



## IMPORTANT REMINDER

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.

## MEETINGS 2007

Please 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 17<sup>th</sup> - Cancelled**
- **Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10.00 - 11.00am** (Trading 11am until midday)
- **Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 - 11.00am** (Trading 11am until midday)

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

## 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.

## TRADING DAYS 2007

Please 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 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 - 12.00**
- **Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30 - 12.00**
- **Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30 - 12.00**
- **Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30 - 12.00**

All 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. \*After unloading your items please move your car onto Pier Street for parking so as not to block the driveway and the visibility of the LETS sign. Thank you for your cooperation.

*If anyone has a large garden and would like to volunteer to make it available for any future trade days please contact Korina.*

I know some of you have mentioned your garden's availability but please remind me as I'm very forgetful if it isn't written down!



## JANUARY MEETING

Thank you to those that attended the meeting at Sabine's house, it was a great turnout providing good feedback.

The items discussed are below in point form

- Forum use - Please try to use the forum on the website as much as possible, just start by going to it and having a look to familiarise yourself with it. [www.centralcoastlets.org](http://www.centralcoastlets.org) then click on forum.
- Joint trade day with Wyong - see information on next page.
- Reminder that % cash is OK for some jobs, always check total cost (mollys and/or cash).
- **Have the directory handy at all times to remind you to use it, keep it near the phone.**
- If a member calls you and you are busy please arrange another time to call them back, otherwise members are forced into "harassing" for services.
- There have been a couple of people not responding to contact from LETS members - PLEASE, if you would like to discuss your membership contact Korina, do not ignore members as it is very frustrating for them.
- Code of conduct - see next page

## 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.

## NEXT WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee at Ann Marshall's property one weekend soon, 9am - 10.30am, followed by morning tea with trading afterwards until midday. The work involved will be heavy and involve ladders, **\*Please let Korina know if you will be attending\***.

## 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.



## 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

We have had a lot of new members in the last few months, thank you to everyone who has been promoting LETS.

- Our current membership total is 40 locally, I would like to see this increase significantly this year so please contact me for LETS leaflets to distribute and leave in cafes etc.

Please make sure that the directory you are using is up to date, otherwise you could be missing out on a new members services. *I've included a directory with this newsletter to ensure everybody has a current one.*

## CENTRAL COAST JOINT TRADE DAY

The Wyong group and Gosford/Woy Woy Group joint trade day has been arranged for April 14<sup>th</sup> 2007.

The location will be Kariong Eco Gardens - Thank you Lisa. Start time 9.30, running until midday.

Hope to see you all there.

The Community Environment Network Inc (CEN) is an organisation that encompasses all the environmental groups on the Central Coast. CEN celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007. Originally called CCCEN (Triple-CEN) it has maintained a high profile advocacy for all community-based organisations in Gosford, Wyong and Lake Macquarie and enters the fray on most significant environmental matters. CEN liaises with local government and has a significant voice in local newspapers.

CEN also provides level-headed, well researched information on a wide range of environmental issues to groups and to individuals.

Organisations and individuals may join. Visitors are welcome to our office at the Ourimbah Campus of the University of Newcastle. (It is a short walk from Ourimbah railway station.)

Visit thier website [www.cccen.org.au](http://www.cccen.org.au) or call 4349 4756 for more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS...

... to Brendan Gulson and family on the birth of Freya over the festive season.





## UPDATES

- 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.

**TRADING** - In the second half of 2006 there were a total of **1678** mollys traded in the Gosford/Woy Woy group. A fantastic amount – **keep up the good work.**

## WYONG TRADE DAYS 2007

- 17<sup>th</sup> February
- 19<sup>th</sup> May
- 18<sup>th</sup> August
- 17<sup>th</sup> November

For locations and times please call Jeanette on 4351 2555 or e-mail [wyong-nthLETS@hotmail.com](mailto:wyong-nthLETS@hotmail.com)

## FREE ADVERTISING

Would you like to advertise your services in the next newsletter? Cut off date for advertisements is November 10th 2007.

## HUNTER LETS TRADE DAYS 2007

- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Contact Gaynor on 4933 2696 for locations and times or e-mail her [dougberthon@aapt.net.au](mailto:dougberthon@aapt.net.au) with subject line LETS.

## CODE OF CONDUCT – HELP REQUIRED

At the last meeting it was agreed that a code of conduct for LETS was required to ensure that everyone fully understands what is expected of them as members.

I am looking for volunteers to help put this together, just a small A5 size list of basic expected conduct within LETS.

If you are interested in helping please contact Korina.

## 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.



## TRADE DAY DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2006



Image courtesy of Sabine Parge

The Trade Day before Christmas was a success, what a great turn out, thanks to everyone for coming along. The weather was perfect and I thought it felt very relaxed and social.



Image courtesy of Sabine Parge



Image's courtesy of Noreen Ross

Photo's of some of stalls and activity on the day

There was a total of 520 mollys traded with orders also placed for some goods, so a productive day I think. Hope to see you all at the next trade day.