

Facts & Figures



Adelaide LETS
welcomed **4 new
members** in
January



Adelaide LETS
processed
99 transactions
totaling
1337Units
in January 2015
compared to 42
transactions
totaling 482 Units
in
January 2014



**Do you have
something you
would like
included in the
next issue of
"LETS Talk"**

**Please have it to
me by the 25th
of the month**



"One Planet" Market Update

If you weren't able to make it to our January market, you missed out on a great day's trading. As well as all our regular stalls, we welcomed 2 new stallholders – Kath with her yummy bread, biscuits and savoury scrolls, and Sharon with her dukkah, preserved fruit, dried fruit, etc. Also good to meet another new member Michelle who was very organised and brought along goods which members had pre-ordered from her Offerings listed on CES.

Some of the other goods traded were – Peaches, homous, worm wee, olive oil soap, hair cuts, vegie seedlings, bags, toys, native flowers.

Many of us love Pauline's regular stall of unusual plants and herbs, so it was very interesting to have her as the workshop speaker. She has thoroughly researched her interest in raising perennial vegies and passed on to us the knowledge and experience she has gained. If you have a special interest and knowledge on a sustainable theme and would be prepared to give a half hour presentation at one of the markets, do let me know and we'll be in touch to organise to slot you into the programme of speakers.

After the last market it took a bit of organisation to fit everything into our small car – our own goods, various packages for other members, not to mention our large trainee guide dog! In fact it wouldn't have been possible without transport help from kind Julie. At time of writing I'm still waiting for people to collect their goods and I haven't had any indication of when that might be. I think its likely you don't know you have something to collect? I'm very happy to act as courier because I feel it facilitates trades which may not happen otherwise. However, the understanding is that **both parties** know about the arrangement and that the goods are collected from our home in Windsor Gardens asap after the market. Your individual package may not be large, but when there are many, our small spare room quickly becomes cluttered and I'm not keen to chase people! I also have a mystery bag of mobiles left behind by someone in our area, so if that was you, please get in touch to collect it from me. I look forward to your co-operation so that everything continues smoothly.

Happy Trading,

Sue

What's On In February?

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2.	3.	4. LETS Catch-Up 10:00-12:00	5.	6.	7. SISLETS Market 10:30-12:30	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21. One Planet Market 9:00-12:00 Adelaide Minimalists 10am	22.
23.	24.	25. <i>Newsletter Articles to be submitted today!</i>	26.	27.	28.	

LETS
Catch-up

SISLETS
Community Market
Clarence Park Community
Centre,
74 East Ave, Black Forest

One Planet Market
Payneham Community
Centre
374 Payneham Road
Payneham

Adelaide Minimalists

Adelaide Minimalists is a meet-up group for like-minded people inspired by TheMinimalists.com to share our experiences with minimalism, living deliberately and simply. We aim to provide friendship, support and advice for both practising and aspiring minimalists .

The next meet-up will be held at the One Planet Market on 21 February at 10am, outside at the rear of Payneham Community Centre. Adelaide LETS members are welcome to come along.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/adelaideminimalists/> or contact community leader Michelle



Teacher Wanted

An exciting position is available at an alternative school at Broken Hill for a trained teacher. This teacher, with an interest in the Creative Arts, will work for half dollars and half Lets Units. This is a very small school and free accommodation is possible. Age is no barrier. This qualified teacher will teach Science and the Creative Arts.

Ring Gab
Feb start.

Hair Cuts at One Planet Market

Trish from SISLETS will be at the February "One Planet" market offering Haircuts again.

Location: Payneham Market

Date: 21st Feb 2015

Time: 9-12

Cost: 20U & \$4 for Ladies, Men Less.

No booking required, just come along!

For all enquiries contact:
Trish

Plympton Park Collection point

Unfortunately omitted from the January announcement, I am pleased to announce now Adelaide LETS also has a collection point at Plympton Park.

Plympton Park:

Kath & Colin's place

Please leave in plastic crate on left side of house.

Please Log into CES to view the map & see which locations are close to you & may help to facilitate trading!

Again, thank you to all the people who have volunteered this service & to all who use it, please remember to ensure all parties are aware of arrangements & items are collected in a prompt manner.

Happy Valley Meet-Up scheduled for March!



What: Happy Valley Adelaide LETS meet-up

Where:

Date: Friday 13th March

Time: 11am – 2pm.

Tea and coffee provided, please bring a plate for a shared lunch

(ideally with ingredients listed in case of allergies).

I seem to be located midway between all the regular meets and markets and they are all a fair way from me, so let's see if I can prompt interest in the local area by having a meet-up at my place!

If you are near Happy Valley/Aberfoyle Park, please invite (drag?) along a friend or two to show them what LETS is all about. I have space either indoors or out so we won't even have to cancel if the weather is against us.

There is public transport to Aberfoyle Hub and I can arrange to pick you up from there. Otherwise please park neatly in my drive which can fit 7 cars at a pinch. Bring anything you have to trade and I'll put out whatever I have too - or just come along to see how it works, with no commitment.

As I have no idea what numbers I may be accommodating I would appreciate an RSVP just to have an idea how many chairs and tables we might need.

If this works I'll be doing it again, or maybe we can find others willing to host in rotation? Looking forward to meeting a few or a lot of you on Friday 13th – I reckon all the best things happen on Friday 13th!!!

