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## February Library Display & Market Report

We had a good crowd at our LETS oriented market and thank you to all the stallholders who had made a special effort to have lots of goodies to entice visitors. Lots of the flyers from our library display had been taken and I am also now submitting our market event to the Messenger What's On Notice board each month, so the word is getting around.

Sarah had a bit of a sore throat but rose to the occasion and gave a clear, excellent presentation. Some existing members took the opportunity of getting answers to some queries they had about using CES and I spoke to at least 3 people who I felt were ready to join us. One lady who had seen our library display joined up on the day (welcome Corina) and another lady has since joined after seeing the display (welcome Carol).

### Library Display.

Was it worth it? I would say – yes, definitely. LETS is a totally alien idea to many people and it often takes a while for people to get their head around the idea of not using money. We have sowed the seed and results may come sooner or later.

Speaking for myself, I enjoyed the whole project and didn't feel it was any sort of a chore, and talking to the others involved I think we all felt that way. A big thank you to everyone involved – designing and printing the flyers and posters, providing goods for the display case and helping to set it up, organising the display board, etc.

I wanted to make the most of our efforts by having our display board at other venues. We used the library board this time, but Candice had a very similar one at home which she is allowing us to use. We'll now transfer all the material onto this board and then try to get it displayed at libraries, community centres, etc. I've already approached The Joinery (the home of environment, sustainability and community groups) at Flinders Street in the city and had a positive response for later this year when they have a suitable display area available.

If anyone else has other venues in mind, do let me know and we'll go from there.

Sue

### Facts & Figures

#### In February we:

- Welcomed 6 New Members
- Processed 103 trades for 1964U compared to 121 trades for 2299U in JFeb2015
- Currently Adelaide LETS has 322 Offerings listed on CES
- Currently Adelaide LETS has 56 Wants listed on CES

## “What’s On” March

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			

Wed 2nd = ☽ ● = Adelaide LETS  
 Wed 9th = ● ● = LETS South  
 Wed 16th = ☾ ● = SISLETS  
 Wed 23rd = ○ ● = Public Holidays

- Mon 14th - Adelaide Cup
- Fri 25th - Easter Friday
- Sat 26th - Easter Saturday
- Mon 28th - Easter Monday

- Wed 2nd - Onkaparinga “Catch-Up”
- Sat 5th - SISLETS Market
- Sat 12th - LETS South Market
- Sat 19th - One Planet Market

**Speaker:**

Andrew - 'Self Sufficiency? Is it even possible in a home garden? Tips to get you there'

- Sat 26th - LETS South Market

*\*Tentative\**  
 - Workshop hosted by Kylie

## “What’s On” April

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	

Fri 1st = ☽ ● = Adelaide LETS  
 Thurs 7th = ● ● = LETS South  
 Thurs 14th = ☾ ● = SISLETS  
 Fri 22nd = ○ ● = Public Holidays  
 Sat 30th = ☽

- Mon 25th - Anzac Day

- Sat 2nd - SISLETS Market
- Wed 2nd - Charles Sturt “Catch-Up”
- Sat 9th - LETS South Market
- Sat 16th - One Planet Market
- Sat 23rd - LETS South Market
- Sat 30th - LETS South Market

**One Planet Market**  
**9am - 12noon**

Payneham Community Centre  
 374 Payneham Road, Payneham  
 Public Transport: Stop13 Payneham Rd  
<http://sustainablecommunitiessa.org.au/>

**LETS South Market**  
**9am - 1.30pm**

Next to the Green Room Café,  
 Willunga  
<http://www.letsouth.com.au/>

**SISLETS Market**  
**10:30am - 12:30pm**

Clarence Park Community Centre  
 74 East Ave, Black Forest  
<https://sites.google.com/site/sisletssa/>

## Coming up in May...

- Wed 4th Apr - Salisbury Catch-up -Hosted by Susan

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## LETS Events in Detail

### ● **Wed 2nd - Onkaparinga "Catch-Up" - Hosted by Elaine**

Southern Catch-up at Happy Valley  
Wednesday 2nd March, 11am – 1pm

Let's bring together the different LETS groups – I would love to see SISLETS and LETS represented here, as well as Adelaide LETS members. This is a great opportunity for inter-trading between groups.

'Bring a plate' for a shared lunch and also any goods you would like to trade.

Please pull into the drive and park neatly, we can pack 7 cars in if we are careful - otherwise roadside parking will be some way away as I am on a no parking bend. We can be inside or outside as we wish, so don't let weather of any sort put you off coming.

**A quick RSVP would be appreciated** to give me some idea of numbers –

Looking forward to seeing you there – Elaine

### ● **Fri 8th Apr - Charles Sturt Catch-up -Hosted by Anne**

Charles Sturt Catch-Up  
Friday 8th April  
10am-12noon

Come for a Tea/Coffee, a chat and some trading.  
Please bring a trestle table along with any goods you wish to trade.

**A RSVP** to give some idea of numbers would be appreciated, no later than April 1st

## Trading Advice.

Following conversations at the last market it seems timely to offer our members some trading advice. When anyone registers to trade in Adelaide LETS, we take on trust that the information they have provided is genuine. Admin does not have the ability to check or veto them in any way, and 99.9% of the time all is fine and trading proceeds well. However it always pays to proceed with caution, especially on some trades where you particularly don't want any hiccups. Some examples could be -

- Electrical / mechanical etc. (Qualifications? Registered? Insured?)
- Advice Medical / business / tax / finance / legal etc. (Qualifications again)
- Computer Services – (are they are competent and trustworthy with information on your computer?)

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## Recommendations for February



### Sue & Geoff Doormats

The door mats I got from Sue are perfect for what I want, and as new. She very kindly brought them to a pick up point for me to collect, to facilitate the transaction.

### Naomi Handmade Baby Shoes

These are just the sweetest, softest little shoes - Naomi has a range of lovely designs for both boys and girls. Next on my list is an adult sized pair for me :)

### Anne Plums

Thankyou for the beautiful plums. I discovered what type of plum tree they were from and we are going to plant one.

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- Car Hire (insurance? Drivers licence? etc. all in order?)
- House sit (you'll be trusting them with your valuable possessions)
- Animal sitting (trust again, with your loved animals)

Have they provided a similar service for another member and has that member given them a recommendation? (check on the system) If not, ask for referees. Likewise with qualifications /certifications. Don't be afraid to ask about them and if they are current.

It makes good sense to meet the person, form an opinion and decide if you want to proceed with the trade. The fact that they have a LETS ID should not stop you making the normal checks, just as you would do in any other avenue of life. If you are uncomfortable, you are not obliged to proceed with the trade.

If you have any doubts you may like to re-check with Admin who may have more knowledge of members and more insight into their trading history.

At the end of the day you should be aware that all trades between members are the ultimate responsibility of individual members (as mentioned in clause ... of our T&C)

This message is not meant to give you unnecessary worries about trading. It is a reminder to take the normal precautions at the start and so avoid any possible disputes later.

Admin ALSA0000

## Adelaide LETS

Local Exchange Trading System

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### Find us on Social Media!



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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 2015 57 new members joined Adelaide LETS and over 25000 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!