

Facts & Figures



**In August
Adelaide LETS
did 116 transac-
tions
totaling 2340Units
compared to 63
trades totaling
1523 Units in
August 2013**



**Adelaide is
currently the 14th
most active
Exchange in
Australia & the
most Active in
South
Australia!**



**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**

Proposing Change for Adelaide LETS

Dear Members,

It is with much excitement that we share with you, our account clean-up is complete! As this is being written we have 140 active members. This includes 4 new members welcomed just this month.

We have looked extensively at where Adelaide LETS has come from & what Adelaide LETS currently consists of. Now we are excited about looking forward, to grow our exchange, increase our member activity & expand the range of skills and goods our community can offer. You have already seen some of these great new initiatives, such as the LETS Shop, the monthly Catch-ups & the monthly newsletter which helps to bridge the gap between our computer based members & our market based members. The statistics shared each month in the newsletter are beginning to show the positive effects these changes are having on our exchange.

In looking at ways to propel our group forward Sue & I believe that if we wish to have a progressive group we need to do more than the 'bare minimum' to keep our group not just running, but advancing and as such would like to put forward a proposal to introduce a very small annual fee to our members – not in cash, but in units. This would help to support ongoing administration & allow us to see that those who put work into our system, for the good of our system, get recompense for their time & effort – even if just a token amount. It will also go towards covering the quarterly levies charged for using CES.

We are suggesting an annual fee of 10 Units per member. Many successful systems charge a joining fee or an annual membership fee, in many cases, both. Most often this is in cash, not in 'Community Exchange Currency'. We believe in using & supporting our currency and we hope that you will all consider this small unit fee a very modest price to pay for the benefits of belonging to Adelaide LETS.

We realise that we are proposing a significant change & it has not been put forward without great thought, research & discussion. We wish for you, our members to have adequate time to provide feedback on our proposal and strongly encourage you to do so.

If all feedback can be submitted to the admin email account: _____ with the subject *“Proposed Annual Fee”* by the 25th of September that would be wonderful.

Here is to a brighter, increasingly vibrant future for our group.

Happy Trading

Whats On?

3rd September
**Cuppa, Cake &
Catch-up Trade
Opportunity**
Windsor Gardens
LETS Shop

6th September
SISLETS Market
10:30-12:30
Clarence Park
Community Centre

6th September
**Economies for
People and Planet**
1:00pm—5:00pm
The Box Factory
Adelaide

14th September
**Beginners Wet
Felting Workshop**
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Contact Kylie

20th September
One Planet Market
9:00-12:00
Payneham
Community centre
Guest Speaker:
Phillippa —
Successful gluten free
cookery.
(Including grains,
flours,
temperatures, times,
measurements)

WET FELTING WORKSHOP



I will be holding a wet felting workshop

Children are welcome to attend and
ages 7 and up can participate.
Sample felt pieces made can be used to
make a bracelet, purse or other small
item.

***There are only 3 places left so please
register quickly!***

Please contact me to register for the
workshop. 10 units will be deducted
from your account on registration with a
following 30 units after the workshop.

I will send out a list of materials to bring
to those who register.

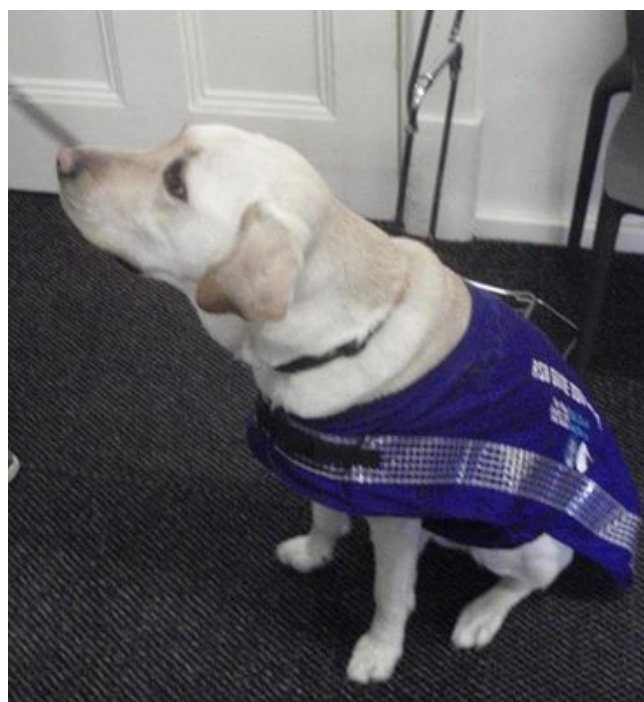
Kylie

Welcoming Mia

Mia is a Guide Dog in
training who Sue & Geoff have
welcomed into their home.
She has done an awful lot of
learning in her short life and
socialisation is an important part
of that. When she isn't at puppy
school, she is to go everywhere
they go.

