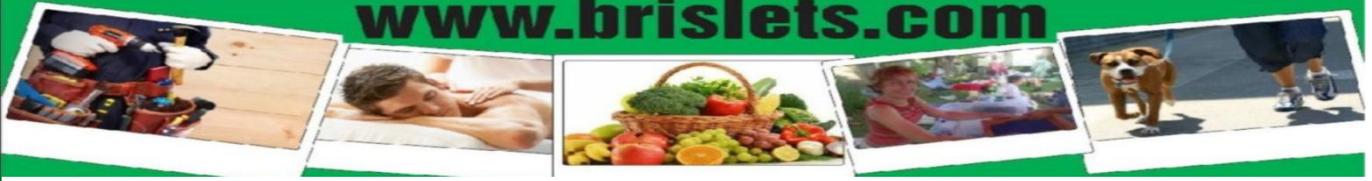


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NewsLETS is BrisLETS' monthly roundup of events, achievements and plans
The main stories are in the Newsfeed on the website: <https://brislets.com/news/>

December Trading Day

It was a really nice relaxed trading day which showcased the broad range of skilled members we have in BrisLETS!



Rosie's quiches



Unique practical art reusing toilet paper rolls!



Liz's pottery from her NZ gallery



Ishka's Kefir,



Anne's Ginger Beer

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Next Trading Day

Sun 19th Jan 2020
Albion Peace Hall
Rosie's Story Circle 1-2pm
Trading 2-4pm

Deadlines

NewsLETS stories, notices, advertising and reports:
Sun 2nd Feb 2020
for publication on
Sun 9th Feb 2020

Following Trading Day

Feb Sun 16th 2020
Rosie's Story Circle 1-2pm
"Friends on all fours - your favourite animal"
Trading 2-4pm

Playing games helps people get to know each other for things like house sitting, pet minding etc, gives you the opportunity to learn new things, talk and share ideas, thoughts and laughter - would really like to see more of those opportunities happen. Do you have games you could bring?



January Trading Day Sun 19th

At the Albion Peace Hall

STORYTELLING 2020

(World Storytelling Day - Tuesday, 20th March)

Story Circle 1-2pm



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

January Topic:

"Your best or worst New year's Eve"

Trading from 2-4pm

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 member!**

BLCE0290 Michelle from Woody Point.

She offers silver jewellery and over the shoulder cotton bags.

Michelle wants a sprouting tray or kit to do her own sprouts



For those who don't know us, we are the **2019-2020 Management Committee**



From the left, Ishka (Membership), Sally (Secretary), Kelly (Treasurer), Jessie (President)

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 Austrian 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 enable people to trade goods and services for mutual benefit, without the artificial constraints of national currencies.

Management Committee News 2020

BrisLETS NewLETS December 2019

Please welcome Sarah as Promotions Officer, starting this month. Sarah is a stallholder at markets, and would like to advertise BrisLETS at the markets and start a series of blogs on the website, to increase the appeal and uptake of those interested in LETS and usability by members.



Join our the BrisLETS Trading FB Page for offers of food and other things.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrisLETS trading>

The Wordpress site needs updating, but first the plugins and widgets need to be updated. Holger has been away again, but now working on the website.

So this is the perfect time for members to feedback any ideas and thoughts about what Brislets.com should or not have, do, or be to what sections of community, it's functionality.

There are 60 pages, and running out of storage, with links all over, so it's hard to change items on pages because we don't know the links connected to it.

Extra Hands!

Elizabeth & Helen Shaw appreciated Amanda #1306 helping with work around their homes, for both units and money. This included moving bricks, scooping out leaves from the pool, washing toys, moving pots, painting the back stairs and raking up big piles of leaves and gardening.



Positive Energy in LETS

I keep hearing the conversation about needing to pay for something to appreciate it. Responded today, about how I never would have been where I am today without free stuff - so much clothes, training, education, healing etc.

I agree yes, if people perceive things as having value, they will act more on it.

For me though, I have never acquired things for the sake of just acquiring them, because they are free. What I couldn't use, I passed onto others, I always helped others, gave stuff away on free cycle, and loved the feeling of helping eg. homeowners who had no free cash, so appreciated what I just upgraded from.

So value I think, is in the vibration of the act - some people give out the vibration that repels you because they want what they can for nothing - others are so very grateful for anything, and appreciate it because it fills the need - and you can feel it.

So what vibration do you put into your trades? Do you pay it forward?

I like supporting healers get experience, starting their business, in LETS - it give customers feedback, before going mainstream.

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 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.

Committee Contacts

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What beliefs are you hanging on to that stops you from fully embracing the opportunities available in being a LETS member?

Honariums (Previously called Stipends)

Management has used the previous management's protocol of paying 11.69 units per week of the weeks worked, paying both the previous committee and this committee for the weeks owed.

The 2018-2019 committee didn't pay themselves the 4th quarter because they felt members didn't support them - when the 2019-2020 committee actually got in in the back end of the website etc, we can now see the work that was done but not visible so we have paid that.

The 2019-2020 Committee have had to do so much work playing catchup without the knowledge/skills so have paid those too.

However this method isn't sustainable, unless we facilitate more member trading to generate the levy (4% of each trade) which goes into the Admin account, which pays the CES volunteers for keeping the Australian Server operating, honorium for volunteers doing the BrisLETS management and management support roles etc.

Previous committees looked at the units available at the end of the committee term and divided units earned by admin, according to work put in.

So what thoughts have you got - it is amazing what solutions come up when people share - by putting bits together from many thoughts, we will find a way that is fair and equitable and sustainable.

Jessie
President