



SISLETS NEWSLETTER

(Southern Inner Suburbs Local Exchange Trading System)

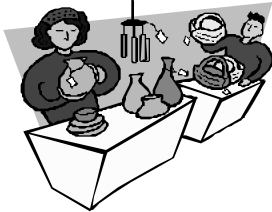
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Welcome Back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas-New Year break. It's SISLETS Market time again - first Saturday of every month – starting with February. I hope to see you there!
Pam

SISLETS Market



Saturday February 7th & March 7th
10.30am-12.30pm
Clarence Park Community Centre
74 East Ave Black Forest

Come along and support your local LETS market!

- ☺ Food Co-op, Fresh Food Co-op & Urban Orchard also open for business
- ☺ Café open offering freshly brewed coffee, teas, homemade cake & other goodies.
- ☺ EVERYONE WELCOME – come and join in the friendly relaxed atmosphere and do some trading!

Why not have a stall? Sites & trestles are free for SISLETS members!

Enquiries & Stall Bookings: Peter 8276 9621

SISLETS Market Dates for 2009: Saturday mornings 10.30am-12.30pm – Clarence Park Community Centre – ♦April 4 ♦May 2 ♦June 6 ♦July 4 ♦Aug 1 ♦Sep 5 ♦Oct 3 ♦Nov 7 ♦Dec 5



SISLETS New Member

SISA0285 Catherine Victor Harbor
(moving closer to Noarlunga soon)
Ph 8552 3306

Offers: Property & Pet Care (see ad this newsletter); Alterations to your quality garments (2 years at Fashion & Design – Bentley College, Perth). Will advise and/or do work.

Wants: Transport (occasional)

SISLETS Noticeboard



Bread-Maker

for sale - \$25 & 30u
(Retail price: \$125.00 – hardly used)
Tina Goodwood SISA0175
Phone: 8272 9404

Wanted:

Fruit (any kind – from backyard fruit trees)
For sale/swap: Nectarines (available soon)
Doreen SISA0190 Morphettville
Ph 8295 8279

Gardener & Cleaner Wanted

Muriel (SISA0168) West Lakes
Phone 8449 9617

For Sale:

Portable TV, Radio, Lantern that plugs into car battery.

Mobile Wardrobe: portable white metallic. Excellent condition. Pulls apart. Top area plus three wire baskets (drawers) at base. Pulls apart for transfer or storage. \$25&30u

Outdoor chairs (4): folding, bright yellow. 3 plastic, 1 fabric. \$3&6u each

Prints: Large framed. \$5&10u each

Numerous kitchen items: e.g. containers with lids, oddment cutlery, oddment glasses, platters, crockery, colander and containers in bright yellow

I've had a huge 'spring clean' – and have lots of items for sale, including a fan, heater, stereo unit, shoes (children's and ladies sizes 7-8½), Xmas trees (3) and decorations, camping television & radio – plus more! If interested please contact me.

Donna SISA0220 Norwood
Ph 8332 7197

Property and Pet Care during your Holiday

◆ Your valued possessions secured

◆ Pets a priority

◆ Excellent recent references

◆ Half barter/half \$'s

◆ Can Live in

Catherine SISA0185
Phone: 8552 3306



Adelaide LETS Market

Sunday 22 February 2009 - 11am-1pm
At Hillcrest Community Centre,
Queensborough Ave, Hillcrest.
Lunch, tea and coffee, raffle
(Lunch vouchers for stallholders)
To book your free stall please call
Sue 8266 2757 adelaidelets@hotmail.com.

South LETS 2009 Markets

Sunday March 15 – Willunga Quarry Market (details to be finalised)

Sunday May 3, July 12, Sept 13 &

Dec 6 at Aldinga Institute

Contact: Liz 8556 2705



WANT TO VISIT TASMANIA THIS SUMMER?

Use my house there as a base.

Help me to paint and tidy up, etc,
and join me for guided tours.

I can meet ferry at Devonport or plane at Launceston.

Ph Julie 0405 455 726 for details or email
juliesorel@gmail.com

Trips wanted to the SISLETS

Market (from Goodwood)

Strawberry runners wanted

Tina Goodwood SISA0175

Phone: 8272 9404

Travel Photos

I have DVDs available of my recent travels to Central Asia, Nepal, Bhutan and NE India (excellent photos) if anyone is

interested

Milton SISA0024 Daw Park

Ph 8276 4504

'Money Matters' Course

Free 6 week course

Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm

Starting February 19th

How to Save Money, Goal Setting, How to Budget, Assertiveness, Scams & Poverty Traps, Centrelink issues.

Bookings essential – free child-care available

Marion Life Community Services Inc

887 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park

Phone 8277 0304

Wanted:

Large wire cage (for rabbits)

Louise SISA0189 Ph 0413 642 864



Hello from Milton!

Hi Everyone!

I recently returned from another overseas trip (7 weeks) - 260km Annapurna Trek (walk) in Nepal (exhausting because we caught viruses and I vomited phlegm and coughed every day for 2.5 months - and had a very bad back - which is now better); 8 days travelling through (pretty but very expensive - \$A400/day) Bhutan (afterwards I lost 600 of my best Bhutan photos!); troubled north-east India (boring - 100+ terrorist groups here), Sikkim and the wettest place in the world (but it was dry).

I am now busily indexing the remaining photographs and writing about my trips. I haven't opened my Christmas cards yet - Senders know that it takes me until February or March to reply when I usually send them several DVDs of photos, books, jokes and a long letter. It takes me a year to collate all this information together.

