



Maleny LETS News

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CELEBRATION of MIND, BODY, SPIRIT - LETS SYLE!

Mind, Body, Spirit Mini-Expo

Maleny Neighbourhood Centre
Saturday, 12 February 2011

Maleny LETSsystem includes members who offer a great variety of professional healing services. Among these are massage, kinesiology, readings, acupuncture, counselling, Bowen therapy...the list goes on.

In view of the growth and success of our LETS Market at Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, it has been decided to organise a special event to offer and showcase mind, body, spirit modalities.

Nurturing is also an integral part of promoting good health and something that is often last on the list as we go about our busy-ness! Beauty treatments will also be available at the Expo so please make yourself available to participate if you practise in this area.

Members have shared stories as to how they have accessed these services through LETS gaining treatments and support they would not have otherwise had.

A member says, *"The main way that I use my Bunyas is to nurture myself. Before I joined LETS this was always last on the list because the money didn't seem to stretch that far – there were always other priorities. I now have all the treatments I need when I need them, particularly massage and counselling which helped me through a time of crisis as well as lending ongoing support. Thank you to those who offer these valuable services through LETS."*

The value of professional services offered to our membership is often overlooked and so it is the aim of the Mind, Body, Spirit Mini-Expo organisers to present, honour and support members who offer their expertise through LETS.

To make this event a success and possibly a regular event, please register your interest. Stall cost will be 10B. Applications close on 31 December 2010. It is imperative that bookings are made in advance of that date as a decision will be made on 1 January as to whether there is enough interest to proceed.

Bookings are essential in order to ensure we have a good mix of modalities and to gauge the level of interest. This event will offer 100% bnyas to members but will also be open to the public.

Please contact Cherie Conrad, Maleny LETS market coordinator, preferably by email to secure your place. cherieconrad15@aol.com

MEMBERS' PAGE

Please contribute to your newsletter!

I invite letters/feedback to the editor, a favourite recipe, a poem/story/anecdote or special quote. Have your say - this is your space.

Member Musings

Many thanks to Gay for keeping up the Newsletter- we haven't been as active with LETS lately, but do like to keep up with what's happening.

I can certainly endorse the Bunya meals- going to the Club on a Monday night is a good inexpensive night out- Bunya meals plus entertainment- always interesting artists and occasionally someone 'absolutely fabulous' turns up and plays.

Hello there lovely LETS folk. Is it possible to have the newsletter in print form instead of electronic? I can only afford a very limited download, and this is a big file. So I'd rather not receive it by email.

The LETS Market at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre is just great. Every month it expands. It is a great social time as well as giving me the motivation to de-clutter once a month. Many thanks to Cherie and her helpers!

I went along to 'Movies That Matter' and Twilight Market at Woodford. It was a fantastic evening with music by Tommy Leonard and a jam session on stage by local musicians. What a great atmosphere! Big thanks to Kimnat from Woombye for the movie screen and set-up, Gary Willoughby for great coffee and Cherie Conrad for her inspiring vision of LETS.

From Bill in Hong Kong to Carmel (but Ed. pinched it – too good not to share!): The film, 'Eat, Pray, Love', is on in Hong Kong - it gets one and a half stars out of five! But what I wanted to tell you is that there is a restaurant in Ubud, Bali (Naughty Nuri's where Jenni and I have been over the years) now has a new t-shirts, recognising that parts of the film Eat, Pray, Love was filmed in Ubud. Its t-shirt: EAT, PAY, LEAVE. [sic]

CREATIVE COMPUTER SERVICES

100% Bunyas

Make the Most of the Internet

Effective use of the internet, using search engines to find what you seek, best web browser, good internet sites, how to download free legal shared music files. Apple Mac Specialist. 100% bunyas, you come to me (located right in Maleny town).

35B / hour

Apple Macintosh Advice and Tuition

New to the Apple Mac? I have been using Apple Computers for 25 years. I can provide you with advice on the best Apple computer for your requirements, and the software which will help you achieve what you want. There is lots of good free software and shareware out there. As this uses my computer, you will have to come to my home for this tuition, in town.

