NEWSLETTER



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What's On

One Planet Market

Saturday, 16th April 2022 374 Payneham Road, Payneham

> 9am until 12pm Outdoor market (weather permitting)

Swap and Share, LETS stalls, live music, morning teas, Lebanese food, repair café, etc. Please bring whatever you need if you are having a stall - table, chair, etc. Updated confirmation will be emailed out one week before market.

Hills Get Togethers

At the moment there are no events planned, but you will be kept updated as soon as something is organised.

LETS GROW OUR COMMUNITY

If you know of anyone that may be interested in joining LETS, please do refer them onto us!

As a thank you, you will receive a bonus of 20 units credited to your account for every new member you recruit, so please tell your friends!

Welcome to New Members

Alsa0646 Jess (Pasadena) Offers art & craft class, juggling, art therapy. Wants window cleaner, tidy up studio, lawn mowing

Alsa0656 Susan (Evanston) Offers dresses, tops, jeans plus sizes. Wants garden maintenance, cut back bushes.

Alsa0670 Lee (Prospect) Offers cleaning

Alsa0671 Shannon (Ottoway) Offers hem repairs, ergonomic monitor stand

LETS CATCH UP AND WORKING BEE

Thea (ALSA 0554) is hosting a LETS catch up at her home in **Campbelltown** on **Saturday 30th of April**. This is a great opportunity to meet other members for a chat, bring a plate for a shared light lunch, and to do a bit of trading.

In addition, for anyone able and willing, Thea is looking to incorporate a little working bee, mainly a few garden tasks to help re-establish her productive food garden, and is asking for a little of our community's time and effort in exchange for units.

Please contact Thea if you are able to help and/or would like to come along for lunch. Aiming for a bit of mid morning work starting around 10-10:30am then lunch around 1-1:30pm. There will be something for everyone and anyone to do, so don't worry if you feel you cannot do any heavy lifting!

TEXT 0428 263 795 or thea.taylorl@gmail.com

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We are looking for members to profile for our future newsletters.

You may have been in LETS for some time or recently joined.

Just something about how you came to join LETS and any other fascinating information you may care to share with your fellow members. We would love to hear from you, so please get in touch.



According to our Terms and Conditions members need to log in to their Community Exchange accounts once a year and have a current offering on the system. If you haven't met this minimum requirement then you will receive an email from us enquiring as to whether you wish to continue as a LETS member. If you think you might be in this category and you would like to remain a member please log in to

www.communityexchange.net.au and put up

an

offering. If you need any help with this please contact us on letsadelaide@gmail.com

<u>Recommendations</u>

When you sign into your account, on the left hand side there is an opportunity for anyone to give a recommendation for a good trade they received. Unfortunately we've recently become aware that there was a problem with this function. This has now been fixed, and you are encouraged to put up any recommendations you feel appropriate. Here are some recommendations you may have missed:

Overnite Accommodation (given to Aileen by Sheila)

Recently spent two restful days at Aileen and John's unique place at Forreston. Cosy, quiet and restful. Great hospitality. Thank you. We'll be back!



Bird nest (given to Neil by Sue)

Some time ago a neighbour discarded an old hollow log which I brought home and now Neil has done a great job at securing it among the branches of the climber near our fence which is frequented by new holland honeyeaters. It's a delight to watch them diving in and out of the foliage and I think they already have a nest but perhaps this new luxury accommodation will soon be occupied as well.

IT Help (given to James by Diane)
James ticked all the boxes. Friendly,
punctual, professional and very helpful.
He transferred all my photos and
documents from an ancient laptop to a
slightly less ancient laptop. I am so
pleased to have all these files at my
fingertips as I really believed I might
lose them all if the older laptop
crashed. James's IT skills are of a very
high order and his help desk manner is
amiable, confident and efficient. I have
no hesitation recommending James to
any LETS member who has IT issues.
Top marks from me!



Gardening (given to Neil by Elaine)
Neil has done a wonderful thorough job
of weeding my daughter's garden to
keep the landlord happy, it's a real
weight off her mind to have that job
done. Thank you!

Snack Pack Delicious (given to Sheila by Carol) The range and variety of delicious dried fruits in Sheila's Snack packs was surprising and lovely, highly recommend.

Brinjal Spread (given to Elaine by Neil)

Elaine's Brinjal Spread is truly versatile fantastic quality and extremely versatile BcuZ it is has been allowed to mature and is so full bodied

More Recommendations

Short term home stay (given to Thea from Ed) Thea is a wonderful host, and we got on very well during my stays. Greg is also friendly and welcoming. There's a lovely park nearby, which I visited many times. There's a loud dog resident, so if you love dogs, you're in luck! Sometimes other dogs visit as well, and they're usually well behaved. The home is pretty quiet, which I really appreciated. The back yard is lovely, with nice trees, some of which are fruitful! Grape vines are about to share their bounty, which I'm sorry I missed. Thanks, Thea, I'm grateful to have

stayed with you



Manicure (given to Janna by Sheila)

Janna's first LETS customer!! Great SNS job on my nails. Nice and near home too - and no background music or videos to put up with. Thanks Janna. Will be returning. Studio accommodation (given to Aileen by Elaine)

We stayed in Aileen's Forreston studio, near Gumeracha, in mid winter. It was cosy with a wood fire, reverse cycle in the kitchen, and electric blankets on the bed.

