

BLCE NewsLETS February 2021



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

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021 Happy New Year! (by President Sally)

Happy New Year to all our members and families! I hope you all had a relaxing break over the summer.

2021- a time to start anew with Tibetan/Chinese New year and a fresh beginning to our trips around the sun! We are looking forward to a year of better health, fun and inclusiveness of community and trading.

Our trading days are starting on Sunday February 21st, we hope to kick off to a successful gathering of members at The Albion Peace Hall from 1pm to 4pm. Pop it in your diaries! A great place to put a name to a face. It is also open to non-members who are interested in seeing what we get up to.

Our plans for 2021 includes offering trading days at a variety of venues helping members get to locations both on the north and south sides of Brisbane, being more convenient and accessible to all.

We worked with the Maleny and Sunshine Coast LETS (Gympie LETS closed) to advertise on our Facebook page / groups for regular InterLETS activities. It's been traditional, and it's showing that members' social networks are effective outside of their local LETS, proven by long term non active members showing up at Maleny last year.

We support any members who may like to do a "special event" small or large which encourages new members and trading. Promotions for these, as passed by the management committee, will be promoted on our Members forum, Facebook page, website and newsletter.

*Please contact the President or secretary to discuss and work out the plans.

Trading Day Calendar

February – Albion Peace Hall 21st Feb 2021

March – Northey St Farm. 21st Mar 6am to 11am.

April – Albion Peace Hall 18th Apr 2021

May – Holland Park Library 16th May 2021

June- Albion Peace Hall 20th Jun 2021

July – Library or private home 18th July 2021

August – **AGM** at Albion Peace Hall 15th Aug 2021

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This Trading Day

Sun 21st Feb 2021

Albion Peace Hall 1-4pm

Following Trading Day

Sun 21st Mar 2021

Northey Street Markets
6-11am in the Marketplace

Deadlines

NewsLETS stories, notices,
advertising and reports:

Sun 1st Mar 2021

for publication on
Sun 8th Mar 2021



The CES – our user-friendly online server

Some new members have expressed a need for help navigating the CES (Community Exchange System).

From simple first trading transactions to seeking trades around Australia.

Personally I find it very user friendly and have accessed accommodation for road trips, goods and services in my local area and beyond with no difficulty.

You don't have to be too tech savvy to get it, all the information is actually on the full website on the left hand side in the CES Information column.

However we all need guidance from time to time. If you would like guidance on the use of the CES in person, you can arrange a time at this coming trading day with the President, Secretary or Treasurer. We're only too happy to help.

So here's to a happy, healthy 2021 for all. May all our activities help the wellbeing of our planet and each other.

Sally Peters
President

CTTE - Cape Town Talent Exchange Dec 2, 2020-

For the past year, the Community Exchange System (CES) has been discussing the formation of an alliance with the world's biggest and most influential, community-based, non-monetary exchange systems.

Recently, CES, TimeBanking USA, Timebanks UK and Seva Exchange formed the Community Exchange Alliance (CEA).

They drafted a mission statement:

Our mission is to promote tools, knowledge and opportunities for local communities to facilitate the sharing and exchange of physical and human resources in ways that contribute to a more just, equitable and sustainable world.

Vision statement:

We envision a global network of change makers and local, interdependent communities that exists to make connections and exchange value in ways that allow them to determine their own futures and that bypasses the monopoly of money.

CEA will promote non-monetary exchange worldwide and attempt to unite alternative exchange systems to provide an ecosystem of non-monetary exchange options. In these times of economic uncertainty, it is important that alternatives are developed to ensure that 'lifeboats' exist if/when the global financial 'ship' sinks. Talk of a single global currency urges us to look in the opposite direction: to create as many, community-based, exchange options as possible.

Go to www.communityexchangealliance.org to find out more. We are working on a series of podcasts to discuss the world of alternative exchange.



Maleny LETS has a monthly LETS market on the 2nd Saturday of each month (not December or January).

Next one is 13th March 2021

"Come join us for a beautiful breakfast and fun trading".

