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LETS was proudly nominated for the **2007 Central Coast Community Building Awards**
Thank you to all the members who took the time to nominate our LETS group

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL NOW 118!

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 member's services. And always ensure your offers and requests on the website are up to date for the same reason.



Trade Day, Woy Woy

!!!!!!SPEND, SPEND, SPEND!!!!!!

REMEMBER

You don't have to earn shells before you start spending them. Your account may be in debit, but by spending, **someone** else's account is going up in credit.

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
• Sat Nov 3rd	Trade Day	Gosford/Woy Woy
• Sat Nov 17th	Trade Day	Wyong Nth
• Sunday Dec 2nd	Trade/Pamper	Kariong Eco Gardens
• Sunday Jan 13th	Trade Day	Gosford/Woy Woy

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

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

Joint trade & pamper **EXTRAVAGANZA**



Image courtesy of Anne Stevenson

The joint trade and pamper day is fast approaching.

It will be a fantastic day including entertainment for the children in the form of a **face painter & balloon twister** from JoJo Just 4 Kids & **children's craft workshops** with Kate.

After the success of the last joint **trade** and **pamper** days it was put forward at the June meeting & agreed at the October meeting that members of the public should be able to attend to get a feel for what LETS is all about without actually joining. I will be sending out more information on that soon.



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

Remuneration of 20 shells per hour to all helpers.

Jobs available: Childminding, coordinator for pamper services & front entrance greeter. Contact me for proper descriptions.

*** Even if you can only do half an hour PLEASE let me know**

Trading

Since April of this year Central Coast LETS members have traded an **impressive 45,021 shells.**

A fantastic amount in such a short time, keep it up.
Remember to keep trading to keep LETS alive.

LETS Training

The online training in September went really well & the feedback was very positive



Robyn, Ann, Marvellen & Maria learning

I am happy to run more training sessions if members would like them.

Evenings / weekends / Wyong area, please **just let me know.**



LETS Member Enquiries

Ruth (CCAU0238)

WyongNth LETS Coordinator

wyongnth@centralcoastlets.org

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 (CCAU0003)

Admin assistant

morris@centralcoastlets.org

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 (CCAU0141)

Administrator

korina@centralcoastlets.org

4344 6185 or 0431 534813

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.



Congratulations to LETS member

Laura who gave birth to baby Ryan Monday 6th August & also to member Aimie who gave birth to Mali on Monday 8th of October & to Ingrid who gave birth to Samuel recently.

Member messages

Mike Rubbo came to our home and showed a DVD of his fascinating documentary film Much Ado About Something, which explores the theory that the works of William Shakespeare were in fact written by Christopher Marlowe. There was plenty of time for a stimulating chat with Mike about the "Marlowe theory" - which is very plausible and provocative - and how he made the film. This makes a very enjoyable evening for anyone interested in literature and the theatre, or who just likes a good historical mystery. We organised the evening as a "present" for my parents, who were visiting from England and who are keen theatre-goers.

Regards,
Mark Mann (CCA0085)

Gift voucher's for Christmas



Did you know you can give LETS vouchers to non-LETS members as presents? It's as simple as downloading one from [here](#) or let the office know you would like one & we can email or post you some. A fantastic way to introduce LETS to friends & family and also to give something special such as a relaxing massage or a delightful pedicure or even a spot of gardening. The choice is yours.

Permaculture Central Coast

*Do you want to grow **organic food**?*

*Are you concerned about **sustainability**?*

*Would you like to learn about **Permaculture**?*

Permaculture Central Coast meets on the Third Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start (until about 9pm) at Tuggerah Community Hall, ANZAC Road, Tuggerah
Cost: Members FREE. Visitors also welcome: \$5 donation suggested, Children welcome. Great food and chat after the main meeting! For further information contact Vicky or Keith on 4392 8655 or email pcnsw@yahoo.com.au



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.

Who can trade?

If you want to check that the person you are trading with is a paid up member of CC LETS just check the online system for their name, if it is not there they are not members. Or ask to see their membership badge.

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.

Region names: Results

These are the new region names for the nine areas of LETS on the Central Coast. Thank you to everyone who voted.

Currently known as

Area 1
Area 2
Area 3
Area 4
Area 5
Area 6
Area 7
Area 8
Area 9

New member voted area name

Yarramalong section
Tumbi Umbi section
Wyong section
Budgewoi Lakes District section
Gosford Hinterland/Forest section
Terrigal section
Mooney Mooney section
Woy Woy section
Bouddi section

August Trade Day



A members experience of LETS: What a wonderful experience joining LETS has been for us. Our family, consisting of Peter, Karen and children Candice - fourteen, Tom and Mike- five and Ruby-two have all enjoyed being part of the LETS family and it only continues to amaze us at the offers, experience and potential of LETS.

