

**Facts
&
Figures**



**In October
Adelaide LETS
did 176
transactions
totaling 3245
Units
compared to 26
trades
totaling 544
Units in
October 2013
(Nope - that's not
a typo!)**



**13 new
members were
welcomed in
October!**

**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**

**Membership of
Sustainable Communities SA
now available for units.**

On Thursday 23rd October, Sustainable Communities SA had its members night with Adelaide LETS having a strong presence.

We started with a presentation by Sharon from Zero Waste about the interactive website she and others have set up called Share and Save: ShareNSave.com.au This site is aiming "to provide the information and links to assist South Australians to find and share services, resources and events in their local community to help with the cost of living and improve neighbourhood networks". They list community gardens, swap and share events, men's sheds, toy, tool and other libraries local markets and many other events and community organisations that allow people to connect and share resources. They are looking for more organisations to list. They also plan to go world wide once the soft ware moves to an open source format.

We then broke for a shared meal with an abundance of delicious food. Sue took advantage of Sustainable Communities new membership of LETS to provide extra food for the meal. I highly recommend her vegetarian cooking.

Robyn of LETS called us back to the meeting room with her violin solo bringing a relaxed atmosphere where we were all ready to hear reports. SCSA is organised with local community groups which meet monthly for members support each other to reduce their impact on the environment and to work with their local community. Most of the groups took a turn to report:

McLaren Vale told us how they work with other local groups on various projects like share and swap in the main street. They also had a plastic free July to reduce the use of one use plastics.

Sue from Adelaide LETS told us how many varied and useful services and goods are available using units. I announced that membership of SCSA is now available using Lets at 10 units per year.

Unley group reported on their project to increase gardening in their suburbs working with the Unley Council to plant more fruit and nut trees in public parks, distribute planter boxes, soil and seedlings with some tuition to people who would like to start veggie gardening. This year they had many workshops teaching people more about growing food. Essential Edibles group reported on their monthly Share and Swap at Josin Reserve in Third Ave on the first Sunday of the month from 9am till 10am.

Margaret reported on One Planet Market of which Adelaide LETS are an important presence.

Mitcham and Blackwood groups reported on their activities in their local fair and canvassing residents standing in local government elections.

We closed the night with a gathering of energy of meditation and a sharing of what direction we would like to go.

Monica, On behalf of Sustainable Communities SA

Whats On?

1st November
SISLETS Market
10:30-12:30
Clarence Park
Community Centre

5th November
"Catch-up"
10:00 – 12:00
Windsor Gardens
LETS Shop
Host::Sue & Geoff

11th November
Garage Sale
10am- 4pm
Please contact
Robyn for more
details

15th November
One Planet Market
9:00-12:00
Payneham
Community centre
Guest Speaker:
Devashon
on Fermented Foods

3rd December
"Catch-up"
11:00 - 2:00
Port Adelaide
Host: Candice

Garage Sale!

WHEN: Sat 8th November
TIME: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 pm



Trading in Units!

Following a spring clean out I am moving on an assortment of household goods, clothes, jewellery, fabric, retro items, coffee tables etc.

Four other Adelaide LETS members will be joining in the fun and will be contributing by bringing a "Garage Sale" style stall of bric-a-brac along to create more variety and fun.

This is a great opportunity to pick up a bargain and use some of your hard earned units!

For more information please contact Robyn

WANTED

Market Speakers

for 2015

As you know, at each market we have a half hour workshop with a speaker. Usually the subject is on some aspect of self sufficiency or caring for the environment. Market co-ordinator Deb is now organising next year's speakers calendar and she's looking for suggestions/requests for subjects or speakers. Do you have any ideas? Please let me know and I'll pass them onto Deb.

Thanks

Sue

Christmas "Catch-Up" Lunch

It appears the Christmas Season is sneaking up awfully quickly again this year and for some, I am sure it has already begun. With this in mind, I would like to extend an early invitation to you all to join in the December "Catch-Up" & shared lunch.

The catch-up will be held at my home, on **December 3rd** and kick off a little later than usual, at around **11am..** I hope that you will come to catch-up and trade and then stay on for a casual shared lunch to celebrate all that has been achieved by Adelaide LETS this year and continue to grow the bonds and friendships we share in our wonderful community.

As always:

- ⇒ If you can, please bring your own mug/cup to use.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ LETS Admin will provide beverages (tea, coffee, milk, sugar, water etc)

Something extra:

- ⇒ It would be wonderful if you could bring a small plate of lunch/snack/finger type food to contribute to the shared lunch.
- ⇒ While there will be serviettes & a small amount of (predominantly disposable) cutlery available, If you can, please bring any crockery/cutlery you may need. I'm not sure my kitchen (for 2) is adequately stocked for a vibrant LETS gathering.

If you would like any further information please contact me directly:



****The November Catch-Up will still be held from 10am—12 noon at Windsor Gardens LETS Shop and home to Sue and Geoff. For the address, or further information on the November catch-up, please contact Sue directly****



Recommendations received this month



Sheila : Beetroot Relish

Really wonderful! Great accompaniment to a cheese platter.

Julienne : German Grain Bread

Once again, your German Grain Bread was a hit. DP's family have guests from NZ & I was told I simply MUST tell you how fabulous this bread is!

Rhiannon : Black Olives

DP's family have guests from NZ staying and we bought some preserves & your olives to contribute to afternoon tea. The olives were a HUGE hit—will definitely be getting them again in the future!

Julienne : Fabric Bowl

Love the fabric bowls very handy colourful and well made.

Julienne : Dark Grain Bread

Many thanks Julienne, the bread is lovely, slices really well and tastes great.

Julienne : Cards

Thank you for the beautiful cards you make. I thoroughly enjoy choosing from your card selection and the recipients comment on how lovely it is to receive hand made cards with photography from Australian Locations.

Julienne : Cards

Beautiful cards.

Candice : Decking

Andrew has done a terrific job of completely renovating our deck, ably assisted by his offsider Candice. The pair of them are meticulous with their planning and attention to detail in their workmanship, so the finished job is really excellent. We are very happy, thank you so much to you both.

Julienne : Bread Rolls

Great as usual!

Kylie : Hand Dyed calico and cotton

Your work is perfection! The colours are everything I hoped and they will work up into perfect Christmas gifts, thank you!

Sheila : LillyPilly Syrup

This LillyPilly syrup is amazing & will be the perfect accompaniment to the 'death by chocolate' cake I am bringing to a dinner tonight, with fresh whipped cream & berries! It really is quite unique and magnificent!

Candice : Label Design

Candice did a great job, (and very promptly) helping me to design some labels for the comfrey rub i made. Thank you for your help it is very much appreciated.

Julienne : Home made Bread

Loved the bread again especially the darker one.