Stall setup is from 8am

For more info and bookings call Carmel 0400798311"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/440768426119817>

A big thank you to:

Robert Ferguson

From **Minuteman Press Milton**
P: 3367 1435 M: 0431 511 407
Unit 1/10 Dorsey St Milton 4064

For donating a replacement rod for our banner.



A big shout out to

BLCE0157 Marg Colonna

Currently in hospital but has moved to Seven Hills retirement village And is in good spirits

We appreciate all you have contributed over the years Marg!

Thank you and wish you well!



Please welcome our new members:

BLCE1426 Ryan (Bodhi) & Nikki

The Gap

Offers: Compost, gardening, bike repairs, writing and editing

BLCE 1427 Marie - Bardon

Offers: Babysitting

BLCE 1428 Ulla - Redhill

Offers: Duck Eggs

BLCE1430 Teresa – Petrie Terrace

Offers: Relaxation Massage

Offerings – at the Trading Day (see the list sent out with this newsletter – lots of offerings this month)

BLCE0018 Jessica

hanging baskets, microwave mits, wheat /heat packs

BLCE1381 Jeni – worm wee in 2 L bottles

Helen plants: shiraz hibiscus (leaves are edible), citronella geranium, murraya, potted dragonfruit cuttings, peanut butter fruit seedling and others 5 - 10 Units depending on size

Wants – see the list sent out with this newsletter.

MALO0288 Poi Mei

Wants to get to know members who offer accommodation down here as often comes down for conferences etc.

BLCE0976 Ishka

I'm looking for a few books with embossed covers - maybe old encyclopaedias. Reasonable size. That you might like to get rid of. And other hard covered books with interesting covers. Old is good. Here are some examples. Similar but any colour will do.



WANTED: Speakers, Musicians, Stall Holders, Performers Expressions of Interest Sought"
Stall Hire Fees & Entry Fees 100% LETS Units for Community Exchange members.

<https://www.facebook.com/goingoffgridfestival/>

<https://www.gogfest.com.au/>

0415 800 888

RAYS0052 Wayne

Heal Yourself Expo 20th & 21st March 2021

Toowoomba

Stallholder Applications available now

For info: email expo@healyourselfexpo.com or

Call Wayne 0415 800 88

LETS RAYS0052

Stalls start from U290 for the weekend.

Sally's Reiki workshop Reiki 1

Enhance your healing abilities with this Usui Reiki 1 attunement and workshop.

Learn to give treatments to yourself and others. Enjoy meditation and personal development. This spiritual energy modality compliments all other healing activities.

Give yourself the gift of Reiki.

*Includes manual and certificate.

9.30am to 4.00pm.

\$220 50% units 50% cash payment.

Date in March TBA

Location: Albion Peace Hall

* Anyone interested in repeating Reiki 1 can enjoy this workshop at a 50% off rate.

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BLCE0041 Kelly - Earth Healing

The term Earth Healing can and does mean many things. For example, if we each heal ourselves, we will heal humanity, which in and of itself is the way to heal the Earth.

For me the term means physically healing the Earth, her body, her trees, her water, her ley lines, her rocks etc.

I connect with the earth and understand her needs via our connection. I feel her sadness, joy, emotions and can assess for you how you or I can help her. I have used crystals and essences to provide healing to her sad places thereby balancing the energy.

Sometimes, she may need more than love and the healing the crystals and essences can give her. You can help her by attending to your garden and yard ensuring your plants are happy and thriving. Yes, this does help as it nurtures her directly. She becomes unbalanced when unnatural happenings occur.

In places where trauma in the form of assault and other nasty events have been carried out, the energy in those areas becomes sad. When the energy is sad in a spot it can attract other unnatural events and therefore become sadder. The sadder a place, the less likely that you are to see plants thriving, and lovely green grass growing.

As you come into an area which is sad you may find your mood, or your vibration changes and you notice you feel sad as a reflection of the sadness in the area. In this way the sadness can become more violent and can compel violence from those who pass through the area.

