

BLCE NewsLETS August 2020

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

Members Profile

Nominating for President - Sally Peters (previous secretary)
Greetings, I have been a member of BrisLETS for a few years now. Enjoying expanding community and trading with my skills as a Ka Huna body-worker and hairstylist. In Melbourne I ran my own salon and art gallery incorporating a barter system to assist artists and others, as my philosophy always endowed such trading. When I discovered BrisLETS at Northey St Farm, I knew it was a great platform, so i joined. Further to my experience of running my own business I have a Diploma of Arts, Crafts and Community Events as well as a Masters of Contemporary Arts Gallery Practices. I hope to serve BrisLETS in such a way as to keep the initial concept flowing and growing.

Nominating for Secretary - Jessie Scott (previous president)
Previous Logan LETS committee roles, allowed me to participate in QLETS and OzLETS , supporting James Taris World Tour and meeting many local LETS committees. When Logan LETS closed, I joined BrisLETS, taking on newsletter editor and committee member roles. Volunteering on as many as 8 management committees at once, at various local and state levels, I worked with many networks and experienced many opportunities I wouldn't have had otherwise.

I see this time as a great opportunity to support our community to better meet their needs while valuing their abilities and family values.

Nominating for Treasurer - Kelly Watts (previous treasurer)
Hi All, I have been a member of Brislets since 2016 and active only since 2019. I have been an accountant since I graduated university in 1995. Since 2012 I have been doing bookkeeping for small businesses. In 2008 I began my own healing journey and became a reiki master in 2011. Via reiki I connect with the earth and balance it's energy. I enjoyed the networking experience in BrisLETS and hope to continue meeting new people from here on.

Nominating for Membership Secretary - Ginette Flamia
Ginette worked in the Sunshine LETS office in the 90's, one of many doing membership secretary.

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Next Trading Day

Sun 16th August 2020

Peace Hall and Zoom Trading
1-4pm

Deadlines

NewsLETS stories, notices,
advertising and reports:

Sun 6th Sept 2020

for publication on

Sun 13th Sept 2020

Following Trading Day

Sept Sun 20th 2020

To be decided

Trading 1-4pm

At that time, Centrelink was interested in LETS because so many unemployed people were succeeding in the LETS system, and moving into paid employment.

A sole mum, Ginette inherited at a young age, and invested in a run-down property. Her quality of life was low with no family support.

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Through LETS, Ginette was able to renovate her property, with the amazing community support. Her quality of life jumped to 110%, including being able to go sailing and get massages etc. Currently studying music at Uni, Ginette feels that this community is supporting her too, and welcomes her opportunity to support others..

Nominations are still open until August 9th midnight, so fill out a nomination form, ask 2 other members to sign, scan and send it to secretary@brislets.com asap.

Other positions are appointed: so far we have -

Trading Day Coordinator - Kelly Watts

Events Coordinator - Michelle Wilkie (see last month)

BrisLETS FaceBook Page Admin - Kelly Watts, Jessie Scott

BrisLETS FB Members Forum Group moderator - Ishka McNaulty and Kelly Watts

BrisLETS FB Trading - Offers & Wants Group - Ishka McNaulty and Storm Furness.

Newsletter Editor - Ginette Flamia

Still Needed:

Website admin - responsible for the brislets.com, cpanel and emails etc. Uploading media, posting content, layout, creating links, updating plugins, widgets and wordpress etc as needed. Will have training on video and access to back up from previous web admin Holger, Jessie etc.

CES admin - responsible for BLCE CES, sending out newsletters, uploading files and changing the links on the front page - manual and support from Jessie and other CES admins

Local Area Contacts - as LETS fold and members join from further afield, we need local leaders to activate and support trading in their local area, especially in this Covid era - local community support can make a major change in people's lives, and utilising local resources (people, things, produce, transport, emotional support, physical support etc) through the LETS platform, will transform and boost the local economy - but it needs someone to say I can do this - and rally the troops to see opportunities to meet the pressures being experienced your community!