I bought about 140 cheap DVD pirated movies while I was overseas. One DVD claims to have 46 worst Hollywood horror movies on it - the quality is not that good, and it only has 18 movies. I have the complete collection of James Bond movies, Mr Bean and '24', many BBC nature series, the latest James Bond movie a fortnight before it was released in world cinemas, etc. I hope to see one or two movies a week on my home computer.

I only read about 115 books last year, down on 275 from 2007, which is understandable. My computer read most of them to me. Also, during 2008, I practiced voice recognition, i.e. speaking into a microphone and the computer types it onto a page. This technology, or my voice, is not that good, so I hope to try another such program and microphone, then perhaps give that idea up. I am a relatively fast typist, thank goodness!

See you at the market! Milton

HISTORY OF LETS in AUSTRALIA

by Ann Jupp

*(presented at the recent LETS Conference
2008 Brisbane Aust.)*

Lea Harrison was in USA doing a Permaculture Design Course when she learned of a new "economic" system in Canada (created by Michael Linton - a Scottish economist). She brought this radical idea back to Maleny (Qld) where Jill Jordan saw the benefits it could bring to their local community. She and a computer whiz, Ian Smith, then spent a few weeks in Canada learning how LETS worked. On their return they held a public meeting with about 80 people. As a result the first LETS group - Maleny LETS - began in November 1987.

The idea spread to the Sunshine Coast (Nambour), Brisbane and the Northern Rivers district of NSW (Lismore then other places). Jill went travelling leaving seeds of new LETS systems all the way. It particularly impressed "hippy-type" communities. LETS continued to spread from Sydney to the South Coast of NSW, Canberra, country Victoria (Daylesford first), then Melbourne, South Australia, Tasmania, WA, and up the coast of Qld. The south west of WA (around Margaret River) was very strong. By 1990 Blue Mountains LETS had become huge with 1500-2000 members. They were powering along until they began working with State and Federal government in areas of employment and welfare and then it got "swallowed up".

John Croft in Perth was a leading figure in LETS. He also worked in the Office of State Development and got government support for LETS start-ups. Unfortunately they have been out of contact for some years now. The NSW Government also funded a LETS development worker in the Hunter region for a time.

In Qld there are about the same number of LETS systems as there used to be - some gains and some losses. NSW and Victoria were the first to have State LETS organizations, with Qld not far behind. Sadly these have all folded now. In Tasmania there were several LETS systems,

some of which have now collapsed. SA has also lost a few since systems.

Then Paul Felix from Deloraine took up a job in UK with Michael Linton, helping local Councils get LETS up and running. One in Manchester gave a committee a \$\$\$ loan to start up, which they allowed the group to pay off in “bobbins” – their LETS currency.

Overseas UK was very strong early, with Stroud, Totnes and others getting publicity. LETS is still going in Canada, very strong in Brazil and Japan. Japanese students doing sustainability courses regularly come and visit us in Maleny. We also talk about LETS to Community Development students from Yeronga TAFE who come from all parts of the world.

Maleny instigated the first National Conference at Yarrahappini on the NSW north central coast in 1992. It began a time of increased dialogue and networking between LETS systems. We paid Michael Linton’s air fare out to attend this Conference. It ended up with the “blokes” talking philosophy and the women talking about the “nuts and bolts”. Since then we’ve had Conferences in the Adelaide Hills, Deloraine (Tas), Harvey Bay, Sydney, Shoreham (Vic), Maleny, Wollongong, Moruya (NSW), Melbourne, Maleny again, then a gap of 4 years when Melbourne LETS people talked Gippsland LETS into hosting and we went to Bairnsdale, Newcastle (run by Hunter LETS) and now Brisbane.

Over the years I’ve observed that the main problems that “kill” LETS systems are one person holding all the strings (other members can’t feel an ownership), internal conflict (personality clashes), burn-out (a few people doing ALL the work), lack of succession planning (key person leaves or loses interest without handing on the knowledge) and changing demographic of the area (LETS no longer relevant).

At first we thought LETS could be a true alternative to the monetary economy. Now we are hanging in so we’ll be able to lessen the pain of the global financial crisis!

Copies of 2008 National LETS conference full summary are available if interested – email: sislets.coordinator@gmail.com

RECYCLING

(presented Fred Olsen & Adrian Vos at the recent LETS Conference 2008 Brisbane Aust.) Report: Hugh Dickson

Fred and Adrian have been recycling for many years. In fact Adrian hasn’t put out a wheelie bin for about 28 years. Fred earns money from his recycled “creations”.

Here’s their handy comments:

1. Organic waste can go straight to a worm farm (or compost bin)
2. Different grades of plastic go in yellow top bin. There are numbers which indicate the grade, some are High Density poly and some are Low Density. This is sorted by laser. A lot goes to China for processing. Plastic can also be used to make the bio-diesel of the future.
3. Milk and food containers should be washed out so it doesn’t become smelly (before recycling).
4. All metal is recyclable – steel and aluminium are sorted by magnet at the recycling plant.
5. Glass is used for re-manufacture and for sandblasting (sand is toxic to the lungs, fine glass apparently can be absorbed by the body).
6. Energy use and carbon emissions created by the recycling process need to be weighed up against the alternative of landfill.
7. Old computers are sent to China – gold and other metals are collected from the processed parts.

Over 80 million tyres are discarded each year. Fred recycles tyres. He makes horse feeders, garden edging, swings, compost bins, potato stacks (planters) and herb spirals using old tyres. Old wheelie bins are turned into water carriers, fishing seats, wheelie tanks and even dog kennels. He has also made dog kennels from fridges and crates. He recycles drums for water storage tanks complete with taps. He uses cable reels for bird aviaries and tables.

10 million people in China are working in recycling. 1 million people in Africa are organic farming, and 1 million in Mexico are doing revegetation and waterway rehabilitation.