When I am in a sad place, I feel sad and can be found to cry as I feel the past events which have made an area sad. It is like a depression or deep sadness comes over me and I know immediately that I am there for the purpose of healing the area and balancing the energy.

My first Earth Healing task was to heal an area in a Brisbane park where I used to sit with a particular tree. There had been a woman assaulted in the car park, right where I used to leave my car. I went to check the site and as I got out of my car I felt overcome by sadness. It was so sad to know the trees and plants and the earth was so sad in that spot. I applied the essences and the crystals with love and know that the area is now shining bright.



Alternative Money: The Wooden Dollar.

Is an article about when money just stops!

written by [EllieFleischer](#)

Like when Michael Linden noticed that nothing had changed, except the sawmill closed down, paralysing surrounding communities, and created LETS, this article talks about attempts to address the issue over the years.

Bartertown, a BrisLETS event in 2016, utilised similar ideas contained in this article.

https://economicswithcoffee.com/2020/12/13/alternative-money-the-wooden-dollar/?fbclid=IwAR1JZM1llrotT59_x1RDv5auepS6kBLY_BYurMVDNLYKGc4ThB4CpGaGz7s

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Sunshine Coast LETS. *What is LETS*. Accessed September 8, 2020.

<https://sunshinecoastlets.weebly.com/what-is-lets.html>.

By helping others, we all win!

A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it, and throw it in the hallway.

The professor then mixed all the balloons. The students were given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point the professors told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The professor said to the students: "These balloons are like happiness.

We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own.

But if we care about other people's happiness... we'll find ours too.



A BrisLETS TRIBUTE TO THE INDEFATIGABLE ALISON BIRD



When I was secretary many years ago
Alison phoned one day, wanting to know
How BrisLETS worked; about the next Trading Day....
I didn't know then, but our lives changed that day.



We learned about the incredible art
Into which she had poured her heart,
Converting her passion for LETS and for giving
Into a successful way to earn a living



Not long after she arrived from up north
Her creative ideas began to pour forth.
Her energy, passion and drive
Helped BrisLETS to grow and to thrive;
Reminding us to not *pay bills*
But instead to all *share our skills*.

We came to know that come what may
She would toil for LETS night and day;
She would write articles, talk to a radio host
Take any opportunity about LETS to boast.

Everyone knew that wherever she went
She could turn it into a LETS event,
Putting so much emotion
Into BrisLETS promotion.



Promoter Extraordinaire!

When it was feared member numbers were down
She promoted BrisLETS through Bartertown;
Another year Alison shifted her sights
Working hard on NENA many days and nights.

But we learned that after she'd left her northern life sublime
Alison discovered that she might have limited time.

She worked so hard to prolong her life
Enduring not only the surgeon's knife,
But many doses of radiation...
and lots of chemo and medication;
And along with all those powerful drugs
She welcomed our messages and our hugs

Even when faced with a new tumour
Alison kept her sense of humour;
She bravely decided her journey to share
Her ups and her downs, the state of her hair;
Remaining forever cheerful,
Without a hint she *may* be fearful.



Her chemo sessions went for so long
She had time to write a beautiful song.

When she was here on her last Trading Day
She prompted us to pair up and say
How to help us get our 'to do list' done
Now my project's complete and it was fun!

Whenever acknowledged, Alison was so humble
Despite her challenges, I never heard her grumble.
She asked me (and my dog) to visit during her last days.
She could have complained in a myriad of ways
But she adjusted the heat pack
For the strong pain in her back.
She showed me how her lymphoedema had spread,
"I don't like it when I can't breathe" she gently said.
And I gave her a kiss.....
Now she is missed....

BrisLETS will never be the same
Without Alison and her fame!
We give thanks for the time she shared with us,
The guidance, love and laughter she gave us;
The patience and encouragement she showed us
And the endless ideas that she taught us.

An amazing privilege for us all it has surely been
To know one of the most wonderful souls the world has seen.



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