

THE AGM FOR LETS SOUTH INC. IS ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 25 AT 1.00PM IN THE WILLUNGA ENVIRONMENT CENTRE – ALL WELCOME

At the AGM we will elect the new Lets South Committee for the next 12 months. Any Lets South member interested in what promises to be an exciting next 12 months is most welcome to join the Committee! Sarah has left us for a few months leaving us a Chair short and also down a School Liaison person. Joy has indicated she will be stepping down as Treasurer, Wil wants a break from Secretarial duties to focus on developing LETS South (see his report on the conference below). So, we are looking for people to step into the officer roles and more volunteers for the committee.



After the AGM we intend to organise a wide spread community consultation gathering to investigate and implement new ideas for LETS SOUTH. Come and let us know what you would like to see happen in terms of LETS activities.

At present the 'frontline' activity in Lets South is the weekly produce share on every Saturday morning in High street in Willunga. Other Lets South members offer essential oils, and on designated Saturdays clothing, books and CD's, DVD's barter, swap, or sharing.

The main focus of the last year has been the introduction of the Community Exchange System. 100 members have signed on. Please contact Catherine on 8556 2846 if you want some guidance on how it works. Those of you doing work at the school now need to go online and debit the school.

REMINDER: go online and check the status of your offers and wants, they all automatically have an expiry date, If they have expired you will need to re-enter them, or phone Catherine 0404 181 947 and you can sort it out together.

Here is a reminder of some of what you agreed to (taken from Terms and Conditions online)

Negotiate a fair trade with other members.

Keep my personal contact details, my offerings and wants updated.

Enter transactional information as soon as possible after a transaction takes place. If I do not have the means to do it myself, I will get another user to do it for me or provide the details to a co-ordinator or the administration.

Actively promote my offerings if my account balance is a large negative amount and remains there for a period of more than one month.

Advise the administration if I should wish to de-register or move from one exchange to another.

Contribute in cash to clear my account if I should de-register or if my account should become stale, on the basis of one Dollar for every Unit outstanding.



NATIONAL LETS CONFERENCE

August 22-24 2014

The Local Exchange Trading System (LETS) is an international non-profit community based barter organisation with more than 100 LETS groups in Australia.

This year the annual National LETS Conference was held at MANGROVE MOUNTAIN, CENTRAL COAST NSW.

There were approximately 45 LETS representatives at the Conference from the Table lands in Queensland, from NSW, from Perth WA, Tasmania, Victoria, and SA.

The Conference was held at the Satyananda Yoga Centre on Mangrove Mountain near Gosford in NSW, a most impressive and beautiful retreat centre. The facility has double story accommodation, a large kitchen and dining room and many buildings for other purposes.

The Conference started on Saturday morning with a Smoking Ceremony performed by two invited aboriginal representatives, Kevin "Gavi" Duncan, founding member of Bara Barang and Phillip Bligh, co-founder of Five Lands Walk who, although not as LETS members, had been invited to participate by the Conference organisers.

The Conference started with Robin Krabbe from CENTS, a Lets group in Tasmania, who gave a talk on Positive Ecology & Community and Exchange Network in Tasmania. Robin is doing a PhD on the fore mentioned subjects and is a founding member of CENTS.

The next speaker was Adrian Doesburg from PCEX, a Lets group in WA, who spoke on what it means to be a LETS member and how to keep members to stay in LETS.

In the afternoon Tony Clark, also of PCEX (WA) spoke on "Pensioner Diesel" – The use of Biofuel as a renewable energy.

The next speaker was Keith Bourke from Dharmik Trading, not a LETS member at this stage but who is a social entrepreneur working with and for craft workers in Nepal. Keith's presentation highlighted opportunities for LETS to assist in the development of 'self help' economies in Third World countries.

On Sunday Yvonne Lamont from Erina in NSW told the Conference about WOWGIRLS Wave of Wisdom, a group encouraging women to develop and explore their own lifestyle, through discovering joy and fun with other women. The group engages in activities such as bushwalking, yoga, surfing, Q Gong, Zumba, drumming, craft, bike riding, etc.

(See their website www.wowgirls.com.au) WOWGIRLS is interested in joining LETS. 'GIRLS' stands for liberating the 'little girl' in all women.

Later in the morning Karel Boele and Annette Loudon presented an update on the Community Exchange System (CES) and LETS in Australia. The final speaker was Susanne Mueller-Byrnes who spoke on Community Repair Cafes, originated in the Netherlands but now spreading over many places in Europe. Repair Cafes are places one can bring items that can be repaired avoiding having to purchase costly replacements.

The National LETS Conference showed that LETS in Australia, as in other parts of the world, is a viable and positive alternative to the federal cash economy.

Wil Heidt.
Secretary LETS SOUTH

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Below follows an email sent out by Jeff Simmons, one of our members, who coordinates activities which other LETS SOUTH members are participating in at present:

Book, C.D. & D.V.D. Share:

Next Saturday, September 13, the second Saturday of the month is our next Book, C.D. & D.V.D. Share. Many books only get read once. Don't have them collecting dust on the shelves, bring them along and get some new treasures. You can drop books etc in bags on my front veranda at 62 Aldinga Rd Willunga, any time or bring to the share as close to 9am as possible to give it a chance to be snapped up.

Gifting Circle:

Here is the chance to really engage with our wonderful community. First we have a potlatch where everyone contributes something to the meal. Then we sit in a circle and talk about what resources we as individuals would like to make available to others such as:

Objects: dehydrators, trailers, lawn mowers, cars, tools etc. **Skills:** advice on gardening, cooking, health etc. **Time:** for babysitting, dog walking, helping with shopping etc. We then share where we would individually appreciate assistance.

Sunday September 14, 5.30 – 8.30pm 62 Aldinga Rd Willunga

RSVP required by September 12

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Trader Statistics			
9 September 2014			
Totals			
Total registered users:	106	Total traders:	92
% of users who have traded:	86.79	% of users who have not traded:	13.21
Sellers			
Total sellers:	79	Seller/buyer ratio:	1.1
% of users who have sold:	74.53	% of traders who have sold:	85.87
# of sellers who have bought	59	# of sellers who have not bought:	20
Buyers			
Total buyers:	72	Buyer/seller ratio:	0.91
% of users who have bought:	67.92	% of traders who have bought:	78.26
# of buyers who have sold:	59	# of buyers who have not sold:	13

For those members who have not yet joined online, follow the link www.communityexchange.net.au

Click on register, top right hand corner, search and click on FLET Fleurieu LETS SA.

Fill in your details and submit. You will receive your welcome email with login and password.

Any queries please contact Catherine 0404 181 947