35B / Hr

Digital Imaging Tuition

An introduction to digital photography alterations, restoration and panoramic photography. As this uses my computer, you will have to come to my home in Maleny township for this tuition.

35B / hour

Digital Artwork Tuition

Introduction to several different types of digitally created art, explaining software which is available, and recommended hardware. As this uses my computer, you will have to come to my home for this tuition. An example gallery of my art is here: http://www.flickr.com/photos/maleny_steve/sets/72157607997983652/detail/

35B / hour

Digital Photography Tuition

How to make the most of your digital photos using your computer and either the software you have or can download free. As this uses my computer, you will have to come to my home for this tuition, in town. 100% bunyas.

35B / hour

Contact: Steve on 07 5435 2685 M: 04 5811 7054 E: steve@serendigity.net

THE SEQ2010 NATIONAL LETS CONFERENCE: See report next page.

BUNYA MEALS at the Upfront Club are going well with a regular crowd coming in to spend their Bunyas. You must be a current financial member of LETS (green card for 2010-2011) to take advantage of this deal. Memberships that are not current will no longer receive Newsletters and updates – and are not eligible to trade! The Upfront Club is also seeking a team of volunteers to help with clearing tables, running meals & drinks, close ups, etc. Call Ann (Vollie Coordinator) on 54942619 or email annjupp@westnet.com.au if you'd like to be part of this team – occasionally or on a regular basis. Bunyas paid.

MALENY LETS AGM was held on Saturday, 23 October in conjunction with the LETS Market at the Neighbourhood Centre with nine members in attendance. Topics covered included markets, bunya meals at the Upfront Club, CES and staffing. Financially we are in a healthy position and have put some of our growing funds into an e-saver a/c at MCU. New members – 17; Renewals 66 for the 2009-2010 year.

LETS MARKET: It was hoped to change the market day to the second Saturday of each month making it more available to members but bookings for 2011 have already been made at the Neighbourhood Centre so for now, we have to stick with **our market being on the fourth Saturday, 9am – 2pm as usual**. The market is going from strength to strength expanding each month. There's a great variety of goods: fresh produce; food and 'real' coffee provided from the kitchen by Cherie & Gary; fossick through LETS members' pre-loved goodies; sometimes there's massage, readings, beauty treatments.

CHERIE'S IDEAS: Cherie Conrad has flown into Maleny LETS like a breath of fresh air, full of energy and great ideas. She and Gay are currently organising a LETS Body, Mind and Spirit "expo" for early next year to showcase our wonderful healers of various persuasions and allow LETS members to be pampered and get a taste of what the modalities are about. The focus will be on healing, recovery, personal growth, spirituality, etc. She will put out for expressions of interest when it firms up. Cherie has also had some promotional fridge magnets printed "LETS.... do it without money". Some of these went into the Welcome Pack for National Conference participants, and the rest are for sale. She's also thinking of a promotional DVD/video including success stories of LETS in people's lives. We may be calling you for a positive story in the near future.

Promote LETS at the Festival!
WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL
LETS Tokens

ROBIN NEEDS A HELPING HAND!

If you are going to the festival and could spare up to half an hour of your time at 12 noon (on one or more days) to give out LETS Tokens please phone Robin on 5494 4707.

How to obtain your Festival LETS Tokens!



Where? The Chai Tent
When? 12 noon each day
Who? Robin Clayfield (or assistant)
OR the LETS Office up to 1pm,
Wednesday 8th December

Be warned! Be there as close to twelve as possible as Robin (or assistant) and her tokens disappear into the festival haze as soon as the rush dies down. Be warned again! You must be a financial member before the magic tokens touch your hand. Make sure you have renewed your membership.

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2010 LETS CONFERENCE – EVALUATION



SCORES: 23 responses received.

VENUE – 5/5 = 18. 4/5 = 4. 6/5 = 1 **PROGRAM** – 5/5 = 13. 4/5 = 7. 3/5 = 2. 6/5 = 1
CONTENT – 5/5 = 14. 4/5 = 6. 3/5 = 1 3/5 = 1 **FOOD** - 5/5 = 15. 4/5 = 3. 3-4/5 = 1 3/5 = 1
TIMING – 5/5 = 14. 4/5 = 5 3/5 = 1 1/5 = 1 (I think this was a football fan who misunderstood the question!)

