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Teamwork makes all the difference!

Hi everyone, hope you are all well.

I'd like to start by saying thank you so very much to Fiona for taking on all the extra work so I could have a break.

Fiona you have been wonderful, so efficient and so friendly, thank you.

I have heard nothing but good from members about Fiona's time as the administrator and am extremely grateful for the opportunity she gave me to pull back somewhat and refresh, recuperate and be ready to come back feeling good about coming back.

Fiona's official finish date is December 20th but I am so happy to announce that she will not be leaving me/us completely. Fiona has agreed to stay on and help out.

I feel great having taken a break and even better knowing I have some wonderful people to now help carry the load, the

new team for CC LETS is as follows.

Administrator: Korina Ivatt

As always I will be available to answer queries, email is best (korina@centralcoastlets.org) but my home number is 4342 5079 if you do need to phone, during the week I'm now at work but leave a message and I will get back to you (maybe not the same day but usually the same week!)

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Meet the CC LETS Team

Administrator: Fiona Thornycroft

Fiona will be available to answer queries either by email or telephone. Fiona & I are sharing the job/responsibility now so either of us is fine to talk to about any administration issues or queries. Her contact number is 4322 7686 and email fiona@thornycroft.net.

Newsletter editor: Lisa Kelly

Lisa will produce four newsletters a year, one for each season, this edition being her first one. Please contact Lisa (email lmkelly@bigpond.net.au or telephone 4329 2817 / 0422 437227) with any contributions you have, I'm sure she would be delighted to hear from you.

Events coordinator: Michelle Hill

Michelle did an absolutely fantastic job on her very first trade day at the end of November, everyone I spoke to just loved the whole day, thanks Michelle. If you are interested in lending a hand at future events please contact Michelle or if you have any suggestions for future days please let her know. (email info@organiseitall.com.au or telephone 4365 0937 / 0422 450308). I'm sure she would appreciate any help, no matter how small.

Membership secretary: Sonja Halton

Sonja will now be looking after memberships, basically new members registrations and orientation. And then at renewal time she will be responsible for renewing memberships. Thanks Sonja. If you have any queries regarding your membership please contact Sonja (email sonja.halton@virginbroadband.com.au or telephone 4308 2111 / 0435 248322).

Membership badge's: Tanya Gilham

Tanya will continue to create & distribute everyone's member badges as they join. Please be sure to have yours at trade days.

While badges for new members are part of the joining fee, replacement badges are 3 shells to cover the costs. Please speak to Tanya if you have lost your badge and require a new one.

Treasurer: Susan Wise

Susan is our new treasurer and will be looking after the "books" for us. Processing membership payment's and passing the info onto Sonja when people pay and also paying expenses such as the Kariong hall hire. Susan will have available every year around July/August a breakdown on where the money has gone for the previous year so all members are in the loop on CC LETS spending. If you need to contact Susan regarding expenses or membership payments please do (email suzee68@tpg.com.au or telephone 4334 2243) though she is unavailable until after Xmas.

Community Care Fund: Kerie Howlett

The LETS CC Fund is a charity available to the community (Not just LETS members) to assist with whatever may need doing with LETS members performing the work and being paid by the CC Fund at absolutely no cost to the community members receiving help.

If you would like to donate or know of someone who would benefit from the fund please contact Kerie, km.howlett@digisurf.com.au

Publicity officer: Vacant

Coming soon

Well as you can see the workload I was carrying has been significantly reduced due to these lovely people pitching in. But don't think that means you aren't needed. Everyone in LETS is so valuable to the group as a whole and we can all promote it near where we live by getting some of our lovely new colour brochures (from LETS member True Blue Printing - thanks Mick) and just leaving them at your local community centre, or at dance class after school, or at the bowling club, or the doctors surgery, (with permission at all these places of course) just about anywhere you normally go and you could earn shells if one of your brochures gets someone to join. Easy earning really. Just email me with your request for brochures.

