



IMPORTANT

Can all members now please post (or drop off in mailbox) cheques to Korina (address above) for processing instead of to Gaynor in Maitland. This way we will know how trading is going for our group. All of the information will then be collated and sent on to Gaynor periodically.

This will also apply for new members so if you recruit anyone please let them know.

MEETINGS

Meetings for the first half of 2007 are as follows, please do try to come along as the more input we get from members the better LETS will become. And don't forget to let friends and neighbours know when we meet and what LETS is all about.

- **Saturday March 17th** - 10.00 - 11.00am (Trading 11am until midday)
- **Saturday June 2nd** - 10.00 - 11.00am (Trading 11am until midday)

The meetings will be held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Blackwall Road.

If you would like to bring some goods to trade you are more than welcome. There are scheduled trade days at a larger location; see opposite, but of course people can trade after the meetings.

TRADING DAYS

Trading days for the first half of 2007 are as follows, please do try to come along even if you don't have anything to trade, it is a great way to help build LETS, bring a friend, and who knows, you may find that treasure you have been looking for. And if not it is a great morning and fun for the children, there is play equipment and shade.

- **Saturday February 17th** 9.30 - 12.00
- **Saturday May 5th** 9.30 - 12.00

Both trade days will go ahead whatever the weather and will be held at 80 Woy Woy Road, Woy Woy (nearest cross road is Pier Street). Please enter through carport and bring a table if you have one to set up your goods, there will be 2/3 tables for use by traders who don't have one.

If anyone has a large garden and would like to volunteer to make it available for the May trade day please contact Korina.



POINTS FOR TRADERS TO CONSIDER

When you are negotiating for a trade, don't be shy; sort out that price before the job begins. Your trading partner will expect this. The amount traded is to be worked out between yourself and the other member. As a guideline, working bee participation is 15 Mollys p/h, other works between 15 and 20 Mollys p/h, specialised services on a one off basis up to 40 Mollys p/h. When services are normally charged at \$40 or more, we recommend that LETS members receive these services at a revised cost. A jar of jam about 5 Mollys. Children's second hand cloths approx. 2-5 Mollys each. For something such as cake baking & decorating you can charge dollars for your out of pocket expenses if you wish & an hourly rate as above for your time. Please be sure to inform your potential buyers that you intend on charging dollars for your expenses otherwise they will expect to pay the total in mollys. Where you can charge 100% Mollys please do.

Affordability is an important criteria for LETS members. If your services are perceived to be expensive, members are less likely to trade with you. Any questions please call Korina or check out the website.

WORKING BEE



The working bee at Ann Marshall's property in Holgate was another great success.

Ten very enthusiastic people worked hard for over an hour at Ann's list of jobs. A lot of the garden was cleared and those inside did a great job with the dusting and polishing.

Thank you to everyone for taking the time & thanks to Ann for the lovely morning tea.

The trading was also a success with an impressive 461 Mollys being traded in total!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended, I for one really enjoyed the morning.

When's the next one????

WORKING BEE HOST WANTED.....

Would anyone else like to host a working bee in 2007? Do you need any work done on your property? Gardening, painting, odd jobs, spring clean.....you are only limited by your imagination - please let me know.



RECRUITING

- Introduce a friend or neighbour.
- If you can't find what you want in the Directory you can approach a potential provider (or pass the details to Korina to contact them), introduce the LETS system and have them join.
- Get a reward of 20 Mollys for every new member you recruit.

WYONG TRADE DAY

November 18th at Jeanette's house, 11am to 1pm.
Yarramalong Road, Wyong Creek, (just before Yarramalong) numbers 1136 & 518 are on the letterbox and there will be a LETS sign on the fence.
All are welcome.

SPEND, SPEND, SPEND!!

Remember you don't have to earn Mollys before you start spending them.

Your account may be in debit, but by spending, someone else's account is going up in credit.

Remember to look through the directory when you require goods and services. **100% effort and 100% mollys = turnover** and LETS will live.

CENTRAL COAST JOINT TRADE DAY

The Wyong group and I are currently arranging a joint trading day for April 14th 2007.
The location we are looking at is Narara Community Centre.

Would you be interested in coming along? I'd like to get an idea of numbers so please let me know.
When more information is available it will be included in the fortnightly update.

CAN YOU HELP A NEW MEMBER?

Help a new member start trading by phoning them if you can assist with any of their requests.
New members can feel shy about contacting people to fulfil their requests when they haven't met everyone yet. So when you read of a request that you can fulfil, why not call the new member, make them welcome and offer them your services or goods thereby building a sense of community.



UPDATES

Every fortnight (approximately) an e-mail will be sent out to everyone to ensure members are kept updated.

It will include information such as new members and member updates of contact details and offers and requests.

It will also include any information that members would like in it, such as one off offers. For example Gus Gulson (243) at the moment has some woodchip mulch on offer, obviously this is only for as long as it lasts so a perfect example of having something you would like to sell, but not on a regular basis.

Please send anything you would like included to Korina.

- Visit the website & advertise on the forum.
- Have you discovered a new skill, dropped an old one, moved house or changed any of your details?
- Do you have any changes for your entries or discovered that another member no longer offers their advertised skills/services?
- Help keep the directory up to date & relevant.

ADVERTISING

Would you like to advertise your services in the next newsletter?

It is free for 100% mollys services and goods.

Cut off date for advertisements is February 17th 2007.

HUNTER LETS TRADE DAY

The next HunterLETS Trade Day is November 26th. For anyone interested in attending, the location details will be in the next Hunter newsletter out soon. It should be a great family day out.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone for making an extra effort to help keep LETS alive in our local area. We can only get bigger and better if we all try to bring in new members & promote LETS where we can. Contact me for promotional material.

Until the next update, take care.