COMMENTS: Hard to keep to time! - Opportunity for everyone to add feedback. - Bless the cooks!! - Shouldn't be on footie Grand Final weekend. - More salad greens. Accommodation GREAT. - Thanks. Congratulations.

SUGGESTIONS: A venue with LETS component in fees would be nice. A bit more time for social interaction and networking (don't have a solution for this as there is so much to talk about). Organisers mentor future conference organisers. Other organisers to get inspired by the good energy – not boring or formal just hands on work. Billet people on site (*WE DID). Video-conference with members at remote locations. LETS signage outside buildings. Map to venue. Amplification for hearing impaired. More free time to absorb session content – this happened once. Hints for future organisers (*DONE). Session on attracting new members (*MENTIONED IN “STAYING ALIVE”). More play time – games, swimming, etc. Soup – LESS food. Waiver on attendees taking full responsibility for themselves to get around Insurance & FEAR (*WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HIRE ANY VENUE). Lunch (wraps) make own & save work. Ask early attendees to contribute ideas/concepts to consider for program. Noise from outside (kitchen & dining area) was distracting, and planes – beyond our control. Speakers need to stop background talking and people talking over each other in sessions.

WHAT I REALLY LIKED: Socialising, networking. Gentle, happy directed energy – combination of people, groups & talents showcasing how a good community functions. Loved it all. All – congratulations & thanks for the hard work & organisation. Aravindha's music, debate, bonfire, excellent company & positive energy. Additional activities – beach walks, meditation (effective & relaxing). Fun & humour. Sharing/networking. Warmth & supportive atmosphere. Herb (fresh) tea & herb information. Relaxed atmosphere & decorations. Food variety & decoration. Social networking & friendliness. On-site accommodation – groups together & builds energy. Campfire. Prompt airport pick-up, dancing, meditation, Market. Beautiful energy. Beautiful set up & deco/design. Flow of sessions to kitchen & dining area. Mixing & mingling – useful for networking/connecting. Recycling – conference bags & hand-made name badges. Ambience of Birthday dinner, harp, people/connections. Debate. Good fellowship, wonderful food, great forum for exchange of ideas/views.

FEEDBACK ABOUT LETSYTEMS

STRENGTHS: Member complaints about LETS dealt with by 1-2 other members – no significant “waves”. Low on hierarchy. Good leader. (Hunter). Wide variety of skills offered. GREAT group of people. Strong connections with other groups – Permaculture, Transition Towns, Food Connect, etc. (DVNS) Free & easy atmosphere. Built on trust. Now on CES. Public face in town. (Maleny) Good location. Council funding & support. Multi alternative systems at CERES. (Moreland) The people running it. Core group harmony & passion. Regular Market venue now & coordinator. No vouchers needed. (Maleny) Camaraderie. Like minded rebels. Supported feeling. (Anonymous) Welcome new members. Good friendships. (Swan Hills WA) Good core members. Going into CES. Generous, talented, diverse people. (Cab) Exceptions position. Council funding & support. (Moreland). Wonderful, strong committee. Some great, friendly members. (SC LETS). 150 members. Full time person in office. No committee – management team instead. (Byron Tweed). Networking. Friendships. Sharing. (DVNS). Continuity of regular gatherings - Park in West End. Everyone is welcome. Convenience of IT/CES. (Bris). Networking – kept up to date with emails. Great group of people with like minds. (Cab) Continuing & great friendships. Very caring members(Hunter) Networking. Personal face to face gatherings. Committed admin staff. (SC LETS). No annual fees/charges. Good social group. Monthly meetings & trading. (Bris). Longevity. Flexibility. Recycling. (SC LETS) Cooperative. Fun. Sharing. (Maleny). Long & continuing LETS group. Fun, creative, well-meaning people. Regular communication & CES. (Cab). Many members. Enthusiastic & large committee. Variety of skills. (Syd). Long term. Lots of members trading. Community is evident. (Mal)