Thanks everyone for the support over the last couple of years, I'm really looking forward to LETS moving on and up with this fantastic new team of people.

Take care and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, see you in '09.

Korina

Go CC LETS Members !

Just wanted to let everyone know how amazing they all are! Trading figures for 2008 (which isn't over yet!) are a staggering 206,796.55 shells! That's an amazing 4870 trades and an average trade amount of 42.46 shells.

Our best month this year was October with a huge 29,288.17 shells traded - amazing! Not bad considering one of our first months using the online system was a very small 8,894 shells for April 2007. And in November we had an incredible 36 new members - our most ever in one month! Please check out the new member offerings and see if you can help someone to start trading.

What an amazing group of people we have in CC LETS, everyone has just made this group a huge success - keep trading and keep enjoying your LETS group.

Korina Ivatt
[CCAU 0141]



NEW OFFERING

First time offered
on LETS.

Gift vouchers available
for Driving Lessons

20 shells + \$20.00 plus
petrol at 30c Klm

Phone Heinz on
4399 0169

Heinz Finkel
[CCAU 0263]

Getting Involved & Learning a New Skill

Doing the administration for LETS has been an enjoyable and enlightening experience. The first week saw a steep learning curve with e-mails flying back and forth between Korina and myself on a daily basis. Korina remains an invaluable back up for cases that prove "too hard".

After a week I had worked out a system for keeping track of new applications and that made my life much easier. You may not realise how fast LETS is growing. I send out information to a new applicant nearly every day (45 in my first 43 days) and it is always interesting to see how they have heard about LETS, through Google searches, the library, or current members of LETS.

Apart from processing and tracking new members (making sure they pay, get sent information about how LETS works and ask Tanya Gilham to send out their membership badge, credit shells to those who have recommended LETS, etc) there are many other "little" jobs. There have been enquiries about trade-days (when they are and how to get there); accounts to adjust (the wrong person being paid, or someone being charged twice); name changes on accounts (at least two); lost passwords to be retrieved (at least three); and new members needing extra help learning how to navigate the web-page, to name but a few things.

As the weeks have passed my computer skills have become less rusty and my children have learnt to pass me the phone! When I hand the job back to Korina I shall enjoy the extra time I will gain, but at the same time I will miss the sense of involvement that it has given me.

Fiona Thornycroft
[CCAU 0106]

Go Bush .. Tarot

People living on the land sometimes find managing weeds hard going. Here are some tips that might help:

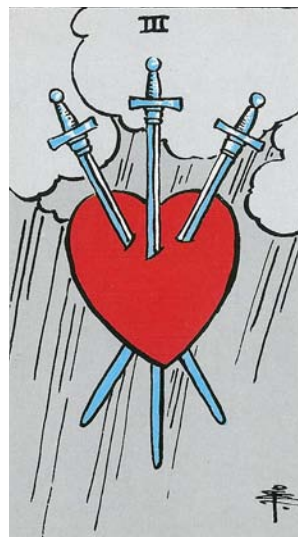
- rain, warmth, humidity will all encourage growth of weeds: if you don't have time to remove them, at least prune around the native or productive plants that you want to protect, so the weeds don't smother them; put in your diary some dates for weeding
- during summer, many weeds flower, with seeds setting in summer and autumn; watch your most problematic weeds and prevent flowering by removal (we can suggest time-effective techniques) or at the very least by pruning back all branches which carry flowers; avoid allowing seeds to set - the seeds develop into next year's problem
- avoid planting during December and January, because the plants suffer in two ways: 1. planting shock (they'll lose some fine roots, no matter how careful you are, so they can't pick up water no matter how much you waste on them) and 2. heat and/or full overhead sun; February is still hot but is usually very wet (which is good for new plants); March and April are good for planting, as are the spring months.

Helen Monks
[CCAU 0174]



The first part of this column is a Tarot card and its meaning. The card meanings are not within the context of a reading, rather they are the basic meaning for that particular card and thus very easy to understand.

