

BLCE NewsLETS May 2020

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NewsLETS is BrisLETS' monthly roundup of events, achievements and plans.



A new chapter in BrisLETS post Covid 19

Members raised the issue of having a FaceBook page to promote BrisLETS.

Another member is supporting essential serviceworkers online, attracting a large diverse membership, and asked if we could offer free memberships to support those skilled workers, while expanding our skills and member base.

Google told us we couldn't do it - DuckDuckGo gave us the info so Kelly could use her skills to create it. Such is the power of LETS - deciding we want something and then finding the resources needed to make it happen! Awesome job everyone!

The **FaceBook page**, called **Brislets Community Exchange Inc.**
<https://www.facebook.com/Brislets-Community-Exchange-Inc-103848338000572/>.

is **replacing** the original public group **BrisLETS Forum**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/brislets> - it's 592 members have been invited to like the new page and share it with friends. Events like trading days and other announcements will be placed there, along with blogs, resources etc, and promoted, so the public will see and share it. This group closes by June 30th.

The **private group Brislets Members Forum**,
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1180878222106353> will continue where members can raise and discuss issues safely.

The **public group BrisLETS Trading - Offers & Wants**
https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrisLETStrading/?multi_permlinks=1095904594107584 will continue as it has been, where you can post offers and wants.

Membership will be free for May, June and July

To support the community and promote the launch of the page, those members joining up for free, will be the same as if they paid membership - nothing changes. Just fill in the CES application, and Ishka will issue a membership number and email the welcome letter. Any issues, please contact management.

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3 months free membership

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Next Trading Day

Sun 24th May 2020

Virtual via Zoom

Trading 1-4pm

Deadlines

NewsLETS stories, notices, advertising and reports:

Sun 7th June 2020

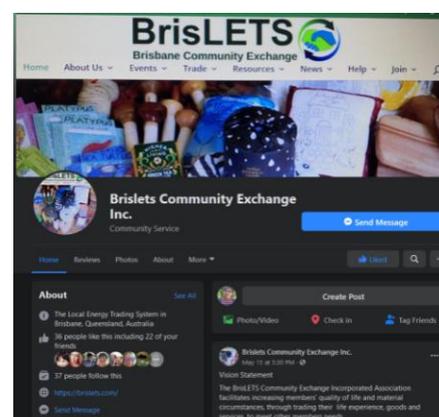
for publication on

Sun 14th Jun 2020

Following Trading Day

July Sun 19th 2020

Trading 1-4pm



**Tell your freinds to
join today!**

May Trading Day 1pm Sunday 24th

Kelly is doing the Trading Day on Zoom - it is the free one, allowing for 40mins, but no phone access sorry. You need to download the Zoom app to your mobile - please ask for help, before the call, if you don't know how.

This is the link: Zoom ID 932 459 0851
Password 390467

Story Circle: "Sharing a great Covid 19 experience"

Capture a special moment, event or experience with a short, sharp and shareable event story - 5 minutes.



Please welcome our new members:

BLCE 1011 Brian - Slacks Creek.

Brian, minimum requirements are you need to put in offer and wants through the CES, using your BrisLETS login, to be able to trade. Please contact us to help you do that.

Please reward good work with a reference, so others are willing to try them.

To support new members to get trading, in the CES, click on Users, and select new users to see their offers and wants.

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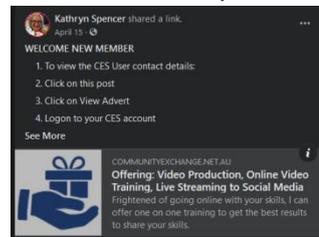
Offers

BLCE4104 Simon, Coopers Plains has pumkins available.

BLCE1309 Shonika offers various modalities for relaxation and those who want help with injuries or long term ailments. More of a sports, and physiotherapy type approach. Includes trigger pointing, and myofascial release. Hot stone, cupping, footscrub etc .

You can ask others in different LETS to help you get your ads out in **various LETS** if your ad suits this.

GYMPO157 Tony - online Media training.



BLCE1490 John

Lock down special - Set of graphite clubs including metal shafted putter and lob wedge, golf bag, golf glove (small size for left hand), 12 golf balls, golf instruction book, bag of golf tees, pitch repairer, and three hours of golf instruction by myself. Must be picked up from Kenmore, venue for instruction to be negotiated. 150 units.

BLCE1102 Madeleine & Tony

Equipment For hire: 12 ft & 8 ft stepladders, 12 ft foldable ladder, Lawnmower, 6 X 4 trailer with cover (needed when moving garden rubbish etc).



