

# BLCE NewsLETS July 2020

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

## Members Profile

Introducing Michelle. Some of you might have met Michelle at the last trading day at the Peace Hall. She really enjoyed the story telling on Chinese Astrology that day. She is looking forward to meeting you on Zoom on Sunday!

Michelle was involved in the Caboolture LETS - a smaller area, trading days held monthly at different members houses, sometimes involving the community garden, it was very active and she misses the social interaction. Hence why Michelle chose to join BrisLETS.

Michelle has enjoyed connecting with members on the northside, including Anne, and getting Sally to put henna in her hair. One of her strengths is helping members see the opportunities in LETS, and will be starting to ring members, like Liz did, to engage members in thinking of ways to trade, helping with questions or get answers from others if she can't help.

When Michelle heard about LETS at a Maleny Environmental Day stall prior to joining Caboolture LETS, it took her a long time to get her head around the concept. A friend hated cleaning, was an unofficial florist (Michelle loves flowers), so the friend said if you do my cleaning in LETS, I will give you flowers in LETS, and many opportunities snow balled from there.

One Caboolture member only hosted trading days, earning the 50 units, but sold toasties etc for units during the days while they contributed a great space for the trading and socialising etc.

Keeping it simple, and easy is the key. During a pet sitting 3 week stint that earns her cash, Michelle said to the owner, I will weed the garden (beautiful but the owner had lost interest in it), if I can have the beautiful pots.

Key concept in LETS - Doing something that benefits the other person, while getting you something you want!

So what is simple and easy for you, but could get you what you want?

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**Next Trading Day**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Virtual trading on Zoom

Trading 1-4pm

**Deadlines**

NewsLETS stories, notices, advertising and reports:

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2020

for publication on

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020

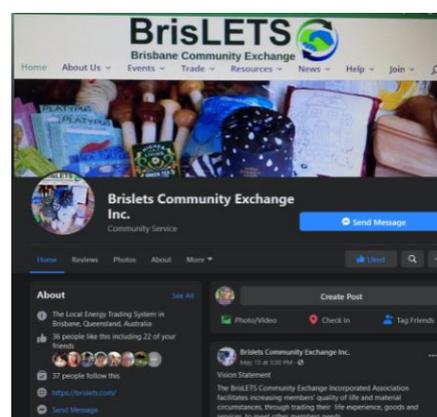
**Following Trading Day**

Aug Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

AGM at the Peace Hall

Trading 1-4pm

AGM starting at 1.30pm



**Tell your freinds to  
join today!**

## July Trading Day 1pm Sunday 19th

Kelly is doing the Trading Day on 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 link: Zoom ID ID 932 459 0851  
Password 390467

**Story Circle:** "Great trades you've made"

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

### 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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### Free Membership ending in 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.



### Please welcome our new members:

Ginette BLCE1030 offers help with your story writing and wants help moving from Dutton Park to Auchenflower asap. She is also looking for quiet accommodation, sharing with others in or near west end.

Myrna BLCE1029 from Paddington offers vision board training and wants handy man and gardener

### Offers

**Michelle BLCE0290** Silver Jewellery  
And over shoulder cotton Bags U15  
**Tracey BLCE1131** Lemon Myrtle tea  
**Shonika BLCE1309** Massages  
Relaxation and Remedial U90  
**Sally BLCE0777** Hairdressing

Don't forget you can trade with other LETS members too eg. Gold Coast or Wide Bay Burnett.

### Wants

**Michelle BLCE0290** Help to stop getting 2 copies of emails on her mobile.  
**Tracey BLCE1131** Snake beans  
**Holger BLCE1469** Scoby for Kombucha and Kefir Grains  
**Storm BLCE0955** Natural material clothing, pinking shears, bike panniers, garden bed material, mobile phone, etc.

Lynette has a great range of items available on the virtual trading days.



**2020 AGM**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**1.30pm**

**To be held at the Albion Peace Hall  
102 McDonald Road, Windsor.**

**The Trading Day will be 1pm - 4pm.**

Please bring a plate to share, items to trade and stories to share at story telling.

Please think of who you think would make a good president, secretary, treasurer, membership secretary, website administrator, promotions person, newsletter editor etc - ask them if they would take on the position, download and fill out a nomination form, get someone to second it and the person to sign they accept the nomination, and send it to the secretary.

Post: PO Box 851 Samford 4520

Email: [secretary@brislets.com](mailto:secretary@brislets.com)

And it needs to be with the secretary by the Sunday the week before, 9<sup>th</sup> August. We also take nominations from the floor if no-one has nominated in writing for the position.