WEAKNESSES: Not much presence outside of picnics & friends of members. Not a good turn up to some picnics. New members unsure about trading & being in “debt” - more intro needed. (Hunter). Problems handing over coordinator role. Problems with encouraging trading. Members don't treat LETS professionally – don't reply to messages, don't turn up, don't notify changes of offerings or contact details. (DVNS). Not a lot of attendance at meetings. Nil or little

response if we call for volunteers. (Mal). Perhaps [needs to be] more people/heart-centric. More socialising. Can't be bothered thinking about it – apathy. (Moreland). Seems to be acceptable that people are takers, not giving back. Transient population – people leave with credits they can't spend. Huge debit limit. Fringe Benefits Tax problems. (Mal). Some traders not available. Me not using the system enough. Committee not following through. Committee not [open to] trying new ideas. Meetings drag on. Hard to locate other LETS in WA. (Swan Hills). No currently regular Market days. Some people not generous spirited. People criticise committee and don't nominate themselves. (Cab). Lacking enthusiasm. Lacking motivation. Inability to keep members in system. (Moreland). [Need] more people to list gardening & learn new skills. [Need to] encourage people with trade skills to join. (SC). Members don't know how to InterLETS. People not updating their records. People will not take the time to look. People not reading the info on the exchange. (Byron/Tweed). Not knowing all members' skills. Not able to contact people. Not local enough for some members. (DVNS). My absence from the area. My lack of time. Secrecy – what do people try to hide? (Bris). Lack of trading. I am my own weakness by not listing all I can do. (Cab). Lack of office bearers & space. Not much follow up of new members. No succession plan. (Hunter). Geographical distances for trading on face to face basis. Not enough skills available. (Bris). No night market/connecting/trading time. (SC). Some members don't update offers. Some don't read newsletter. (Mal). Lack of trading. Lack of communication between members. Always in transition/growth. (Cab). Half members not trading – discourages others. People wait for credit before they spend. Members don't share handy skills. (Syd). Transition to CES. Some members are unaware/unmotivated to spend/trade excess. Bunyas. (Mal). [sic]



POSITIVE STORIES FROM 2010 LETS CONFERENCE

I have been in LETS for about 7 years. Over this time I have done administration. I have gained confidence and met many people. Josie – Sydney.

LETS people come to life when together, either in a small local way or regional Markets or at a national conference. LETS people can be ANYONE & EVERYONE – so LETS just keep growing and surviving. Angie – CabLETS

As coordinator I continue to learn about the system and meet very interesting people. I have seen peoples health turn around as they realise that others care. LETS gives us the power to change negative situations to the positive. Carmel – Maleny

I love to recycle clothes. Meet lovely and innovative people. Alison – SC LETS

Friendships have arisen from LETS. Fred organised a trip to Vietnam of 5 LETS people – excellent trip and we became very good friends and have travelled together to Vietnam, USA (twice) and parts of Australia. Adrian – BrisLETS

[I am a] long time LETSer – Illawarra, Genoa on South Coast – these groups were not successful in [surviving] I enjoy memories of LETS transactions from 1986 or so that I still use in my garden today. LETS “family” is still strong when we have gatherings such as this wonderful Conference. Annie – SC LETS

After deciding to walk the 1000 km Camino across Spain we had Spanish language lessons. Phillip came every Monday for 1 year. Then when we decided to walk across France, Katherine (a French teacher) came once a week for a year, then kept coming when we came back. Thanks LETS. My children had English tutoring, History tutoring & piano lessons. I have had housework, gardening, massage, painting and much, much more. But the friends I have made are more precious than everything else. Gaynor – Hunter LETS

I have met some interesting and resourceful people in LETS and now that the system is computerised I can see it becoming more popular. Allan – CabLETS

The concept & philosophies of helping people with no obvious receipt can in itself be very rewarding. Recently a BrisLETS person migrated to England. Before she left she had a trading day at her home, to share & actually “rid” herself of her Aussie “things”. In England she needed 1 particular night for accommodation. I emailed (cc'd) a London north-ish LETSer & the ex-BrisLETS person, and lo and behold the North London member arranged a bed with her next door neighbour. Ruth - BrisLETS

[LETS] supports elderly & sick people in their time of need. Provides love and friendship and reassurance. Glenda – DVNS Vic