Card: The Empress



Fertility.
Good advice.
Safety.
Security.
Unseen or unnoticed action.
A competent woman, building a future.

Tarot Archetypes

In a Tarot Archetype Report your birth-date is used to calculate your Primary Soul Archetype (your assignment in life) and Higher Soul Archetype (for those with a double load to carry) - expressions of your soul energy. Your Year Cycles are also calculated, giving you information on the year or years ahead.

The Empress year is about the home and heart, comfort and security, preparing for the future and protecting the present. The Empress is the mother figure of the Tarot, the nurturer and protector, the calm centre of the storm.

Men, this is a year to stop denying you want to nurture your children and

spend more time with your family. Men will find themselves appreciating women as friends, renewing relationships with sisters, seeing at last the quiet energy of your mother in the home, and how she influences your choice of mate.

Career women, this is a year to stop punishing yourself for having a career and look at how much security your work brings to the home.

The Empress is not just about the home; she is about creativity bursting forth from the mind and the realm of the imagination. She is fertile, ripe and blossoming with ideas, plans, and creations. Even though creative juices are flowing in this year, much of what The Empress sows will not begin to sprout until the following year, when the physical manifestation of Emperor takes over, giving form to the imaginative thought-spark of Empress.

Pendulum Divining

A little something extra for you.

Gather your Supplies:

Pendulum with a defined tip.

Piece of paper divided into 4 quarters with a small circle where the lines cross.

Method:

Rest the tip of the pendulum lightly on the centre. Focus your mind on the question you want answered. Lift the tip of the pendulum and let it hang.

The motion of the pendulum gives the answer.

Up and down = yes;

side to side = no;

circles = you already know the answer.

Anne Stevenson

[CCAU 0198]

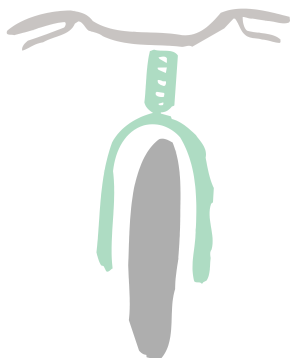
Tarot * Past Lives * Palmistry * Psychometry *
Dreams * Protections

Look for my sun sign at Pamper Day.



November Trade Day Pics

ON YOUR BIKE ...



Mark Mann would like to encourage LETS members who are able to do basic pushbike repairs and maintenance to add this service to LETS offerings (under *transport*).

It might help encourage people to use their bike more often if they could find a local LETS member to help keep their bike in good working order. As we all know, bikes are the greenest form of transport apart from walking.

HALF PRICE SOLAR ...

To all Central Coast LETS members ...

If you're interested in getting a 1kW solar panel on your roof for **\$1400 including inverter**, please contact me asap. This is about half the normal price.

NB: You'll need to be a homeowner with household income under \$100,000, and not already have claimed the \$8,000 rebate.

You'll pay about \$9,500 up front (\$8,000 of which you'll get back after 3-5 months). The cost of a short term loan for that money would be about \$500 I guess. So this offer will really cost you about \$2000 and should generate about \$200 a year in electricity at current prices.

This price is for a group installation by Aussie Solar with Climate Action Newcastle, or as a separate Central Coast group installation if we have enough people interested.

Email me asap if you're interested and I'll forward full details.

Mark Mann
[CCAU 0085]

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for the opportunity to edit the newsletter. As a new LETS member, I'm keen to get as much out of my membership as possible. I've already made contact with a local lady with a child of similar age to my girl Alison, got a new bedhead for Ali's room, got rid of some books and bric-a-brac at the Trade Day and met lots of members there. My banana palms are thriving and I've almost finished my newly acquired copy of "Buddhism for Mothers". As a graphic designer, I am always looking for new ideas, new work and contact with creative people. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and give me all your contributions and feedback at lmkelly@bigpond.net.au.

Lisa Kelly
[CCAU 0292]