Elaine

PS. I am also the LETS drop-off point for anyone who needs to deliver items down this way.

Hi All,

I received a few emails towards the end of last year expressing frustration at the number of e-mails being received to your inbox from LETS during November/December—Sometimes up to 4 a day. So I thought I should take a moment to explain a little about the CES & its restrictions and the method to my madness in contacting you and why I would love for you to keep your 'update' notifications turned on.

As an admin, I only have a few ways to contact all of you at once— all of these options are displayed at the bottom of your account profiles, along with a check box to turn off each notification individually.

Lists:

This is the list of offers & wants. Unfortunately they need to be mailed individually due to the system set-up, I am unable to combine them into the one e-mail. You can log onto CES at any time to view the current offers & wants should you choose to turn this off. I continue to e-mail them out as very few of our members do log in regularly.

Newsletters:

This is a very basic application that allows me to send out a plain text based newsletter to all of you. Aiming for a printable, more engaging & polished looking newsletter, this function is inadequate and thus, remains unused. At this stage it should not affect your LETS experience if you choose to turn this notification off.

Updates:

This is how I predominantly contact you. I send important information this way, alert you to new events being held by members, send the reminder to update offers & wants and also use this function to email our monthly newsletter. It is vital that you allow contact this way, as this is the only way I can alert you to proposed changes in the system and any issues we are experiencing. If you turn off this notification you will not be contacted about these changes. (A recent example of this was with the Proposed Annual Fee Correspondence)

Statements:

This is the function used to mail out your monthly statement. You will still get your debit/credit notifications through when someone processes a trade to your account & can still log in at any time to view your statement online if you choose to turn this notification off.

To try and minimise the flood of e-mails to your inbox here is my schedule for e-mailing you.

1st of the month: Statement, Newsletter, Offers, Wants (4 emails total) - This gets the 'regular' mail out of the way at the beginning of the month.

1 week prior to market: Market reminder - This is our main trading event, so we find a reminder is helpful to boost attendance numbers and remind people it is on.

25th of the month: Reminder to update offers and wants - the Member activity after this email is sent out increases dramatically for the next 5 days.

Any e-mails outside of this are down to the specific events and changes/system issues in any given month. Where possible I try and use the newsletter to relay information so as not to continuously fill your inbox, But when we have a busy month, with many member hosted events, instead of being frustrated as you check your emails, be happy — its a sign our exchange is growing.

Candice
ALSA Administrator

Recommendations for January

Sue & Geoff Malabar Spinach

It is growing well and looking good.

Pauline Herbs

The plants have new shoots on them and doing well despite being dug up from Pauline's garden in summer.

Vanessa Raspberry Canes

Vanessa traded us 5 to 6 Raspberry Canes which were in wet newspaper. We have planted the Raspberry canes out and they are slowly settling into the new soil and sun/shade condition.

The blackberry is still in the pot it came in, however has sprouted quit a lot and is looking healthy. I T will be transplanted shortly, and we are anticipating 'berry' delicious fruits from both. ha ha Will and Helen.

We will definitely report when they fruit.

Kylie Custom Made Crochet Bag

At the January catch-up, Kylie was busy crocheting. I loved the colour and asked if it was a bag. Alas, it was a mans hat. Now, thanks to her ingenuity, I have a fabulous tote, in an amazing colour.
Thankyou Kylie!

Sharon Preserved Nectarines

Your nectarines were delicious, I wish I would have grabbed more jars!

Monica Peaches

Your peaches are stunning - after a few days ripening in a basket on the windowsill, I now have 8 jars of peach conserve to add to morning yoghurt and muesli! Your bags were so full & your price so reasonable when you do all the hard work of picking them for us, thankyou.

Kath Bread

Your bread is fantastic for sandwiches - its nice and dense & holds up well - not to mention it is terrifically tasty!

Michelle Fantastic New Trader

I've done lots of trading with Michelle this month, all preloved/used goods - and everything was exactly as described and ver reasonably priced.

Fantastic new trader, thankyou!

Candice Christmas Cookies

WOW Candice is all I can say. Thank you so much for the work and effort that went into these. I ordered two sets of mini cookies to be posted to me on holidays and they arrived safe and sound when we wanted them.

The cookies lasted very well and where a hit with everyone. I would definitely say these are something to be tasted by all.

Rhiannon Tomato Sauce

Lovely tomato sauce. My kids ate it all up!

Candice Decadent Chocolate Cake

OMG!!! Seriously the best chocolate cake ever. YUM!!!

Megan Semi-Dried Tomatoes

Amazing! Kylie and I shared a salad for lunch after the catch-up and included some of your delicious semi-dried tomatoes - it made the meal! Thankyou!

Elly Eggs

Not only did I get some lovely fresh eggs, but we also had a good talk. That's adds to the pleasure of being part of LETS.

Rhiannon Fabric

I have used some of the fabric to make Christmas gifts and my daughter in law has loved rummaging through the stash and taking pieces she can use in her projects.

Elaine Waxed Wraps

I use the smaller one for wrapping food and both sizes are great for covering food in the fridge or freezer if I don't have a lid.

Elaine Wooden Box

Peter was delighted with the lined wooden box I gave him for Christmas. Please thank your husband for the beautiful craftsmanship.