I have saved myself so far, approximately \$40,000. I do not know why more people aren't on the system. Bev – Byron-Tweed

Twenty years as a member with wonderful memories of people assisting at the Herb Farm and helping with [publishing] 3 books. Isabell – SC LETS

I joined in 1991 – [it was] wonderful in the honeymoon period of the system when LETS was available at Crystal Waters. They accepted 100% LETS in annual Body Corp fees. They stopped because of Fringe Benefits Tax (what they were paying LETS workers was [considered] illegal). I love the connection with others in trading – the wonderful way that buyers bargain the price UP and give me more than asked – so generous and unlike “money”. I love the potential of [LETS] in our society. New currency doesn't have to be controlled by private interests for their own profit. It mobilises original ways of earning points, and everyone can do or sell something. It is a kind and caring way to give and serve and trade. Yay, LETS.

Ella – Maleny

[I] love all the positive and varied people I've met. Extended family and community are so important.

Cheryl – Moreland Vic

P.S. Synchronicity in the Universe WOW! Being billeted with Julie & Delphi – Julie happened to have a reel of 16mm film of the first big CONFEST (Conference/festival) at Cotter River back in 1976/7? Over 15,000? people believing in a different economic [way], people & ecology (world) gathered and started so many of the now “alternative” groups, businesses and interests around Australia.

[*Julie gave this historic archive to Cheryl, who works with Down to Earth Coop in Melbourne – they ran the Confests that changed a lot of peoples ways of thinking - Ed]

I joined LETS as soon as I moved to Maleny in 1990. Soon after this they needed office staff. Having no experience I took it on and learned computer, desktop publishing and heaps of other skills. I met a lot of great people – half the town, certainly all the alternative folk. I still meet so many interesting people both in Maleny and all over Aust (via Conferences, of which I'm a committed “junkie”). I love the way that LETS builds community too.

Ann – Maleny

Lovely people & wide variety of skills. One member contacted me about LETS accommodation in WA as her son was in Aust Archery Championships [there]. I went on the web & found contact for a Perth LETS man & gave it to her. She emailed him but he was no longer in LETS but he was going overseas for 2 weeks and wanted house-sitters at the exact time she needed accommodation. So my friend had a HUGE house, a pool and use of a car – all for free!! Not for LETS points but all because of the LETS network.

Jenny – DVNS Vic

Turning up regularly at Mingle & Trading Market days with a lot of fresh organic produce like fresh herbs, fruit in season, plants of all kinds, honey, comb honey, flyers with information about various rare or useful plants, bee by-products, books with documentary content about the produce I brought. Recently worm tea, worm castings, earthworms and seeds (true seeds). I proposed [tom the Committee that we] join the CES and finally we succeeded in this, by revealing the advantages of that system.

Monica – Moreland Vic

I have met beautiful people, had lots of fun and enriched my life through being a member of CabLETS. When a system was set up to reward Community Garden volunteers with points that was fantastic for me. I still have points from that which I'm gradually spending. Every time I went to a Market day and spent my points, I felt thoroughly rewarded for helping my community and teaching local kids to grow & enjoy healthy food. I donated the points I made at Markets from value-added herbs, etc to the Permaculture Club to reward other volunteers. It was immensely satisfying and kept lots of energy flowing for both LETS and Permaculture Caboolture. We've been less active with Trading Days lately but I still love being a member and trading. LETS keep the good energy flowing!!

Carol - CabLETS [sic]

STATISTICS

Since joining the Community Exchange System in Feb 2008, Maleny LETS members have traded 533,051 Bunyas in total!

Pretty impressive!

THE RED BOX IS BACK!

The 'red' box formerly accessed at MCU will be placed at the Upfront Club in the vicinity of the LETS noticeboard. This will enable members to leave notices, chits, etc., when the office is not open.

LETS COFFEE CARD WILL SOON BE LAUNCHED!





Bunya Markets 2011

Maleny Neighbourhood Centre
4th Saturday of each month



MUSINGS from the MARKET COORDINATOR

The August market was smaller in numbers and larger in area than the previous one in July but was still highly successful. I had a great time... I hope you did too... I know some of you did because you told me so...

