

Upcoming Events

Sunday 15th Dec 2013

Christmas party and trading day at Michael and Isabelle's with African drumming

15 Orient St Yeronga **4.30-7.30pm**

Get into the party mood, bring items for Secret Santa and regular trading and bring a plate of yummy food to share!

Sunday 19th Jan 2014

Can't get enough African drumming? There's more

Trading day and African drumming at Rob Vidovic's

170 Park Rd, Woolloongabba
2-5pm.

With good street traffic it will be a great opportunity to showcase BrisLETS. Please bring a chair, items to trade and a plate of food to share.

Saturday 2nd Feb 2014

BrisLETS Benefit Gig

Come and dance the evening away to two bands (The Hard-Liners and Off the Hook)

Venue: to be announced

Time: 3 pm until 9 pm

Thanks to Rob Vidovich for organising this gig.

Did you know you can earn 50 units for hosting a trading day?

To register your interest, contact the committee (see page 3).

**Trading Days are the
3rd Sunday of the month**



Christmas Party & Dec Trading Day

Get your party shoes on! All are invited to Michael and Isabelle's for our Christmas party and trading day on Sunday 15th December from 4.30 -7.30 pm. Rob is generously bringing his African drums for us to have a go on.

Isabelle is going to make pumpkin soup and maybe a Yule Log. Please contribute a plate of food so we can share a meal.

Also, bring along an item unwrapped (not more than \$10) for Secret Santa. We will be placing the items on a table for people to choose when their raffle ticket is called.

Don't forget items for trading. Hopefully people will be able to do their Christmas shopping there. It's a good opportunity to help others become unlocked too.

So dress up, put your dancing shoes on and we will celebrate Christmas and the end of another busy year for BrisLETS.



How to attain Happiness and Abundance?

Sonia Ricotti, author of *Unsinkable: How to Bounce Back Quickly When Life Knocks You Down*, recommends focusing on the present to attain happiness and abundance. When we waste time going over what happened in the past or worry about what might go wrong in the future (which usually doesn't happen anyway) or when we think we will be happy when a certain event occurs, all our energy is diverted from the present moment! Being happy is living in the now!

Observe and listen to how you speak to yourself – cancel the negative talk.

Make a list of what you have to be grateful for right now. For example, you can read this, are able to choose to attend an event, have at least some money in the bank or your wallet/purse and have food to eat.

To be abundant, give to others without an expectation of anything in return. Daily look for the opportunity to help others (e.g. offer someone a helping hand across the street, a lift in the car). Your good deeds will come back to you in ways you won't be looking for. It's called karma.

Jeni's trivia night was a great example of circulating abundance. Jeni inadvertently helped many LETS members by utilising their skills in organising the night. The event couldn't have happened without their help.

BrisLETS is a brilliant way to circulate abundance!

September Trading Day at Deb Fazio's

Just opposite the Elorac Community Centre, Deb has a beautiful garden. Isabelle made delicious sorbet and quite a bit of trading occurred. Thanks Deb for hosting – 50U coming your way!



October Trading Day at the BOGI Fair

Our yearly fundraiser made a profit of \$166.85. A huge thanks to Adrian for carting and setting up the tables, chairs, banner (very heavy to carry in and out) etc. Adrian's and Fred's recycled products attracted steady business contributing to the funds raised. The bamboo stakes were the talk of the fair again. Thanks to all the people involved for contributing the bamboo, cutting, sharpening, carting and displaying – a win for the gardeners and us. Heidi Bone came all the way from Byron Bay for the day to offer henna tattoos. She was very busy and a hit with the kids.



New and old members gave great massages.



November's Get Crafty Trading Day at New Farm Library



L: President Adrian proudly displays his ultra-chic jeans recycled numerous times via Liz's superior sewing efforts.



The sharing circle during the afternoon led to the discovery of what new members offered and Jeni was able to put her trivia night catering and waitressing crew together. Christmas decorations and presents were snapped up. A win-win all round!

To all members without offerings

BrisLETS was established to facilitate trading between members. This gets difficult when there are members who offer no goods and/or services and who have no wants listed.

Some groups make having something to offer a prerequisite for membership and I can see the merit in this idea. There is a valid argument for not offering any goods and services if you are away or sick, but generally, if you are in an organisation established to encourage trading, it makes sense to have something to trade. For those of you who I spoke to recently and who said they would update their offerings, please do.

If you don't go into your CES account and update your offerings, they lapse, so please check your account to make sure your offerings are still active, and while you are there think about what you might want. Even if no one offers what you want, when they see it listed, they might realise it is something they can do.

Also, if you have moved or changed your telephone number or email, please change your online account details – trading is difficult with someone who can't be contacted!

If you need help doing any of this, please ask – we are only too happy to help!



