

Facts & Figures

☑ **ALSA did a total of 106 trades for the month of May**

☑ **Port Adelaide & Windsor Gardens LETS shops combined did 15 trades totaling 160 Units**

☑ **LETS shops accounted for approx 14% of all trades in March**

☑ **ALSA's Number of trades was up approx 286% from this time last year**

We have a new name!

It has been decided that this mail out should be more than just 'Shop Talk', as there is so much going on in LETS to share, celebrate & let you know about. You need look no further than the statistics in the left hand column to realise we are growing and becoming more active with every month. So, taking inspiration from a feedback e-mail I received, this 'mail out' shall now be known as the "LETS Talk" Newsletter.

I want to give a huge thankyou to Julie, Helen & Sue for providing information/articles/stories for me to include in this issue of "LETS Talk" as every article being written by me would quickly become tiresome for all of us!

This newsletter is for you and about you and I feel it is so important the whole community gets a chance to 'have their say' & contribute to the creation of this newsletter.

Do you have a LETS system question you want answered? Have you had fantastic work done by a LETS member & want a place to show pictures & to praise them publicly? Do you want feedback on a LETS idea? More interest in your offering or want? Simply to give your 2c on everything LETS?

E-mail me directly at _____ by the 25th of the month & hopefully you will see your article in the next newsletter.

New Trading Opportunity!!!

Sue & I are pleased to announce the introduction of a monthly "Cuppa, Cake & Catch-up" trade day. It will alternate between the Windsor Garden LETS Shop & the Port Adelaide LETS Shop. We hope this will encourage trade between members & utilisation of the shops, as without our community using them, they will be unable to continue.

The morning will be informal, with opportunity (as the name suggests) for a cuppa and cake & general catch-up with other LETS members. It is also hoped that people will use this time, much like the Payneham market, to bring items to trade & use it to exchange goods. If people wish to stay on, there will be a chat about the shops, how they are running and general conversation about how to further Adelaide LETS.

These events will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. The first is to be held this week, Wednesday 4th June at 10am at Windsor Garden LETS Shop. Please contact _____ via CES if you need the address.

Whats On?

4th June:
Cuppa, Cake & Catch-up
Trade Opportunity
10:00am
Sue's House,
Windsor Gardens
(See Article for more information)

7th June:
SISLETS Market
10:30-12:30
Clarence Park
Community Centre

21st June:
One Planet Market
9:00-12:00
Payneham
Community centre
(Guest Speaker:
Kathryn
Conservation Council
Sustainable Fisheries)

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

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

What happened last month in Adelaide LETS



Cuppa, Cake & Catch-Up

On Wednesday 7th May five LETS members met at Candice's place in Port Adelaide for morning tea. This was the first of what we hope will be a regular once-a-month gathering alternating between the two LETS shops, one in Port Adelaide and the other at Sue's place in Windsor Gardens.

As well as restocking the shop and enjoying a delicious morning tea, there were items delivered, swapped, borrowed and traded. These included baby hats, glass jars, used coffee grounds, used tea bags, onion skins, jam, sewing machine, cordial, fabric purse, laundry liquid, miracle spray, wool, cotton, teapot, pumpkins, box of goodies, fabric bowls, play dough, soap, greeting cards, kitchen scales, cassette tapes and reel to reel tapes.

Ideas discussed included gift vouchers, regular LETS gatherings, bulk food sharing, book and magazine swap, food staples for LETS shops, hens, vegetable gardens, newsletter, communication, Ripe Near Me, Open Gardens and the up-coming fabric dyeing workshop.

Everyone is welcome to these gatherings, the next of which is on Wednesday 4th of June at 10am, at the Windsor Gardens LETS Shop.
Julienne



Working Bee a fizzle

~HELP NEEDED URGENTLY~

Unfortunately the working bee arranged for Dulwich was a NON-EVENT, due to lack of response, and/or cancellations from our members.

So now looking for willing & able bodied helpers in the garden at a time suitable for you.

An hour here or there by anyone is better than nothing

Offering 25U/hour for general gardening work & tidying up before the occupants arrive home in mid-august.

This needs to be undertaken as soon as possible – the garden has already become a jungle and is getting worse.

With this rain the weeds are spreading!

If your balance is low & you could use a way to re-coup some units
Please contact Helen

Natural Dyeing Workshop

Kylie's dyeing workshop proved to be a real success. She has been given a glowing recommendation for her work & inspired attendees to experiment with other easily obtainable plant materials. It is hoped that this workshop will be the springboard to other LETS Members hosting workshops, gatherings and similar events!

Letters To The Editor

It was great to see such a big LETS turn out at the market.

We got to welcome back Sophia, Denise and Jan (who has been in China for some time).

Our LETS tables are now easy to spot with Candice's lovely new banner and Kylie's 'LETS units accepted here' signs.

- Sue

LETS Units
Accepted
Here



Recommendations received this month



Cecilia - Cecilia did a marvellous job of designing our new flyer. Its eye catching and people coming to our market stalls often take one, thanks Cecilia

Hepatitis SA- Its great to have Hep C in our system, our only organisation I believe. They did a great job of colour printing and folding the flyers.

Julienne—Your fabric baskets are gorgeous & so well made. They have given the Port Adelaide shop a real facelift, thankyou!

Bradley & Paul—Bradley and Paul did a great job putting up the cover for my car.

Sue & Geoff—A huge thankyou to Sue and Geoff who, once again, have come through for me getting me out of a very tight spot when my own sewing machine died. All of the notions & sewing cabinet are very much appreciated & will make the sewing 'work' I do for LETS so much easier!

Vanessa—This (All-purpose cleaner) works very well and I love the fresh eucalyptus smell.

Kylie—This (Natural Dyeing Workshop) was a very enjoyable, relaxed and informative workshop. It has inspired me to experiment further with plant materials which are easy to obtain.

Why using the recommendation function is so important.

LETS is largely 'Faith Based', all those people who offer a skill, trade, handmade item or piece of produce are asking you to have faith in their offering.

As a buyer, you have faith produce is yummy (if you have never tried it before - and if you have tried it before, you have faith the product is to the same standard), You have faith someone's handcrafting skills are wonderful, You have faith that what you are getting is quality & well made, You have faith the seeds you buy are active, or the produce you buy is fresh. You have faith the person coming to mow your lawns has done it before & can do a good job.

Using the recommendation feature to give feedback on someone's work goes a long way to helping someone establish that faith with other potential buyers before they put in an order. Have you given a recommendation before? Maybe you have had something made specially, picked up some produce at the market, or had someone over to help you & you would really like to give credit, where due. Give a recommendation today!

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'