

Facts & Figures



Adelaide LETS
welcomed **5 new
members** in
February



Adelaide LETS
processed
**121
transactions**
totaling **2299
Units**
in February 2015
compared to 46
transactions
totaling 667 Units
in February 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



Despite being in the middle of a heat-wave we had a good turnout at the February market.

Many thanks to those of you who booked some space on our LETS tables. Just to clarify about our space – 8 traders can usually fit into our allocated LETS space, about half a trestle each. We now have more members who'd like to trade at the market (hurray!), so we do need to think about where we can accommodate any overflow. Once all 8 LETS positions are filled it will be necessary for subsequent traders to set up outside using your own table, so booking is essential.

Some of the goods traded at the last market were – bread, cards, laundry liquid, food throw overs, pasta maker, French tarragon herb, lettuce, capsicums, eggplants, date cake, haircut, concertina box file, plants, headset, bed sheets, onions, quinces, horse manure, plums, dried fruit, fit ball, laundered tea towels.

Our speaker was Greens Senator, Penny Wright on the topic of Sharing Economies. We all know about LETS but it was quite an eye opener for me to hear about many other ways of sharing –

<http://www.goget.com.au/> (car share),
<https://www.uber.com/> (car ride share),
<https://www.airbnb.com.au/> (accommodation),
<https://www.couchsurfing.com/> (accommodation),
<http://claytonwesley.org.au/community/hopes-cafe/> (refugee support),
<http://pilgrim.org.au/groups/cof27.php> (refugee support), <https://www.warmshowers.org/> (touring cyclists)

I also dropped in for a short time at the Minimalists gathering and it was interesting to hear about the various ways their group members are decluttering their lives.

Until next time, Happy Trading!
Sue

What's On In March?

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30.	31.					1.
2.	3.	4. LETS Catch-Up 10:00-12:00	5.	6.	7. SISLETS Market 10:30-12:30 LETS South Market 8:30-12:30	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.	13. Happy Valley Catch-Up 11:00-2:00 <i>(see article for details)</i>	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21. One Planet Market 9:00-12:00 LETS South Market 8:30-12:30	22.
23.	24.	25. <i>Newsletter Articles to be submitted today!</i>	26.	27.	28.	29.

LETS
Catch-up

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

LETS South
Market
Outside Green
Room Cafe
2 High Street
Willunga

One Planet
Market
Payneham
Community Centre
374 Payneham
Road
Payneham

Fundraising to bring Tim Jenkins to Australia!

As you may have seen in Fleurieu LETS newsletter, Tim Jenkins is planning to come to Australia for the National Conference in May!

A bit about Tim:

Tim is a South African writer, former political prisoner and prison escapee, and a monetary activist.

Tim was active in the anti-apartheid movement and distributed ANC literature which was forbidden. In 1978 he was charged with "producing and distributing 18 different pamphlets on behalf of banned organisations", pled guilty to all charges & received a 12 year sentence. However a year later in 1979 he & 2 fellow inmates broke out of Pretoria Central Prison. He moved to London and worked as a research officer for the international Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa. He also wrote InsideOut: Escape from Pretoria Prison.

After moving back to South Africa, he co-founded the Community Exchange System in 2003 & was elected an Ashoka fellow in 2007.

Annette (Overseer of CES in Australia) is hoping to raise funds to help cover the cost of Tim's trip over here. The idea is for Tim to work more closely with the CES redevelopment team, meet Australian admins and traders, and see a bit of our beautiful country. Its believed it will cost about \$3000 to bring him to Sydney, Brisbane & Cairns, provide some money for food, and maybe even cover the cost of a reef dive.

Tim has been incredibly generous with his time over the years, has provided the CES platform for our use free of cash charge.

Before we went online with CES, everything had to be done manually by a few dedicated people in admin – processing all trades, compiling a resource guide (which very quickly became out-dated), etc. etc. CES has made a huge difference to the efficient running of our system with members in charge of their own accounts.

Making sure Tim doesn't have to worry about money while he's here seems like the perfect opportunity to say thank you. If you feel you've had many benefits from your LETS membership, perhaps you'd like to chip in?

Because Adelaide LETS is one of the few systems that has no cash joining or annual fee, we need to do some fund raising if we are to contribute to Tim's trip expenses.

Sue & Geoff have kindly offered to host a gathering in their home at Windsor Gardens. For a \$10 donation there would be a screening of the 45 min. documentary Escape from Pretoria and a dinner beforehand. We're thinking of holding this event in early April, starting with the dinner at 6pm, but we're open to other suggestions. If you would be interested in attending such an event, please contact Sue directly, letting us know your preference for timings. If there is sufficient interest, event details will be shared in the next newsletter.

If you would like to find out more about Tim you can view his Ashoka Biography here:

<https://www.ashoka.org/fellow/timothy-jenkin>

Or the Video Documentary on his escape from Pretoria here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WyeAaYjlxE>

Candice & Sue

Happy Valley Meet-Up

What: Happy Valley Adelaide LETS
meet-up

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).*

*Public Transport to Aberfoyle Park hub &
transport can be arranged from there with
prior notice.*

***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.***

Elaine

Shop Talk

**New in the LETS shop,
Windsor Gardens**

*Laundry washing
powder, pickled vegies, tomato sauce, apricot
jam, hot salsa, yellow squash relish,
camomile bath salts, Baby rose sugar scrub*

Contact Sue if you would like to visit shop
for a browse

Celebrating the 12th Consecutive Adelaide LETS newsletter!

Wow! 12 issues already!
I've really enjoyed compiling the Newsletter for you every month & helping to promote whats happening in Adelaide LETS.

As with all things, It is good to reflect on if new ideas have been successful, and with a mailout such as this, its always speculative if it actually gets read or just dragged to the trash folder when it hits a members inbox.

So, If you are reading this, please take a moment to hit 'reply' on the original email and let me know.

It will help determine the best way to communicate important issues in the future.

Thankyou!

Candice



Recommendations for February

Candice: Chocolate Cake

Lovely texture and sumptuous taste. Great.

Candice: Apple Muffins

Just delicious!

Sheila: Beetroot Relish

Finally opened it today. What a treat for the tastebuds. Thanks Sheila.

Elaine: Eggplant Pickle

Such a great flavour even non eggplant eaters can enjoy. Just don't tell them what it's made

Candice: Chocolate Cake

Wonderful cake - light, moist, not too sweet. And of course chocolate :)

Do you know how to add a recommendation?



**-Click on
'Recommendations'**

(this is under buyer actions in the very centre of your home page)

- Click on

'Give Recommendation'

(this is in the top right corner of the centre box)

- Fill in the form

(select the person you wish to recommend from the drop down box, enter a brief description & enter your recommendation)

- Click 'Submit'

PORT ADELAIDE CATCH-UP CANCELLED FOR APRIL

Please be aware that the Port Adelaide Catch-Up will be cancelled for **April**. There is currently discussions for it to be hosted elsewhere & members will be notified via 'update' once details are confirmed.

The **March** Catch-Up will continue & they will resume again in Port Adelaide in May. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Candice



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