We can all play our part - send stories to the editor, FB pages and groups to motivate others, share good outcomes, ask for help, update your offers and wants!



Please welcome our new members:

BLCE1053 Melanie Crestmead

Offers: Poetry readings, shop, clean

BLCE1088 Sandy Arana Hills

Offers: Do pick up & delivery in car

Wants: Looking For Sturdy Wooden Pieces Of Furniture

BLCE1031 Alexia Caboolture

Offers: Beginner Macrame Lessons

Wants: Sewing Lessons

BLCE1312 The One Twenty Homestead

Mitchelton

Offers: Hire A Fairyfloss Machine

Wants: Small wooden pieces required such as bedside tables etc

BLCE1070 Radana Highvale

Offers: Yoga & Pilates classes Highvale

BLCE1051 Shez Everton Park

Offers: Book keeping, decluttering

Wants: Practice buddy for speaking spanish, learning to build basic website.

Offers

BLCE0976 Ishka -

Wants

BLCE1030 Ginette - seeking long term accommodation in the West End / New Farm area.

Committee Contacts

Jessie - president@brislets.com

Sally - secretary@brislets.com

Kelly - treasurer@brislets.com

Ishka - membership@brislets.com

Holger - webadmin@brislets.com

Acting newsletter editor - Jessie

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Members Profile

Ishka McNaulty was a member of the Auckland NZ lets system back in the 1990s and managed it for a while as coordinator. That was an on-site position as we had a little shop where people would come in to drop things off or 'buy' things. We had trading days every month in a church hall nearby. It was a very active group. I don't know about it now though. After moving to Brisbane in 2001 I looked for a LETS group but did not find it until 2014 when I joined in July of that year. By that time things had changed so much that the secretarial services I offered in Auckland were no longer needed. I was also a qualified massage therapist at that time but over the years I let that go and now only have the table but no practice.

So I had to find other ways to earn units. It took 5 months before I started trading and that was caused by necessity - needing a car for a few weeks while my daughter's car was being repaired from hail damage in the huge hail storm of that year. So to earn units I started with water kefir and quickly got a regular order which earned me many credits. Then I was fortunate enough to host Tim from South Africa and Stephen (?) from UK for a few weeks.

Over the years I've become more and more active until last year I took on the membership secretary position. I have made some interesting friends through BrisLETS. I now need to draw back a little as my vision is not so good and I'm not sure how long I'll be allowed to drive, plus we have moved to Logan Reserve which is quite far from the Peace Hall in Albion.

I would love to get a sub group active in this area as we have a few members in Woodridge and there is Joe in Logan Village. Plus there are most likely other members from Sunnybank south.

I have eleven offerings in BrisLETS but the ones I like most at this time are handmade journals, junk journals, altered books and other paper-craft items, and classes in making these. There has been interest in making the toilet roll books and I recently sold a Harry Potter junk journal (a special order) plus a number of small handmade journals and vegan leather covered notebooks. If there was interest I could do classes over zoom over a period of several days. However participants would have to have their own materials and equipment in that case.

August Trading Day 1pm Sunday 16th

**At the Albion Peace Hall.
The AGM will be at 1.30pm
and we will also use Zoom,
so members can vote etc via Zoom.**

You need to download the Zoom app to your mobile or computer - please ask for help, before the call, if you don't know how.

This is the **AGM Zoom Meeting link:**

Zoom ID 932 459 0851

Password 390467

With the Covid 19 restrictions, please bring your own food and utensils - we can still look after and enjoy ourselves with the social distancing in place.



We are running a ticket raffle until the AGM Day 16th August.

The prizes are to the value of 50 units - Massage, Hair Service (Thank you to Sally), Bookkeeping, Earth Healing, Car Detailing (Thank you to Kelly), Handmade Journal and Handmade Vegan Notebook (Thank you to Ishka).

3 tickets for 10 units - being sold on FB and Kelly is giving you the numbers there or on the day before it's drawn.

Storm, Allan and Michael will be providing Music on the day. So come along, show your support and enjoy the trading!

