

# BLCE NewsLETS February 2020

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## BrisLETS Vision Statement

BrisLETS Community Exchange Inc. facilitates increasing members' quality of life and material circumstances, through trading their life experience, goods and services to meet other members needs.

We aim to create a safe, inclusive, diverse community of individuals, businesses and groups, using the Australian Community Exchange Server, and units as an alternative currency to dollars.

## Principles

- Everyone of all abilities, in all seasons of life, can contribute to society, using LETS.
- Community is more important than commerce.
- BrisLETS builds community by fostering shared values and processes.
- LETS units enables people to trade goods and services for mutual benefit, without the artificial constraints of national currencies.

## What simple things might members need?



New member Ebony is bringing her sewing machine to the trading day to do some mending.

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## Next Trading Day

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020  
Albion Peace Hall  
Rosie's Story Circle  
2.30-3.30pm  
Trading 1-4pm

## Deadlines

NewsLETS stories, notices,  
advertising and reports:  
Sun 1st Mar 2020  
for publication on  
Sun 8th Mar 2020

## Following Trading Day

Mar Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Rosie's Story Circle  
2.30-3.30pm  
"Meeting someone special"  
Trading 1-4pm

## How can you work to get your needs met?

An example might be, that you really want organic honey, and you see someone without transport has honey for sale - like Andrew used to bring a container of honey to the trading days and members would bring their own bottles. That way the producer gets the product to the the trading days (could be advertised in the newsletter and on the Facebook pages or offer on the CES), you get the honey and earn some units for selling it, and the members get their honey.

## January Trading Day

Ishka bought Lilly Pilly jelly from Jessica and a relaxing foot massage from Michael and story telling with Rosie where I learned the story about the order of the Chinese zodiac. Also with meeting up with old friends and making new friends. It was a lovely day.



Gorgeous trading day buys with units Michelle Wil Jessica's gorgeous bag with lilly pilly jelly Free gre her storytelling exercise so fun learning of the Ch massage with Michael best 1/2 hour and so good



What would you like to be able to access on a regular basis? What can you do to organise it to make the most of your BrisLETS Membership and most likely helping someone else out in the process?

Hair cut? Massage? Mending? Energy work? Coaching? Music or other lessons (in another room?) Clothes or shoes? Dropping off or picking up items? Special event coming up and want someone to cater it - ask for recommendations at the Trading day!

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## BrisLETS Newsletter January 2020

## February Trading Day Sun 16<sup>th</sup>

At the Albion Peace Hall

### STORYTELLING 2020

(World Storytelling Day - Tuesday, 20th March )

### Story Circle 2.30-3.30pm

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

#### February Topic:

" Meeting someone special"

#### Trading from 1-4pm

Goods, services, social activities

The contact will be Kelly this month.

Gold Coin Donation

Please bring food to share for afternoon tea, or to sell.



### Please welcome our new members:

**Emma Sidney BLCE0387** Algester.  
offers extra pair of hands, craft, etc.  
wants advice to help disabled son find work

**Ebony Mukakiwa BLCE 0503** Brassall  
offers helping hand, gardening, fruit picker

**Bill Linsket BLCE 0397** Brassall  
offers welding & steel fabrication,  
repair steel items, garden maintenance,  
mowing, whipper snipping, labour  
wants - full body massages

References in the CES, give you feedback on others experiences with members' work, so please reward good work with a reference.

### Treasurer Kelly offers:

**Bookkeeping** - I have in excess of 20 years of accounting experience, most of that in accounting practices. I am currently self employed as a bookkeeper to small businesses. I help people who need their invoices made up in Excel as well as printing financial reports from accounting software such as MYOB, Xero and Reckon, with some clients who use specialist software. I enter data, reconcile bank accounts, do journal entries, lodge superannuation requirements, complete PAYG Summaries or group certificates at year end. No business is too small or too large to need my services and my rates are reasonable.

**Crochet and Knitting groups or classes** - I have been able to crochet and knit for as long as I can remember, I think I began to do it before I was 10 years of age. In my own time I have knitted clothing articles for family members and I have crocheted and sold dresser settings and doilies of all sizes in the larger number crochet cottons. In January I had the opportunity to run a crochet class with 6 students, including one Brislets member. We had a lovely afternoon with lots of fun and laughter while learning to do stitches towards the making of a granny square. It was more difficult to teach from scratch than I expected but we did have some success.



**Earth Healing** - I was shown how to do this by spirit, after getting instructions from my healer and reiki master initially. Where nasty incidents take place, an imprint of the nasty energy is left in the earth and the plants in that area can suffer and become sick. I balance the energy of these dark spots in nature and in your back yard. A dark spot is where the plants don't seem to do well, or do not grow at all. Trees which get sick and begin to suffer with pest infestations can be an indicator of a nasty place, it can be in your garden or in the whole street. This energy in turn attracts nasty energy and becomes worse over time. Your home can also carry nasty energy depending upon the incidents which have happened in the house and the people who visit. I balance this energy and make it light again. I can also sense spirits in a home and can send them on their way.



Please send comments, thoughts and ideas, graphics or stories to [president@brislets.com](mailto:president@brislets.com). I need content to make a good newsletter.

Make your offers or wants stand out by advertising them here too. Send what you want added. People are adding on FaceBook - add it here.

### It is with a sad heart

That I read that Central Coast system has closed and possibly Sydney is closing because they don't have an administrative team.

So more than ever, we need to pull together to address the pressures we are facing, decide the results as a group that we need to achieve, why we want those results then take massive action! After a busy January, we are back on board.

### Management Support

We still need people to fill essential non management roles, to develop and meet changing needs because of the membership dynamics, changes in mainstream technology, groups that members' are a part of, areas members live in, economic changes etc.

BrisLETS needs people to write content for the website, newsletter stories, offer a safe space for members to drop off and pick up trades, open and close the trading days, organise regular events like the Bogi Fair, market stalls etc.

So what is of interest to you? What are other members and non members saying - and how can we address it?

### Membership drive

Figures show that sponsored members aren't active. It seems that buying your own membership equates to more value being placed on being a member.

So how can we attract more members and support them to be active traders from the beginning?

By rewarding members who support interested people to sign up and help them to navigate the process!

This might include the actual sign up process, how to enter offers and wants, join the Facebook groups, take them to a trading day, or make their first trade.

So what do you think? Workable? What would be a fair reward? When is the reward paid? In what situation would it apply?

So in your circle of influence, who can you share your success in LETS with?

