made, attractive, and do the job perfectly.

Julienne

Greeting cards

Julienne makes beautiful original cards using her own photos. The quality is very high and the natural subject matter is appealing. I will use the cards to send a thank you message to all of my gardening and landscaping customers.

Rhiannon

Compfrey salve

Using daily good improvement

Sue & Geoff

Tomato plant

Growing well

Julienne

Cashew paste

Yummy.

OFFERING



Mealworms 100g

Food for reptiles, frogs, insect eating mammals, birds, poultry etc

Perfect protein boosters for your chooks.

(NOT for human consumption!)

HELP WANTED

My window frames need painting, in Happy Valley. I would expect to pay a mix of \$ and U for this job, and/or I am happy to provide the paint. I have 14 windows of varying sizes, most at ground floor level but it's a sloping block and some are higher. Outside of the windows is the priority, with paint peeling in places, and even if I can get the worst ones painted for now, that would be a good start. Please let me know if you could undertake this task.

Adelaide LETS

Local Exchange Trading System

Contact Us:

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letsadelaide@gmail.com

Find us on Social Media!



<https://www.facebook.com/AdelaideLETS/>



<https://www.instagram.com/adelaidelets/>

Adelaide LETS is a non profit community exchange system that allows its members to trade goods and services without the need for direct bartering or money.

Formed in 2006 with the merge of Salisbury LETS and North East LETS, Adelaide LETS has thrived. It is proudly part of the Sustainable Communities SA One Planet Market each month & also hosts regular trade events, workshops & functions for its members.

In the 2014 - 2015 financial year, 69 new members joined Adelaide LETS and over 29000 Units were traded in over 1500 transaction.

We currently have over 200 active members, all offering their goods and service. This comprises of individuals, couples, families, businesses and community groups.

If you would like to become more involved in the community, like the idea of meeting the people who grow your food, supporting local business, saving the planet by looking at second hand first, or simply would like a way to keep more of your hard earned pennies in your pocket join Adelaide LETS today, its free to do so.

More than Barter!