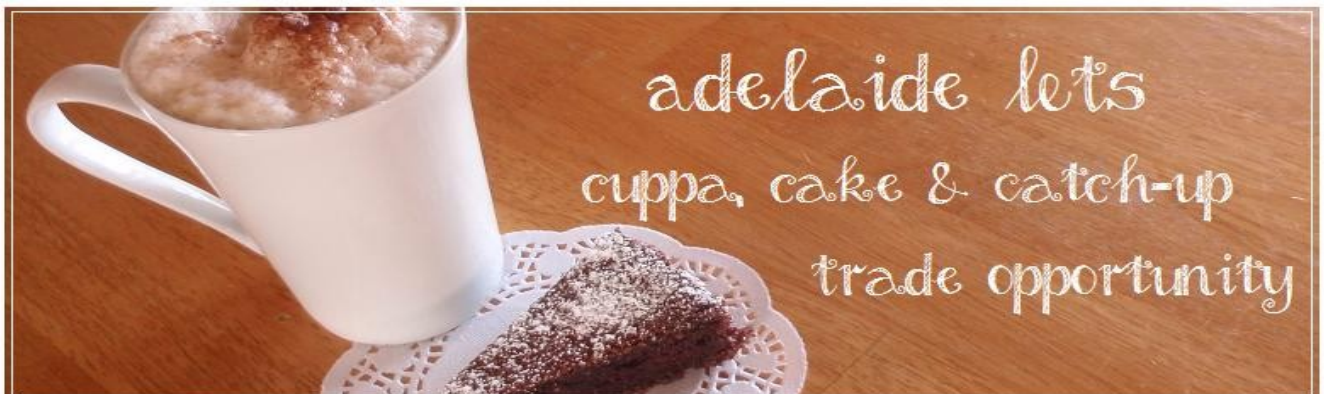
This means we will get to see
much more of the loveable Mia
as she will be a regular at the
One Planet Market with Sue and
Geoff.

So drop by and say 'Hello' & help
her become the important pup
she is destined to be.



Recommendations received this month

- ★ **Sarah - Dried Apples**
Sarah's Dried Apples are very yummy!
- ★ **Sarah - Bread Maker**
The bread maker I got from Sarah is wonderful, thanks Sarah!!
- ★ **Sarah - Help in the sewing room**
Sarah has been fantastic helping us out with some organisation around our home. Very helpful, hard working and friendly. Thank you.
- ★ **Candice - Muesli Bars**
We so enjoyed Candice's muesli bars at the last catch up and she kindly agreed to make up a batch for us, using my preferred sweetener of Rice Malt Syrup. They are so yummy and will be a special treat to take with us on our weekend outings with our new guide dog pup Mia. Thanks so much Candice.



The "Cuppa, Cake & Catch-up Trade opportunities" are becoming quite successful & the numbers attending are growing. We have realised we need to make a few simple changes to how things are done so we can continue to provide these events.

- 1 - If you can, please bring your own mug/coffee cup to use.
- 2 - If you have a spare folding/trestle table and are wanting to trade, it would be wonderful if you could bring it as the space available quickly becomes filled.
- 3 - LETS Admin will provide beverages (tea, coffee, milk, sugar etc)
- 4 - Cake/Morning Tea will no longer be supplied by Admin. Instead we invite attending members to bring a plate to share or to be sold for \$ & Units (like at the Payneham Market) if they wish.

With larger numbers attending & many different dietary requirements to cater for, these events can become costly. With no monetary fees charged to members & no monetary donations made previously when a donation tin was trialled with C,C&C attendees, we are unable to re-coup costs and can not in good conscience continue to deplete admin funds without means of recompense.

turn the system **INSIDE** **OUT** *workshop*

ECONOMIES FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

Infinite economic growth in a finite planet is impossible.

Join us for an ongoing conversation about local and global progress towards an economic system that values and places the wellbeing of the planet at its centre.

Reflect on personal assumptions and relationships to work and money and barriers to embracing a new economic paradigm that truly meets our needs.

When: 1-5pm, Saturday 6 September

Where: The Box Factory (59 Regent Street South, Adelaide)

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share
Optional gold coin donation at the door to cover costs

RSVP at www.insideouteconomies.eventbrite.com.au

A selection of readings for this workshop is available at
www.tinyurl.com/economiesforpeople1

For more information email systemsinsideout@gmail.com



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CLOTHES SWAP

GET YOURSELF A NEW WARDROBE AND SAVE ENERGY, WATER AND RESOURCES!!

When – Saturday 10 am to 12.00pm.

Feb 15th, March 15th, May 17th, July 19th, Sept 20th, Nov 15th 2014

Where – Payneham Community Centre,
374 Payneham Road (cnr Arthur St.), Payneham

Entry cost - \$2 per month or \$10 for the year

What is it? – an opportunity to bring along your clothes or accessories that you no longer want or fit into! And for every item you bring you get to select another to take away. Each item is to be in good condition or we reserve the right to refuse and any items.

The 'rules' - To make sure the clothes swap runs smoothly , here are a few 'rules of the game'.

- There is a **maximum of 10** items per person per swap day.
- No items that are in poor condition, that is, soiled, torn or very worn, shall be accepted. However you will need to take responsibility for inspecting the condition of items that appeal to you before you 'purchase' them. **No items can be refunded or returned.**
- If you feel unsure about swapping your items, then our advice is to save yourself regret and keep them. **As soon as you have handed over your swapping items we are not able to give them back to you.**
- No money will be accepted for the purchase of any items.
- Each item of clothing, accessory piece and pair of shoes will be counted individually as one item. The exception is our **DESIGNER LABEL RACK.**
- If any clothes remain at the conclusion of the swap the organisers have the discretion to either take to the Salvos or retain for the next swap.
- The **only record of your swap credit is the card** issued at the time of the swap...Please don't lose it. Keep a photo of your card on your phone!

PS men and children are welcome too!!



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