

# BLCE NewsLETS March2021

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

## March Trading Day will be at the Northey Street Markets!



Sally will be there from 6-11am in the Marketplace, with marque, tables and chairs provided by Northey Street.

The purpose is to educate, engage, and sign-up new members rather than a regular trading day. To interact with potential members, Sally is doing mini massages \$5 or 5 u for 5 mins (others wanting to help are welcome), and they will be selling raffle tickets, to be drawn at the April Trading Day 18<sup>th</sup> at the Peace Hall..

The raffle is to raise money for a laptop or other needs and tickets will be \$2 non-members, 2 units members or 3 for \$5 non-members, 5 units for members. 1 draw per prize.

Prizes are: **\*45-minute Kahuna Massage**

– location **Carina Heights** by Sally VALUE \$70

**\* Handmade Vegan Leather Notebook and paper journal with pen holders** by Ishka. VALUE \$45

**\*Astrology and Oracle Card Reading** by Kelly. VALUE \$35

**\*Set of beautiful Pearl earrings set in sterling silver** Michelle VALUE \$25

\* TO BE DRAWN APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> @ Albion Peace Hall \* NEXT TRADING DAY

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE AND THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!

## Trading Day Calendar

**March** – Northey St Farm. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 6am to 11am.

**April** – Albion Peace Hall 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021 1-4pm

**May** – Russell & Min's place 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 1-4pm

**June**- Albion Peace Hall 20<sup>th</sup> Jun 2021 1-4pm

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

**August** – **AGM** at Albion Peace Hall 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021 1-4pm

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### **This Trading Day**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Northey Street Markets

6-11am in the Marketplace

### **Following Trading Day**

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Albion Peace Hall 1-4pm

### **Deadlines**

NewsLETS stories, notices, advertising and reports:

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

for publication on

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Michelle's earrings in the Raffle

**Member Focus: Ishka McNulty - Artist Craft Maker**

**Handmade Journals and Vegan Leather Notebooks & more**

I would like to tell you a bit about the journals and notebooks I offer through BrisLETS. (See photos.)

The journal covers are printed on heavy paper, and occasionally have added embellishment along the spine or the front edge, made from beautiful gelli printed paper featuring a pocket either in the front or back of the book, often containing tags with images on one side. Inside there are 25 blank sheets of 80gms paper hand sewn into the cover, making 100 pages. In the centre 2 butterflies or hearts adorn the end of the strings from the sewing. There is no limit to what these journals can be used for: journaling of course, keeping notes, a collection of quotes, photos, drawings, recipes or whatever your heart desires.



The Vegan leather notebooks are regular lined notebooks with vegan leather patchwork on the cover. There is a large envelope attached to the inside front cover for your bits and pieces. These are more expensive as there is much more work involved in making them.

Vegan leather is made from heavy duty paper bags which are put through multiple processes, including painting or gelli plating, stencilling, mark making, and putting through a hand cranked embossing machine. The paper is then hand pieced together to make the cover and a sealer put over the cover to protect the vegan leather. Each one is unique.

I also make pen holders which clip onto the journal. These are an extra edition complementing the notebook. It allows a pen to be attached to the journal so that you can start writing the moment a thought or idea strikes without looking for a pen! They are very convenient. I always have one attached to my journal.

I am happy to take orders which can include a particular theme at your request for the journals or size of notebook. They can be posted or collected from my house in Logan Reserve.

Please Note: postage will need to be prepaid in conventional dollars.

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**Please welcome our new members:**

New member paid then later decided to stay in Melbourne and she donated \$20.

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

**Wants – see the list sent out with this newsletter.**

## Conversations from the Members Forum group on Facebook

**Sarafu.Network** <https://www.grassrootseconomics.org/community-currencies>

Grassroots Economics' is building and supporting systems that empower communities to digitally create their own basic incomes and community inclusion currencies (CICs) based on local goods and services in regional markets that are built from the ground up. Sarafu Network is the premier CIC system in Kenya.

[https://www.civilx.world/?fbclid=IwAR1LW2camFwXmAW87PH-WEvd\\_Qbz8AJI7JX18NQIRHou\\_rGCBuacJ0gnxg0](https://www.civilx.world/?fbclid=IwAR1LW2camFwXmAW87PH-WEvd_Qbz8AJI7JX18NQIRHou_rGCBuacJ0gnxg0)

Welcome to CIVIL X: A new civilization is rising up to create endless regenerative Solutions to a once stagnant culture. You are the solution. May your exploration of self, community and environment take you on a ever-expanding journey into this new world we choose to co create together.

Civil X is a online platform that allows players to engage in media, education, gamified work projects, events, and community development. Civil X provides stories, resources and tools for easy replication of good ideas in diverse locations around the world. This is a cooperative based media platform for accessing training, workshops, co-op workspaces, and online team-building. We choose to focus on Community organization, resource sharing, and testing real-life solutions by working with thriving communities all over the world!"

- Maybe members could report back on what they are finding works when they participate in this?

Tony Robbins and Stephen Covey also talk about how the principles we live by remain the same and help stabilize the group when the rules keep changing. So I think it was Elizabeth who suggested we put in the principles outside of the vision.

### **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.

Andrew asks about the trajectory of BrisLETS (A trajectory or flight path is the path that an object with mass in motion, follows through space as a function of time. In classical mechanics, a trajectory is defined by Hamiltonian mechanics via canonical coordinates; hence, a complete trajectory is defined by position and momentum, simultaneously.)

When doing Vision statements, they liken it to flying a plane to eg. Melbourne. The plane will rarely be on target but keeps being brought back to it's target.

BrisLETS needs positioning and momentum simultaneously to attract the mix of members with the services and skills to promote dynamic trading – but this could be like freecycle or Facebook Buy, swap and sell sites. The difference between those sites and BrisLETS is as Elaine said “is the Community support for Collective Enterprise” – the human needs of belonging (love and connection), certainty (principles and structures), variety (flexibility, adaptability), growth, contribution, and significance are being met by the LETS setup (to a greater or lesser degree depending on the member and the other members interactions).

Today, it's key to have someone/s with technology skill/passion for the website, Facebook posts in the groups and page, interacting with other groups such as My Community Directory etc and that is what we are missing. We have President, Secretary and Treasurer covered, need another newsletter writer / editor/publisher. Still in the process of writing up the how-to manuals/ checklists to help tech person/s. We need a promotions person/s who understands the LETS concepts and is able to enthusiastically connect with other groups to impart how LETS could help their group/business to promote BrisLETS. More trading days at various parts of the area covered by BrisLETS and organized by LACS is needed. Membership has been growing steadily but not very active, and again communication is the key. How we view LETS, reflects how we see the opportunities / obstacles in BrisLETS – listening and sharing respectfully with each other will clarify issues if we all resolve to work in BrisLETS's best interests!