We had a wonderful weekend where we wandered her extensive property and enjoyed seeing masses of bird life and kangaroos, then a little further afield to the Big Rocking Horse and local wineries, and a pub supper.

The studio itself is enormous and looks out over a fish pool and woodland, though it was too chilly to sample the outside deck or the seating area amongst the trees. Highly recommended any time you need a bit of a break and a change of scenery. Thanks Aileen!

Wonderful honey (given to Barb by Ed)

It was great to get some raw honey from Barbara and Trevor. Great value, and as fresh as it comes!

Lugols 5% (given to Neil by Carol)

Chuffed to find this product and have since done some more research at Neil's suggestion. Such a valuable item to have in my medicine cabinet and to learn more about lodine and it's invaluable uses in our medicine history. Thank you:)

Tiling in Bathroom (given to Matthew by Rima)

Matthew kept in touch (daily) and arrived when he said he would .. assessed the job, had the tools and plaster on board, and had the new ceramic bathroom shelf & soap holder back up in place in less than and hour and a half .. impressed by his efficiency and the fact that he left no mess in the bathroom! I would certainly highly recommend Matthew for similar tiling jobs in the house.



One of our LETS members Sarah is involved in The Neighbourhood Circles Project, and invites anyone who is passionate about neighbourliness, community and inclusion to join in for a neighbourhood meet and greet! Come meet other neighbourhood champions over good food and drink, learn about ways that you can connect to your local neighbourhood, and provide feedback on what you might need to support your own efforts for strengthening inclusion and accessibility.

RSVP to Sarah to let her know when and where to expect you.

♦ Inclusive Neighbourhoods Meet, greet and have your say

Wednesday, April 6 2022 10.00am-12.00pm Joy of Flora Cafe, 8-16 Rosetta Street, West Croydon

Wednesday, April 6 2022 6.00pm-8.00pm Sparkke at the Whitmore, 317 Morphett Street, Adelaide

Thursday, April 7 2022 6.00pm-8.00pm Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club 248 Esplanade, Seacliff

Saturday, April 9 2022 10.00am-12.00pm Stall 1195 Cafe 1195 B26 Greenhill Road, Uraidla

Refreshments will be provided

Please contact Sarah to register



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As you know there are other LETS systems all over Australia and attached is the latest newsletter from one of the systems in Victoria. They are to be congratulated for having so much going on, despite all they have gone through with Covid restrictions.

Here is a snippet from their newsletter, but please view the email attachment for the full version if you would like to see more.

Near the end of 2021 the Weekday LETS group resumed its regular get-togethers to the delight of its members. The group is both functional, offering physical support to get those jobs done as well as offering emotional support to its members. How lovely that friends could work and talk

together again. We have a full schedule of midweek dates organized for this term. Hooray!!

We had our first trading day at the Bedford Park Community Garden in Ringwood on 27th November. This is the first of many. Saturday 26th February is our next trading day.

2021 marked MERLETS' 30th Birthday and we finally got to

celebrate it on 11th December at Naomi's house. It was a joyous occasion with not 1 but 2 of Jasminka's beautiful cakes. Our LETS banners were on display on Naomi's deck and there was a feeling of joy. Thank you Naomi for opening up your house yet again for an end of year event. See the photos in the next few pages.

Ann got hold of newsletters from other Victorian LETS groups and had them on display. To our astonishment at one time there were around 30-40 Victorian LETS groups in existence. This has dwindled to just 4 today with DVNS LETS (Diamond Valley Northern Suburbs), Ma LETS (Mt Alexander) and a new CES group, Leanganook as well as our group MERLETS. I want to thank our hard working cohesive Admin team that has kept our group ticking along strongly for the last 30 years. That is quite an achievement.



Midweek Group Morning Tea at Melanie's house



Did you know you can look up the Offers and Wants from interstate systems and arrange to trade with them where possible? Let us know if you need help with this.

Last Month's Events

One Planet Market at Payneham

Since we were not able to put out the newsletter last month, we have included some photos from February as well as from the March market.

It was a lovely day with the majority of the market stalls outside in the sunshine, and many great trades were made.

The Layered Abundance workshop also was well attended, Chris Bryant and John Boland are a wealth of knowledge and we are lucky to be able to gain from their expertise in suburban food gardening.