October's market indicated a growing interest by members – stallholders as well as traders. It's great to see the market expanding.

Those that attended enjoyed:

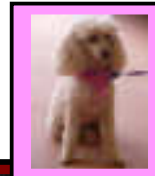
- Fairtrade Organic Coffee expertly made by Danny Rose (August) and Gary Willoughby. Many thanks.
- Vegeburgers, Fishburgers, Hotdogs, Trifles, Cake, Juice, Steamed Dim Sims and Handmade Chocolates - thanks to Worthy Cause, Jeannie and new member Jane who manned the kitchen
- Full body massage and reflexology – many thanks to new member Sudeshana
- Spiritual Guidance/Oracle Card Readings thanks to Gay
- Eco laundry gel, curry sauce and tinned corn thanks to Worthy Cause
- Robin Clayfield made her CD's and books available, also, details of her upcoming courses
- Angela (from Caboolture) had an interesting array of goods including homemade treats
- Jeannie did chair massage while Koraley put her hairdressings skills to good use (from SC LETS)
- Ella offered fresh produce and several stalls had lots of clothes, toys, books & bric-a-brac
- It's worth a visit next time just to see what Shadow will bring along!

I would like to particularly thank Bill Richardson for his support - he very generously donated 300 Bunyas to Worthy Cause to pay the rent at the Neighbourhood Centre for the markets. Thank you Bill - I am humbled and very grateful for your generosity.

As most of you know although I am the Maleny Market Coordinator, the market is also a fundraiser for Worthy Cause Ltd, a not-for-profit company dedicated to promoting the prevention of harmful and abusive behaviour. Jeannie Soo from SC LETS very generously donated a cake to Worthy Cause to sell on Saturday and Jeannie it was delicious. Thank you also for your generosity.

This is the reason I love LETS! It's you people...you're a delightful bunch! Thank you to all involved.
 Cherie

Minnie-ha-ha



Barbara & Bob enjoying the sunshine



Janelle with Market Coordinator, Cherie



The girls! Shop 'till ya drop!



Gary & Cherie manning the kitchen



Jan & Arcadia showing off their wares!

RECIPES for SUMMER and BEYOND

CAPSICUM RELISH

Makes 1 cup



- 2 large red capsicums, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup brown vinegar
- 1 tbsp. grated ginger
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped

1. Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan. Bring to the boil.
2. Reduce heat. simmer for 1 hour or until mixture is syrupy. Set aside to cool completely. Store in refrigerator.
3. Serve over cream cheese on crackers with snipped chives. It's also great with cold meats.

ONION MARMALADE

- 2 onions sliced
- 2 tabs olive oil
- Cook 15 mins until brown/burnt
- Add 1/3 cup brown sugar and 1/3 cup red wine & 2 tabs sultanas
- Cook for a couple of minutes until the liquid is absorbed.



ENERGY DRINK

- 2 teaspoons Brewers Yeast
- 2 teaspoons cold pressed olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Honey

Mix well and add 1/2 cup water or dark grape juice. Take once per day.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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The Problems with Conventional Money

(from the CES Website)