Sally and Ishka will not be taking on their positions again.

Michelle is interested in the Promotions position, and Ginette is interested in the Membership position.

Jessie works most Sundays so would like to find someone else who can be visible to do the President role, and she can do other support roles that don't need public commitments.

For the last 12 months, it's been a big learning curve for the few doing the roles, but the new committee will have the full support of our Committee to ensure the next person doing the role feels confident and supported to easily and Quickly manage the role.

The full possible roles are on the next page. Anything you can contribute makes for a more vibrant BrisLETS!

**Available roles for a robust BrisLETS -**

**Management Committee is**

- President:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:
- Membership Secretary:
- Promotions:

**Management Support Team:**

- BrisLETS.com website Administrator
- CES Website Administrator
- CES Australian Liaison
- Planning and Technical Support:

**Trading Team**

Trading Facilitator:

**Local Area Contacts:**

- North- Bianca (BLCE1056),
- South - Amanda (BLCE1306),
- Jessie (BLCE1422)
- East - Andrew (BLCE1498),
- West - Judith (BLCE0303)

**Drop Off Point Hosts:**

- Hugh (BLCE1369),
- Sylvia (BLCE0981),
- Simon (BLCE4104),
- Amanda (BLCE0048)



**Events Team**

- Events Coordinator(s):
- Events Onsite:
- Events Online:
- Special Events Organiser:

**Promotion Team**

- Coordinator:
- Website Editors:
- Newsletter Editor:
- Social Media Moderators:
- Facebook Group editor
- Facebook Page editor
- Graphic Artist & Marketing
- Fundraising & Grants:

- Mediators:
- Librarian:

**Position Roles:****President:**

- Public face of the organisation
- Chairs the meetings
- Works with other committee members to ensure all legal requirements are met
- Association rules are followed
- Is a bank signatory

**Secretary:**

- Ensures the Annual Return is filed with Office of Fair Trading and is accurate
- Notifies OFT of any prescribed changes,
- Keeps a register of members (on the CES)
- Calls and convenes meetings - organises the meeting dates, venues, Agenda, set up etc.
- Takes accurate minutes at meetings,
- Makes minutes available to members
- Receives and sends correspondence,
- Advises committee of urgent matters
- Is a bank signatory

**Treasurer:**

- Keeping and maintaining an asset register
- Managing the petty cash balance
- Documenting all receipts, payments and keeping bank statements
- Presenting a written monthly reconciled financial report to the committee
- Advises the committee on the budget variations
- Ensures the committee approves or ratifies all payments made
- Records details of those payments in the minutes.
- Presents a written audited financial report to the AGM.
- Is a bank signatory.

**Committee members:****Membership Secretary:**

- Approve members
- Notify the committee of new members, and work with the treasurer to ensure payment has been received
- Ensure associations rules are complied with

**Promotions Officer:**

- Work with committee to organise events in a safe and legal manner,
- ensure association rules are complied with
- Uses stories in the newsletter, website, Facebook groups and pages, brochures, stalls etc to encourage active membership.

**Moving forward**

People are attracted and then motivated by the stories they hear.

Members loved Josephines and then Rosies story telling sessions. I loved Anne's stories during the Covid 19 - words can make us laugh, at ourselves and get us to do things that if someone told us to do it, we would react against.

We have the Vision Statement, and the upgraded Brislets.com with more space so we can do blogs to make it more appealing and user friendly for potential members, and a members area.

We have a new FaceBook page as well the private members group and public trading group.

To make the FaceBook page work though, it needs lots of activity on it - we need stories to attract the members of other like minded groups to like and share our page with their friends, and become members.

Our demographic is the wider Brisbane Area, from Caboolture, to the Bay Islands, to Logan, out to Samford etc. Members are 16 and over, but memberships include named family or couple members.

We have members with connections to such wide ranging, diverse grassroots networks. At this present time, there are awesome potentials and opportunities - we just need people to share stories to move potential and current members to take action.

We are in a time unlike any in history - we can use FaceBook to find other potential members, when current members like and share the page.

So can you share how you felt when you first found LETS - what excited you, what wonderful trades or very timely trades you have made, friendships that have developed? If you have photos, that would be great too.

We need to put something on the page basically daily to get the momentum going. Kelly BLCE0041 is the page admin, who you need to send the story to. Or if you have a story but need help writing it or sending it to Kelly, contact Jessie BLCE1422. We also need stories for the newsletter, and brislets.com.