

Facts & Figures



In July
Adelaide LETS
did 63
transactions
totaling 1416
Units
compared to 59
trades totaling
697 Units in
July 2013



In the 2013-
2014 financial
year Adelaide
LETS did 828
trades for
23433 units
compared to
374 trades
totaling 5600
Units in the
2012-2013
financial year



Port Adelaide LETS Shop Closure

After a 4 month trial period, It has become apparent that the Port Adelaide LETS Shop is not particularly well placed to be as active, or as useful as I had hoped. We only have a very small membership base on the western side of the city & while I hope in the future it may grow, it is not enough to make the shop viable now.

Today I also received a job offer, which i was most excited to accept. While my employers understand my passion & enthusiasm for LETS & are supportive of my desire to continue with my Administrator role in LETS, I no longer feel I would personally be able to offer the flexibility & availability the Port Adelaide LETS Shop would need, even to continue in its current (very quiet) capacity.

As such, I have decided to 'close down' the Port Adelaide Branch of the LETS Shop.

Sue will continue to keep Windsor Gardens Shop open. This shop tends to get a little more traffic from people dropping in as it is closer to the main LETS population .

Thankyou so much to those who supported this venture, From the ladies who helped 'stock' the shop, to the few who visited.

Here is to hoping the Windsor Gardens shop goes from strength to strength & that there may be place for more 'shops' in the future.

Happy Trading



Whats On?

6th August
Cuppa, Cake & Catch-up
Trade Opportunity
Windsor Gardens
LETS Shop

2nd August
SISLETS Market
10:30-12:30
Clarence Park
Community Centre

19th August
One Planet Market
9:00-12:00
Payneham
Community centre
(Guest Speaker:
Jodie -The
Orangutan project and
threats to their habitat
from Palm Oil Planta-
tions)

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

Courier to the National LETS conference - For all your inter-trading needs.

This year I am able to attend the National LETS Conference being hosted by Central Coast LETS at Mangrove Mountain, Central Coast NSW .

I am looking forward to catching up with past attendees from Perth, WA; Maleny, Qld; Diamond Valley, Vic; Sydney and Hunter , NSW and Tasmania along with some new people .

Conference is always well attended by locals who for a variety of reasons can not get to National Conferences further afield but I've noticed that each conference seems to have at least one member from the previous year's conference who manages to get there.

There are always organised sessions but I gain the most benefit from the informal chats with other people who are enthusiastic about LETS and are keen to share the successes of their groups .

My first national Conference was in Bairnsdale , Victoria and the big topic of discussion at that conference was how to reduce admin burnout and what was the best way to process transactions and share information .

At each Conference since more and more groups have joined CES. It is hard to believe that less than 10 years ago , trading and sharing information between even local groups was a major hurdle. Some poor admin person in each group was landed the task of having to try and process all the trades (twice - once for the seller and once for the buyer!) and maintain and distribute a paper record of the offers and wants .

I've discovered active groups have regular social events - Hunter LETS has a quarterly picnic in a local park (they have quite a few people with families in the group) Maleny LETS has a close relationship with a local cafe which is a member and this allows the cafe to employ people for LETS units, offer meals in their quiet times for LETS units and they also provide a table where people without computers can have their trades processed , seek answer to questions and have a chat over a cuppa with other LETS members.

Conference is also a chance to trade in LETS - at this stage I've organised to collect some moisturiser from a member of Hunter LETS via Gaynor who is regular attendee (she and her husband have stayed with Sue & Geoff when they have been bush walking in SA), deliver some items for a Tasmanian member who is attending for Candice and I will be delivering some of my food throwovers to Hunter LETS for their picnics .

I'm happy to tell your more about my experiences this year at the September market.

Susan

Recommendations received this month



Diane - Eggs

Very nice eggs and Diane marked the carton to show which eggs to use first.



Shaun - Computer Cables

A true gentleman, A pleasure to trade with!



Do you have a unique offer or want you feel would benefit by being in the newsletter?

Some offers or wants are time sensitive, truly unique, or benefit by having a picture to promote them. If you have an offer or want that may fit this description It may be able to be included in the newsletter. Please send a picture of your item & your CES description through no later than the 25th of the month.

LEFT:

Size 16 black leather jacket, excellent condition. Would suit either woman or man

30Units - Monica

What Hints and Tips would you like to see in this section of the Newsletter?

I try to pick a Hint/Tip to put in the newsletter from the list admin have been asked over the course of the month, But this month was particularly quiet - So I would like to know what you could use some guidance with.

Please send your questions to