Thank you - Liz (Secretary)

Trading Figures

Sept 2013 – 25 Trades

Totalling 1690 units
Av Trade 67.6 units
Admin Levy – 135.2 units

Oct 2013 – 43 Trades

Totalling 2022.30 units
Av Trade 47.03 units
Admin Levy – 138.14 units

Nov 2013 – 17 Trades

Totalling 843 units
Av Trade 49.59 units
Admin Levy – 67.44 units

7 days of Dec 2013 – 30 Trades

Totalling 1543 units
Av Trade 51.43 units
Admin Levy – 123.44 units

It's important to put trades through in the month it's generated.

There are 166 active and 6 locked members so please check who you can trade with, who you can buy from (or help hold a trading day) to help them become unlocked.

To be an active user, you must have at least one current offering. You can choose to display your offerings and wants for up to 12 months.

Please update your offerings and wants (maybe on the first of the month) to keep current and active and to be picked up on the list going out on the emails.

Current Committee Contacts

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With a little help from my friends.....

Little Alyssa's Fantastic Fundraising Trivia Night on Friday 29 November was a great success. The night flowed smoothly thanks to the well-coordinated efforts of some of our BrisLETS family that I enlisted to help out.

I would like to give a BIG THANKS to the following people:

- New members Winnie and Jean for their delicious and skilled catering efforts
- Vita, Stacey (who came all the way from Toowoomba), Jessie and Amanda who cut up watermelon and cake, prepared various platters for nine tables, sold raffle tickets, took photos, marked the guest list and helped to clean up. You are all legends!
- Alison Bird for donating some of her lovely cards for the trivia hampers
- Adrian, Ruth, Rosemarie, Gail, Liz and Chris for buying tickets to form a LETS team
- Marg for making a donation

I could not have done it without you all – thanks very much!

Jeni Lewington (BLCE1381)



Workcover

If you, as a private individual, employ an individual (not a business) to work in or around your home (cleaner, ironer, gardener, labourer etc.) you would be wise to consider Household Worker Insurance. This is \$50 for two years and is issued by WorkCover Queensland. It can be organised over the phone by calling 1300 362 128.

Welcome to our new members

BLCE0948 Sue Sforcina – The Lotus Sanctuary 0431 518 528 Albany Creek

Sue, through her business The Lotus Sanctuary, offers energy work, soul regression, massage

BLCE0949 Megan Lawson 0408 541 143 Wights Mountain

Qualified nanny (15 years' experience) offering evening babysitting

BLCE0951 Amanda Challen 0407 021 123 Strathpine

Help with horse/rider problems, pet sitting at your place

BLCE0952 Ozi & Marlina

Massage – travelling around Australia at present.

BLCE0954 Jo-Anne Nelson 0431 912 096 The Gap

Typing reports (including layout), sewing, making quilts, accommodation

BLCE0955 Storm Furness stormdkoz@gmail.com Taringa.

Computer repair and support, tarot reading, conversational English and Danish, hand reflexology

BLCE0956 Jean Turnbull 0437 202 475 Kedron

Teaches art

BLCE0957 Winnie Macfarlane winnie.macfarlane@bigpond.com Carina

Events catering, member of the Herb Society and offers dried herbs

Hail on Laura St

Thanks to Michael, Isabelle and family, Jessie and Liz, we were able to have a stall in the Laura St Festival on 24 November. To those of you looking for a unique old style family festival, book mark it for next year. You meet a diversity of people and there is wonderful music and food. The atmosphere is lovely with people wandering from house to house. Rain and hail didn't dampen the spirits!



*Happiness is when what you think, what you say
and what you do are in harmony*

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 – 1948)

*No one is born hating another person because of
the colour of his skin, or his background, or his
religion. People must learn to hate, and if they
can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for
love comes more naturally to the human heart
than its opposite.*

*Nelson Mandela (1918 – 2013),
Long Walk to Freedom*

Offerings

BLCE0897 Margaret Gunn

Snake beans that came from China in the mid-1800s

BLCE0930 Anne Turnbull–

Crocheted hand towels

BLCE4104 Simon Cole

Eggs, herbs

BLCE1306 Amanda Kelly

Ironing, waitressing

BLCE1381 Jeni Lewington

Qualified editor available to edit books, newsletters, brochures, websites etc.

Wants

BLCE0897 Margaret Gunn

Donations for orphanage in Vietnam

BLCE0930 Anne Turnbull

Buttons, postage stamps, bottle tops and jars

BLCE1306 Amanda Kelly

Amanda's account is locked so she needs to earn units.

Please contact if you have any jobs to help out.

BLCE0956 Jean Turnbull

Jean's laptop has crashed and needs repair

(Storm can you help with this?)

Giveaway section

Freecycle.org is a very successful website. You can meet amazing people when you give items away or pick up what someone else is giving away.

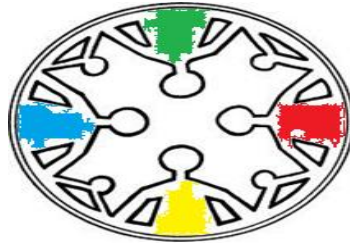
DID YOU KNOW?

BrisLETS has a free offerings section too!



Wishing everyone a merry festive season and a safe and enjoyable new year

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