

# BLCE NewsLETS July 2021



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

## Lots of activity in June!

### Northey Street Winter Solstice Stall

Ending with a cold night but lovely feel at the Northey Street Winter Solstice stall, there was wonderful conversation and some trading between members.

Kelly, Geeta and Michael N in this photo. Thank you to Sally for co-ordinating, Michael C for organising and collecting the marquee, setting up and manning the stall till 2pm then coming back at 6pm to pack up. And all the members who manned the stall or visited etc.



### June Trading Day



The next day the June Trading Day had 16 attendees, with lots of fun and people feeling very satisfied with their purchases.

A big welcome to our visitors. Pink donuts and a hoola hoop gave it a social feel!

There was plenty of produce and wonderful household items available.



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### This Trading Day

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Holland Park Library  
1-4pm

### Following Trading Day AGM

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
Albion Peace Hall

### Deadlines

*NewsLETS* stories, notices, advertising and reports:

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

for publication on  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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## It's AGM time again!

The Management Committee (voting & attends meetings) is entrusted with the legal requirements to keep us incorporated; works with members to make trading meaningful and fulfilling; and networks with other organisations in the community.

- **President:** Chairs meetings to keep legal, public head
- **Secretary:** keeps & publishes minutes, ensure legal meetings
- **Treasurer:** keeps & reports legal accounts
- **Membership Secretary:** Receives applications & helps members
- **Committee member:** votes

The **Management Support Team** (non voting, no meetings)

- **CES Website Administrator:** updates & works with Global CES, helps members transfer etc.
- **BrisLETS Website Administrator:** posts events and content, backs up & updates wordpress, plugins etc, loads media & links
- **Trading Facilitator:** opens and closes hall, helps members trade
- **Local Area Contacts:** work with local members to build community and trading
- **Drop Off Point Hosts:** secure accessible space for member to drop off and pick up items
- **Mediators:** to work with members having issues
- **Events Coordinator(s): Onsite & Online:** work with other team members to create and host events.
- **Promotion Team Coordinator:** planning and working with team members to have a co-ordinated approach.
  - **Newsletter Editor:** sources and writes content, edits (or asks other editors to do so) and publishes a monthly newsletter.
  - **Social Media Moderators** (Facebook groups)
  - **Social Media Admins:** (Facebook groups & page)
  - **Graphic Artist & Marketing:**
  - **Fundraising & Grants:**

Members are warmly welcomed to fill vacancies. Please go to the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page to see descriptions of all jobs. Teams work on [Slack](#).



Great interaction at Northey Street but no new members.

Please see the latest offers and wants sent out with the newsletter.

To make the most of the offers and wants sent out, please update them so that the CES picks up the latest activity! There is nothing more off-putting than contacting someone only to find they are no longer providing or needing that service or item.



### CES News Update

Bel (Tablelands) and Tanya (CENTS) have completed the CES Au work, so we now contact CES Global for issues. They hope CES V2 will be up and running by Christmas. We appreciate and thank all who have been involved!

### Workcover Insurance

\$50 for 2 years to cover individuals working in your house. Phone 1300 362 128 or <https://ols.workcoverqld.com.au/ols/public/newbusiness>



## July Trading Day

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July Trading Day will be held in the Holland Park Library, 81 Seville Road, from 1-4pm. The meeting room has good access and parking on and off road.

A warm welcome to Colleen South, musician extraordinaire who will grace us with her presence, and possibly Mel, a published poet. A Ukelele and singing are also on the agenda.

It will be a good opportunity to organise trades before hand and drop off or pick up items. Max 16 people inside at once.

If you want to nominate someone for a management position, or do a proxy vote, this is a good time to organise it and get nominations signed, seconded and hand to the secretary Jessie who will be opening and closing on the day.

## BOGI FAIR

This year the BOGI Fair will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 (2 weeks after AGM) from 9-3pm.

Our stall has been paid for and will be under the overhang like it used to be. We usually have members trading as well as talking to people manning the other stalls and visitors.

Please let Jessie know if you are able to be part of a roster for the day at the stall, have items to trade etc. Judith has said she will be there. In the past, items labelled (what it is, price) by the seller, have been sold and 10% of units earned (\$ if buyer is not a member) received go to BrisLETS admin, and rest go to seller.

