



Newsletter

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Please take the time to read your newsletter as it includes valuable information, and feel free to comment or offer suggestions or assistance on the next issue.

Membership

Thank you to everyone who renewed their LETS membership. We have also 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 90 and there are 375 offers to choose from so get trading, as there is something for everyone.

Please make sure that you utilise the online directory of offers and requests as that is most up to date, otherwise you could be missing out on valuable new members services. And always ensure your offers and requests on the website are up to date for the same reason.



Trade Day, Woy Woy

Trading/meeting 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 or just come and enjoy the socialising, and who knows, you may find that treasure you have been looking for.

DATE	TYPE	AREA
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• Sat August 4th	Trade Day	Gosford/Woy Woy
• Sat August 18th	Trade Day	Wyong Nth
• Sat October 6th	Meeting	Gosford/Woy Woy
• Sat Nov 3rd	Trade Day	Gosford/Woy Woy
• Sat Nov 17th	Trade Day	Wyong Nth
• Sunday Dec 2nd	Trade/Pamper	Kariong Eco Gardens

All trade days will go ahead unless it is pouring with rain if they are outside, if unsure please call.

Wyong Nth

For times and locations e-mail Ruth

wyongnth@centralcoastlets.org

Gosford/Woy Woy

Meetings will be held at Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy. (9.30–10.30–Meeting. 10.30–12.00–Trading)

Trade Days - 80 Woy Woy Road, Woy Woy (nearest cross road is Pier Street). 9am – Midday (Set-up from 8.30)

Member messages

Do you have something you would like to share with members? Please let me know if you do & I am happy to put it in the next newsletter.



Thank you for wonderful LETS work and goodies from:

Libby Bourke and *Peter Meloy* for gardening;
Korina Ivatt for computer help and pear jam;
Jim Nicholson for massage;

Glenys North for passionfruit and eggplants; *Ann Marshall* for chocolate cake and minestrone; *Gina Booth* for pink fairy wings; *Noreen Ross* for her mini facials and hand massages; *Kel & Karina Hermansson* for a tablecloth and chokos; *Marian Formosa* for a lovely plaited scarf; *Helen Hawkes* for a yummy chicken casserole; *Maggie Alhamland* for cat care; *Sabine Parge* for interior deco, pesto, homous; books and clothes, etc.

And to those who employed me and made it possible to splurge on all the above: THANK YOU too!

And to Korina for her hospitality and all her work behind the scene enabling LETS to function!

Many thanks from Brita Beeston (217)



Good news story: Yesterday I got some rhubarb from Ann Marshall - thanks to the announcement about her offers - because I know my neighbours like them.

Today I put them on my neighbours' doorstep, when their doorbell wasn't answered & this afternoon I was presented with a bowl of cooked rhubarb to enjoy for desert.

How about that for LETS working even further than we realised? Regards, Brita

Mike Rubbo (CCA0007) does an online blog (diary) with 108-year-old Olive Riley. She is apparently the oldest blogger in the world. Her fascinating story can be viewed at www.allaboutolive.com.au

Trading

So far this year Central Coast LETS members have traded an impressive 32,000 shells. A fantastic amount.

Remember to keep trading to keep LETS alive.

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 meet 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.

LETS Member Enquiries



Ruth (CCA0238)

WyongNth LETS Coordinator

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Ruth organises all the LETS events held in the Wyong area. If you have any queries relating to an event in Wyong please contact Ruth where possible.

Morris (CCA0003)

Admin assistant

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Do you have a question about your LETS membership or events other than in Wyong? Then please contact Morris who will be happy to help.

Korina (CCA0141)

Administrator

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4344 6185 or 0431534813

Although Ruth & Morris should generally be members first point of contact for queries please don't hesitate to contact Korina if you would like to.

Joint trade & pamper EXTRAVAGANZA



Image courtesy of Anne Stevenson

Those of you who attended The Gosford/Woy Woy & Wyong North Joint Trade Day at Kariong Eco Gardens in April will remember what a great day it was.

As will the members who attended the Pamper day in the same month.

So with that in mind a December extravaganza is being arranged for all LETS members.

I've arranged entertainment for the children in the form of a face painter & balloon twister from JoJo Just 4 Kids, [children's](#) craft workshops with Kate and Karen the Magician. All LETS members who will enthral everyone.



HELP NEEDED: If you would like to help out with this event in any way please contact me.

Remuneration of 15 shells an hour to all helpers.

Childminders are needed on site for the day to give parents a break and a chance to get pampered so if you can help out for even half an hour please let me know.



Lorna

Membership card/name badges

All members should have by now received their new membership card/name badge. If you have not please contact me ASAP, or if you require one for your partner/child please also let me know.

Member numbers

Please ensure you are using your correct member number on Trade Days and print your surname otherwise it makes it difficult for sellers to enter their sales into the system. Some people are using a totally incorrect member number! If you are unsure PLEASE check with me.

HELP needed - Blue Mountain LETS

Was anyone a member of the Blue Mountain LETS? Or know someone who was? Would you be willing to talk to (face-to-face, email or telephone) a university student and answer a few simple questions about the system to help with his Geography dissertation on LETS? If you would please get in touch! E-mail Josh Keith at jjk37@cam.ac.uk or call Korina on 4344 6185.

Book to borrow

I have a book by Tim Jenkin who is the administrator in South Africa of the CES system that we now use to record trades etc. It is a fascinating book about his political arrest and subsequent escape from prison during apartheid in South Africa. Please contact Korina if you would like to borrow it at no charge.

LETS Advertise

Free advertising in the newsletter is provided for 100% shell goods and services.

If you feel your offers are not being utilised by members I will happily include these in the newsletter.

Please contact Korina with the details of your advert for the next edition of this newsletter.



Working bee

Libby (CCAU0194) hosted a working bee at her Pearl Beach property on Sunday 15th July, which was a great morning, thanks for the yummy cakes & biscuits Libby.



Anne & Maria lugging branches up to the road



Lesley & Libby hard at it cutting away branches

Message from Libby: We had a great day and the work done was pretty astounding...I could not have done it on my own... the people remaining into the afternoon all had yummy soup and the kids had noodles. I suddenly remembered I found a washing machine the day before that I needed to pick up so Mike and Maria kindly helped me with moving that. It really was a great day and a really lovely social time and catch up for everyone I think... all the kids had a great day too. We finished at about three.

Thankyou to all the people who came!



Mike busy with the saw



A well deserved break



LETS Directory

It was decided by the members at the last meeting that we would not automatically print and post directories to all members any longer due to the fact they go out of date so quickly with new people joining all the time and the cost involved.

So to see the latest directory please follow these step by step instructions.

Login to your CCLETS account at www.centralcoastlets.org, Member info.

Click on 'Offerings' along the top of the screen then on 'Download full offers list'. To ensure you keep track of the ever increasing list of offers I would recommend about once a month following the same instructions above but instead of clicking on 'Download full offers list' just click on the option above that called 'This months offers'.

All members without Internet should have received a printed copy of the directory and member list by now, if you haven't please let me know.

Anyone else who would like a printed directory and/or member list please just let me know, I'm happy to send them out to people that don't have a printer or who are not confident on the computer yet.