(editor: photos do not reflect the item)

Wants

BLCE1022 Allie & West, Toowong.

Gardening Assistance - various tasks such as weeding, mulch laying, bagging. Nothing very heavy. Need at least 5-8 hours help and possibly ongoing.

BLCE1490 John, is looking for holiday accommodation within Covid 19 allowable distance of Brisbane. Can pay 100 units a night. I am prepared to go as far as Toowoomba, Gympie and Casino. Prefer somewhere accessible by public transport or coach.

BLCE1004 Tony, Newstead
Is wanting acoustic guitar lessons.



Please keep your wants and offers current - nothing so frustrating as responding to an ad, and finding it's not available!

Please send comments, thoughts and ideas, graphics or stories to president@brislets.com. I need content to make a good newsletter.

BrisLETS.com

Holger upgraded the plugins, created a sitemap, will backup the site and upgrade wordpress, and then we can start upgrading the layout and content.

Newsletters and minutes

Jessie has uploaded the minutes and newsletters to Brislets.com and CES.



How can BrisLETS work for you?

Autumn is here, and our gardens are changing - so are our lives post Covid 19 lockdown.

Many members have been spending time in their gardens at home, and sharing conversations about how they have been valuing time out, deciding on routines and activities that value their needs rather than their work. They are seeing what's become important!

Using a garden analogy, you can approach using BrisLETS to support what's become important to you, depending on the season of life and part of your life cycle you find yourself in right now - everyone will be different - what you contribute and need.

So you have decided to have a garden - depending on if you lived in a unit or house, if you owned the place, how long you planned to be there, the available space, shade, if you had a dog or children, how you engaged in that garden would affect your vision of what a garden is.

Would it be a permanent or portable garden, sensual or edible, or is it a space to ground your feet on cool soft grass and feel relaxed and cocooned?

Creating a garden doesn't work by expecting someone to know and be responsible for creating your solution, and doing the work, without you sharing what you want and giving directions.

So it is with BrisLETS. You need to think about your life pressures and how it would look to achieve what you do want.

If you don't think there is any way out, maybe you could start trading by contacting a life coach to work out strategies and possible way forward.

How can BrisLETS work for you? (Continued)

When you reach out to other members to get a job done, you also need to be able to communicate your vision of what the job will look like to the person trying to do the job, or when you are doing a job for another member, they need to share that.

Coming into Autumn, gardeners are deciding what to plant, where, with what companion plants, how much to water, composting and mulching - taking into account what the plant needs, how important that plant is to them, when it flowers, fruits, what other plants/trees might overshadow them or roots strangle them, how to attract the bees for pollination or feed the bee hive. What to save for next year's crop.

They decide whether to relocate the plants that come up by themselves, give them away or pot up to sell or put in the compost - knowing that quite often self-sowing plants are healthier and more productive. They know that planned plantings give continued supply, and if a plant is annual or perennial changes the layout of the garden, and plan to harvest the seed for the next year etc.

So likewise in LETS, knowing what result you want, allows you to find the knowledge and resources you need - maybe asking others in an industry about study with a tutor to change jobs, open your own business in LETS first to try out the market, get childcare, a holiday, use accomodation in another town to check it out before moving there.

Permaculture is about using the strengths of plants to help each other survive and creating the right environments for maximum production.

In BrisLETS, members are using our strengths, experience, resources, skills and knowledge to help other members, and they are valuing us for our caring, with units, to keep the energy of abundance flowing.

How can BrisLETS work for you? (Continued)

BrisLETS values the ebb and flow of life cycles and seasons - as one contracts, it allows other opportunities in.

Weeds (plants growing where they shouldn't be) could be edible, chipped to become mulch or allowed to overgrow wanted plants.

Unit management, like weeds, isn't an issue, unless you expect someone else to be responsible for your garden.

Banks keep taking energy out of the community - charging interest and locking money away in savings or debt.

The alternative currency keeps the energy in BrisLETS - the energy of both credit and debit transactions is what creates abundance - not keeping units. It works best when you try to keep your units at a zero balance, but at times, will swing either way.

In 1983, Michael Linden realised that the closing of the sawmill was devastating the local communities in Canada - nothing had changed except there was no money when the owners decided to close - everyone still had the ability to work and produce, still had needs.

An alternative currency allows members to save cash for specific needs eg. Housing, fuel etc, but can meet many other needs and wants using LETS units;

BrisLETS has the added benefits of being connected in a supportive group, being appreciated, needed and able to contribute in a way that gives you joy!



