

# BLCE NewsLETS March 2020

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NewsLETS is BrisLETS' monthly roundup of events, achievements and plans  
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## Business in LETS

After the insurance changes in the late 90's, most of the organisations who were embracing the LETS concept, and supporting other community groups, such as Neighbourhood Centres, were no longer able to participate.

Basically it was taken that if you paid GST in mainstream business, you also paid it in LETS, if you offered it in LETS.

Sarah has offered to write blogs for potential and new members so that answers are clear and easy to find on the website.

She goes to the markets and has been in talks, but again other sellers don't want to commit, until the questions around the ATO and Centrelink implications, are clarified so that they aren't penalised for supporting the LETS concept.

The latest info we have is

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/GST/In-detail/Rules-for-specific-transactions/Barter-and-trade-exchanges>.

So if anyone has connections or knowledge on how to find out more detailed information on the tax / Centrelink implications of LETS, or are interested in making a submission for an updated clarification for the current climate, would you please contact Jessie at [president@brislets.com](mailto:president@brislets.com), so she can put Sarah in contact with you.

There seems to be interest among on the northside, so members on the northside who might be interested in participating in regular markets, please make contact.

Anyone else in other areas, who also can access mainstream markets, eg. Samford, also please let us know.

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**NewsLETS stories, notices, advertising and reports:**  
*Sun 5th Apr 2020*  
**for publication on**  
*Sun 12th Apr 2020*  
**Following Trading Day**  
*April Sun 19th 2020*  
*Rosie's Story Circle*  
*2.30-3.30pm*  
*Trading 1-4pm*



## February Trading Day

Sorry no photos this month. It turned out a lovely trading day, using the dining room, after the hall was double booked - with cameras everywhere!

Ebony bought her sewing machine, with Ebony, Judith and Kelly 'plying the needle' on different garments and exchanged ideas and hints. And maybe a Sewing Corner might become a regular event.

Judith also brought a circulation booster.

Rosie bought delicious pizza and Kelly scrumptious cheesecake.

It was a great social catching up with old and new members. Rosie's storytelling was very enjoyable and a lot of fun! Sharing a 5 min story with each other, then the group, about animals we knew, included sad and happy stories of how they brought comfort and ones of regret about not having pets while children were growing up.

Thank you to Judith, Amanda and Kelly for your contributions, and Kelly for opening and closing!

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## March Trading Day Sun 15<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

### March 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.



Ebony is bringing her machine along - got mending to be done?



Judith has a circulation booster, available for 10 units for 30 minutes.

With the rain, gardens are taking off - do you have any excess seedlings coming up, that could be potted up and sold at the trading day?

Do you have herbs that you might be able to tidy up, and cuttings sold or potted up for sale at the next trading day or advertised on FB for sale in your local area?

Do you have any extra produce or flowers you could advertise in your local area?



Or do you want produce or flowers? Could you ask for it on the FB pages or see the offers in your local area?



**Please welcome our new members:**

**Patrick Bishopp - BLCE0836** transferred from Byron Shire LETS lives in Camp Hill, and offers carpentry in exchange for organic food

**Rachael Greenfield - BLCE0838** lives in Sunnybank Hills offers

1. Professionally cleaned animal bones (mostly rat bones) for art and craft
2. Tutoring at high school level, homeschooling and first year university in Biology and ecology
3. Help with issues around rat and mice as pets or infestations.

Very well qualified and experienced. Read her offers for better details as this is only a short version.

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

What would you like to be able to access or need on a regular basis at the monthly trading day?

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!

### **Building confidence**

One thing about being involved in committee positions, especially the newsletter editor, is seeing new members come in, offering services and developing and refining their skills, then working out where they want to go and go for it. Raquel D has done this, going onto professional studies and contributing in the mainstream where she is being led.



But the point of this, is that BrisLETS allows people with natural talents or creative ideas to give it a try, get a taste of the rewards and where the blocks are - and get the support of others as they do the inner work they need to, especially if they are coming out of really emotionally traumatised situations, such as divorce, loss of a job that has been their identity, a health scare, loss of loved one etc. It might be a dream in the back of their mind, and through LETS, especially if their financial situation is dire, LETS allows them to meet immediate needs as well giving them a way to focus on their natural abilities to earn units, with the positive energy of helping others - which science proves, changes our energetic presence, creating health!

We have some amazing coaches such as David R BLCE1403, who are drawing on their mainstream training, interests and working through their own life changes, who can help members feeling stuck, to use strategies to discover the beliefs holding you back, working out exactly what you do want (might not be what you think at this moment), and the steps to take to get to where you want to be (like dominos so a tiny step like reaching out to a coach starts off the tumbling).

## **New Economy Network Australia**

**An Invitation to co-create Australia's FIRST Civil Society Strategy for a New Economy**

**The New Economy Network Australia (NENA) is inviting individuals, collectives and organisations from around Australia, to join us during 2020, to co-create AUSTRALIA'S FIRST NATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE NEW ECONOMY**

**Existing and prospective NENA Members are encouraged to get involved and share your knowledge and expertise!**

**By working together - across NENA Hubs, NENA events and online platforms - we aim to map out shared priorities and pathways, to help us transition to new economies that achieve ecological sustainability and social justice.**

**WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE? EVERYONE!**

**Our first Online Strategy Development Meeting will be held Tuesday 10th March @ 6pm Qld time**

**No registration is required, please just join us on the night.**

**Monthly meetings will be held from March to October, and then a draft Strategy will be discussed and finalised at the 2020 NENA Annual Conference. We aim to update the National Civil Society Strategy and Action Plan every 2 years.**

**The meetings and process will be facilitated by the NENA STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP, who were elected at last year's NENA elections.**

**For more information - and for details about all future Strategy Development Meetings, please visit our webpage for the National Civil < [mena@neweconomy.org.au](mailto:mena@neweconomy.org.au) >.**

**DON'T MISS OUT! Register NOW for our fantastic "Going Local" Conference, Byron Bay 20-22 March 2020.**

## **It's quiet in the FaceBook pages**

This time last year, there was a lot of activity in the BrisLETS Members Forum (members only), Trading (public) and BrisLETS Forum (public), with people worried about the public perception because of the conversations there. This year its quiet and positive - with decreased trading!.

So with the request for a Sewing corner (previously we have had workshops making bags, have traders who make clothes for the markets etc), craft workshops (Ishka is planning on doing them outside the trading days), there is interest in plants and have had workshops on worm farming, self watering gardens using recycled items, grafting etc. There is a camera group using the hall and everyone immediately noticed the difference the photos in the hall made. Others are interested in various diets /food intolerances/health issues and ways to work with that. Others are reaching stages in their lives after loss of loved ones, age etc where they need to downsize, declutter, work out what they do need to support the new life, and the physical help and knowledge of who to disperse what they do let go.

People focused on certain interests, will put in the energy to make it work, and connecting with others with that need, will draw others in.



So we have members who love the trading and enjoy the storytelling. How can we organise other interest focused groups during the trading days so members feel the value of travelling and spending time there? Should it start on FB?

We need members being responsible for those interest groups, as I and Sally often are either working Sundays, are sleeping after work or to go to work.