- **It is partisan**
- Money as we know it is not a neutral service provided by the government. Our money supply is created by private financial institutions on a for-profit basis. This money system is designed to benefit those who provide it, not those who use it.
- **It is based on debt**
- Money is created when banks grant loans. Thus for every unit created there is one unit of debt.
- **We are encouraged to think of it as a 'thing'**
- Money is essentially information and has no physical existence yet banks encourage us to think of it as a 'thing' so that they can 'lend' it to us and thereby make a profit by charging interest. 'Thing' money also has to be created, distributed and controlled so that there is not too much of it. It can also be stolen, lost, bought, sold and counterfeited, with serious consequences for everyone.
- **It is permanently scarce**
- The money to pay the interest on debt-money is never created. There is therefore a permanent shortfall of money to pay back both the principal and the interest.
- **It causes cancerous growth**
- Banks continuously need to create more money than is required to pay back their loans so that borrowers can pay back the interest on those loans. This is the source of the growth imperative of our economies. There must be a continual expansion of bank credit or else the economy goes into recession. Systemic growth leads to the environmental problems we now all face.
- **Its value is based on its shortage**
- The shortfall of money keeps it valuable. There only needs to be enough of it to buy back the goods and services available. This has nothing to do with the monetary requirements of people. Those who have none are not seen by the market and so are marginalised.
- **It is expensive**
- Every unit of conventional money is based on a unit of debt. This debt has to be paid back with interest, and the interest on the interest is compounding. Interest is built into the prices of everything we buy, resulting in higher consumer prices.
- **It redistributes wealth from the poor to the wealthy**
- Usury is the tool used by the wealthy to suck wealth from the poor and middle classes to the moneyed class. Parasitism and class antagonisms are the result of this.
- **It promotes dishonesty and corruption**
- You can get it without delivering anything of value (e.g. speculation, interest, gambling etc.) so people concentrate on 'making money' rather than producing/delivering anything of real value. It is usually far easier to get money through dishonest means than by honest work. When you have no money you have no choice but to try and get it dishonestly
- **It leaks away from where it is created**
- Conventional money knows no bounds and loyalty. It always leaks away to the 'money centres' (financial centres, big businesses, etc.)
- **It destroys local economies**
- Goods produced cheaper elsewhere replace locally produced goods. This creates a local shortage of money and reduces the market for local sellers. This also results in the irrational transportation of goods all over the world, consuming precious fossil fuels and creating pollution.
- **It destroys community**
- Dependence on money means we no longer need our neighbours. We can get everything from anonymous strangers in return for money. We have no obligation to anyone when the bills are paid. Every trade is a complete and closed action: you provide me with something and I give you money. End of story. No one does us any favours and we need do no favours for anyone.
- **It fosters competitiveness**
- The shortage of money means we all have to fight for a share of an amount that is too small to go around. The need to repay interest means that we have to eat others to prevent ourselves from going under.
- **It creates poverty**
- While it makes some super rich, it makes most people poor. Poverty is caused by a lack of money (not by a lack of jobs). Usury and the need to keep money scarce ensure that money constantly moves to those who already have money.
- **It causes social and cultural degradation**
- The elimination of local opportunities to exchange and relate to one another focuses attention on ways of getting money outside the community. Communities fall apart as they become indebted to entities outside their communities.
- And so many more...!

(thanks to Ella for this contribution)



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CES MARKET



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From the EDITORS DESK

This is my tenth year as a member of LETS and it continues to be a great source of joy and abundance. I just love the 'community' that LETS fosters, a community enhanced by the fabulous monthly market gathering. Many thanks to all who participate and make LETS the unique service that it is.



Blessings to all for 2011 and beyond!

A trip down memory lane...snippets from past LETS Newsletters: Dec 2002

FAIR TRADING by Verne Wall

Re-established as a participating member after some years of roaming, I would like to offer a few thoughts on our local LETS system.

When we first began our LETS system all those years ago, the one thing that stood out clearly for me was the spirit of mutual generosity present in our small community. That generosity was extended to our transactions with each other. Perhaps economic times were easier then, because the trading emphasis was on bunyas - with any cash outlay of the selling member acknowledged and always cheerfully reimbursed. We had a lot of fun then; commitment to the system and to each other was easy, busy and creative.

Now, in another century, has that commitment changed? This time around I haven't done much trading but enough to notice a difference. It seems many members are using LETS to supplement their dwindling cash incomes. The members who charge half bunyas, half cash, and the members who buy in the same manner are, in my opinion, diminishing the generous spirit of the system. Is it time to have another look at our trading manners?

Every day it seems we are pressured into increasing costs in our basic requirements; rent, food, transport, health and services. Are we giving in to this pressure, to the extent that our natural generosity towards each other is being eroded?

Personally, I have absolutely no problem with covering cash costs of a transaction, but I acknowledge that I have participated in the other kind of trading. I am worried that a larger cash component has become the "norm". You tell me: is that the case and if so WHY, and do we want to do something about it? And are you perhaps, like me, almost grateful for ANY respite to the extent that half-cash has become an opportunity to save a few dollars?

LETS re-examine our commitment to each other and to our practical, beautiful system.

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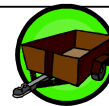
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