We joined LETS at the last Trade Day at Korina's house and had a wonderful day. It was more like a folk festival! We brought fresh flowers and herbs from our garden plus nice clothes that our children had outgrown and some jewellery for trade. We were very excited to be able to purchase on the day, even though we weren't in credit on our account. We bought a lot of beautiful oranges from Gina Booth who is from Killarney Vale and our children still enjoy wearing the hand made bracelets, also from that stall. We have enjoyed watching our daisy's flower prolifically and our strawberry plants start to produce fruit, all from Kel & Karina and Peter was able to spend time planning future building work at their house. Peter has also worked for Mike Rubbo and has at least two more appointments with LETS members in October plus referrals that we're grateful for.

I am very happy to be finding new homes for things we no longer need and look forward to the next Trade Day on 6th October at Woy Woy. Our heartfelt thanks to Korina for all her hard work in making our LETS group work so well and GROW so fast!

Our family hope to host a Trade Day in our Garden next year and we talk about LETS to everyone we can. Groups like these are the way of the future.

Happy Trading and we hope to meet you soon,
Karen, Peter and family.



LETS Directory

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.

Can you help a new member?

Help a new member start trading by phoning them if you can assist with any of their requests.

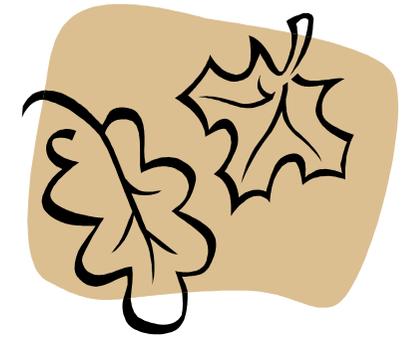
New members can feel shy about contacting people to fulfil their requests when they haven't met everyone yet. So when you read of a request that you can fulfil, why not call the new member and make them welcome and offer them your services or goods thereby building a sense of community.

Member numbers

Please ensure you are using your correct member number on Trade Days and **print** you 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.

The Youth & Community Garden Project

Be involved in your community!



Would you like to be involved in a wonderful community project on the Peninsula or in Gosford?

This project will be run in partnership with Equilibrium Eco-Services Inc., and aims to educate youth and the broader community about natural gardening principals using part of Woy Woy Public school grounds.

The proposal is to develop two diverse and natural gardens/learning areas (one at Woy Woy Public School and one at the Gosford Learning Centre) that will be accessible to members of the local community as a demonstration of how to establish a garden based on the replication of natural ecosystems (that is, including elements such as diversity; succession; plant selection; habitat; mulch and water sinks/pools) and informed by indigenous land management practices and cultural perspectives.

A series of free community workshops held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre and Rumbalara Environmental Education centre will be offered to educate and inspire local residents to become involved in the project.

As the garden is developed it will incorporate various features such as indigenous food plants, ponds and possum boxes as examples of how to encourage biodiversity in the area.

Students from Woy Woy Public, Ettalong, Woy Woy South, Empire Bay and Brisbane Water Public School will be engaged through a program focussed on the transition from Primary to High School.

It is envisaged that the Youth & Community Garden project will become a model for other schools and communities to follow in the development of the own natural gardens.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this fantastic community project, and can attend on Wednesday afternoons during term four. Children are welcome.

If you are interested please contact Mia on 0417 043165 or e-mail miaricko@kooee.com.au to register your interest.

Please be sure to mention LETS when contacting Mia and if you could also please let me know I'd be grateful. Hope to see lots of you there.

A message from LETS member Karen McCarthy:

Korina's email last week about the free "Natural Gardening" workshops at Rumbalara coincided with my enrolment in a Biodynamics course in 2008. The Workshops sound wonderful and children are welcome. The Groups running the workshops are involved in at least four Community and /or School Gardens and enjoy friendly support from the community. I'll be taking my 3 youngest children to the course with me and will be then become involved in "greening" the front garden at Woy Woy Public School. I attended this school as a child and would pester my teachers to plant a garden there. Finally it will happen. My mother and grandmother were also students of Woy Woy Public School so this placed holds a special place in my heart, it will be very satisfying to be a part of beautifying it.

Happy Trading and we hope to meet you soon, Karen, Peter and family.