There was an opportunity to do a presentation in the main hall, but we could also do one in the stall. Holger has fixed the one BrisLETS laptop and The Peace Hall now has WiFi.

Members who have ideas for a presentation or be part of a team planning and presenting it etc are encouraged to contact Jessie.

## Can't spend units?

As members accrue units, they feel they don't have anywhere to spend them if there are no local trades people.

As BrisLETS has spread from Caboolture to Samford to Beaudesert to the Gold Coast and Bay Islands, there is more potential for members to chat to neighbours and friends to spread the message and encourage them to join. Doing this creates community and local trading.

You can also trade with other LETS in Qld, Australia & Worldwide, using it as a shop eg. African craft, accommodation in NZ South Island.

What you need eg. extra hands with gardening, you could create groups with similar needs, to help one another in your gardens or other projects.

The raffle will be drawn at the AGM August Trading Day.





## Member focus – Jeni Lewington BLCE1381

Jeni was a member of Perth LETS in 1994. Arriving in Brisbane in 2000, Jeni joined BrisLETS soon after, then played a pivotal role in developing BrisLETS' online presence by creating the website and being the website administrator for many years, as well as setting up the Facebook groups, being newsletter editor, secretary and being a regular attendee at events and promotion days.

In 2013, Jeni organized a trivia night to raise money for a sick friend in Perth. She utilised BrisLETS members to cook, be waitstaff and generally help out and created a fun-filled night for all who attended.



When Jeni's role at the State Library was slashed during the Newman cuts, Jeni retrained as an editor and established her business 'The Editing Edge', helping other LETS members with editing their manuscripts first before expanding her business.

Jeni loved the TV show A Place to Call Home and, when it was axed after two seasons, she relentlessly fought for its return with other loyal followers. After the successful campaign in which Foxtel made four more seasons, Jeni wrote a book called Jeni's APTCH Location Guidebook, which is available worldwide and which she launched at the North Logan Library in 2016.

Jeni shared accommodation with fellow LETS member Simon Cole in Coopers Plains from 2017 to 2019, before moving to Annerley from 2019 to 2021, where she threw a pamper party for her carers in 2020 utilising BrisLETS members' skills, such as massage, to create a beautiful atmosphere.

Now Jeni has moved to her new home at Park Ridge where she threw a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and housewarming party. Many BrisLETS members helped celebrate by bringing plant cuttings to help start her garden.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Jeni - You are an inspiration to us all, showing us that our physical ability is not who we are or what we can achieve but rather doing what we love or envision helps us move forward no matter the obstacles!



## Timebanking NSW aka Timebanking Australia (TA)

by Michael Cahill

Timebanking NSW aka Timebanking Australia (TA) was created by NSW govt in conjunction with members of LETS and CES See <https://www.timebanking.com.au>

Timebanking is a community program that allows the voluntary exchange of services between members. It is an online platform that helps to connect people who have something to offer with those who have a need and vice-versa.

In other words, you can give help to get the help you may need and vice versa. It is the exchange of skills and time. It is a type of share economy / community exchange.

*It's as simple as give an hour, receive an hour: by giving one hour of help to another member you earn one hour of time credits, which can be used to receive services that are of personal value such as dog walking, ironing, community gardening, massage, language tuition, painting, administrative assistance...you're only restricted by your imagination.*

Timebanking helps you to meet people in your local community, make friends, get help that you need, help someone in need, and feel good giving to the community. Timebanking is a kind of 'informal' volunteering in your local community.

Everyone can be part of Timebanking because everyone has something to give.

If you like to volunteer and give time to your community, Timebanking is for you!

Everyone has different skills and knowledge to share, which is why Timebanking is so successful.

How is timebanking different from traditional volunteering?

In Timebanking you earn time credits for giving services to another which you can then use to receive services that are useful and valuable to you.

(end of extract from <https://www.timebanking.com.au>)

We can open accounts in TA under location Australia ie. outside NSW. It is possible to convert hours to LETS currencies but is currently complicated.

If you are interested in timebanking and how to convert volunteer hours to LETS currencies please contact me to discuss further.

