



# LETS TALK

Bi-monthly Newsletter of Warranwood LETS



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## Regular Events:

### Admin Group:

2nd Wednesday (each month)

### Healing Days

3rd Saturday (each month)

### Gardening Group

4th Sunday (each month)

## Membership Renewals

A big thankyou to the following members who have renewed their membership for 2007:

Richard & Ngaire Bennett  
 Lisa Bonner  
 Gerald Brooks  
 Carol Clarke  
 Deanna Cooper  
 Ken & Allison Downie  
 Susan Earley  
 Margriet Ebben  
 Elisabeth Gillespie  
 Debbie Green  
 Penny Green  
 Sandra Hardiman  
 Barbara Henderson  
 Elizabeth ('Liz') Horner  
 Annette Hutchinson  
 Rosemary Johnson  
 John & Susan Marryatt  
 Jenny Mays

Anita Ng-Wong  
 Donna Owens  
 Barbara Paterson  
 Emma Pippos  
 Carey Priest  
 Lorraine Renouf  
 Katherine Rudolph  
 Bob & Marion Sayers  
 Cherie Scott & Steve Jodrell  
 Ann Shoebridge  
 Dulcie Sutton  
 Graeme & Serena Sweeney  
 Keith Talbot  
 Jenny Teskey  
 Nick & Margo Thorne  
 Carmen Van Den Akker  
 Naomi & Stephen Walsh  
 Jasminka Ward-Matievic  
 Carol Woolcock  
 Julie Wouters  
 Noela Zenner



If you renewed after April 25 your name would have missed this list, but a big thank you too. If you have not yet returned your renewal – time is running out! Renewals were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. If you didn't receive a renewal notice or need a new one, please contact Keith on 9876 1846.

## LETS TRAVEL

LETS Travel Australia is a directory of properties around Australia that can be rented for holidays using LETS points.

It's a great idea and has

really taken something to get up and running. We wish to acknowledge the amount of time & energy that **Janice Trenair & Elaine Hartley** from **Dandenong Ranges LETS** have put into producing this great guide

for our benefit. What a wonderful gift. It will make a big difference to lots of people, I'm sure.

Anyone interested in receiving a soft copy can email me at [rosemary-johnson@aanet.com.au](mailto:rosemary-johnson@aanet.com.au).

## LETS Annual General Meeting—Saturday June 30th



*“What task could you take on which would expand your enjoyment of your life?”*

*A LETS role is especially satisfying. You will create opportunities for people to share in the richness of their community.”*

To keep anything in existence, it needs attention – gardens, businesses, marriages, friendships, organisations, homes, etc. It takes extra care to ensure the existence of special organisations: LETS is one of these.

Every worthwhile organisation requires time and effort from a core group to keep it operational. Just as maintaining your car regularly pays dividends in the form of fewer breakdowns at inconvenient times, so LETS needs some regular administra-

tive details taken care of.

Each year we have an Annual General Meeting to fill positions for the ongoing existence of this community. It's a mark of our good fortune that those who have come before us set it up and have given it strong form. It's our turn now to ensure it continues.

Perhaps it's your turn to reap the benefits of assisting with the continuity of Warranwood LETS. If you would like to discuss what it might take to participate call Keith or Rose-

mary or John or your Buddy.

Begin by making a note in your diary to shake off your Mid Winter Blues and commit to come to your AGM graciously hosted by Carmen at 2/8 Highland Ave Croydon (just behind Macadam Square). The meeting will commence at 4pm and be followed by a “pot luck” dinner. Bring something delicious to share. If anyone has a portable patio firebox that will certainly ward off the midwinter blues!

## SPECIAL OFFER:

### Find out how you rate in your use of energy!

Energy use is something we all need to be conscious of.

We have a **special** opportunity as LETS members to get some specific information about our domestic consumption and options to be in better control of our emissions.

Swinburne University Students are offering to monitor electricity use in LETS members' homes. If you are interested in being part of this project at no cost, please contact Sandra on 9725 3829 or Keith on 9876 1846.

## Gardening Group



The Gardening Group is working well. Membership is free for Warranwood LETS members and the only requirement is a willingness to attend 3 or 4 days a year (1-3 hours) usually on the last Sunday of the month. When we share a meal/afternoon tea it gives us a wonderful opportunity for sharing ideas and experiences, and laughter!

Anyone interested in joining the Gardening Group contact Rosemary on 9872 4895 or [rosemaryjohnson@aanet.com.au](mailto:rosemaryjohnson@aanet.com.au)

N.B. Working Bees are quite separate and can be organised by any member themselves, by contacting the active participants under Working Bees in the latest directory.

## If you missed the last two, give yourself a break and attend Anita's next Healing Day

The Healing Day on 31<sup>st</sup> March was a very enjoyable experience. Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience of a footbath with essential oils followed by a therapeutic foot massage. *(Too bad I missed out-Ed.)* We shared a sumptuous afternoon tea in a very relaxed setting with plenty of opportunity to chat and catch up with one another.

On Saturday 28th April, Reiki was discussed and

then Rosemary volunteered to be the recipient of this delightful form of healing. Comments of "peaceful, meditative and relaxing" summed up the experience for her. A great deal of discussion ensued over afternoon tea and everyone is looking forward to the next one... On 19<sup>th</sup> May we will learn about Jaw Adjustment R.E.S.E.T.

At future events (3rd Saturday each month) a variety of topics will be covered

e.g. Chinese Stir Fry, Aromatherapy, Sharing breakthrough & wanting breakthroughs, Qigong Chigong, Breathing, Meditation & Growing Vegetables in Organic and Biodynamic ways, compost making and more.

Any requests or suggestions are most welcome. If you have an area of expertise in a healing modality we would love you to contribute. Please contact Anita on 9879 6979. Any ideas or suggestions are most welcome.



## NEW 'ON-LINE' ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

For years the LETS office has been using a computer system called LETSAssist which, although wonderful for its time, has become more and more cumbersome and difficult to use. It's time to retire the old system and move to something new.

The new system is known as CES (or Community Exchange System) and is accessible at [www.ces.org.za](http://www.ces.org.za).

This new 'on-line' system will enable you to manage your own LETS account, thus saving Elisabeth, and the Admin Group, heaps of administration time.

You will be able to alter and add to the offerings and services you have listed, enter your own transactions, view your token balance and the

transactions entered on your account, add wants or services you are looking for, add announcements of up-coming events and much more.

You will also be able to see what is available from other LETS groups all over Australia. Currently there are seven other Australian groups using the system, but it is anticipated that this number will grow as more groups become aware of the advantages.

Over the next few weeks you will receive an email from LETS welcoming you to the new site and providing you with logon information and a temporary password. You can change this password to one of your own choosing once you log on to the site.

Your token balance will

also be transferred from the old LETSAssist to the new system.

**Please, if you do not have an e-mail address or access to the internet, don't worry.** The old system of sending in transaction slips will still be available. In fact, administration of accounts will be easier because Area Buddies and members of the Admin Group will now be able to enter transactions and update member details.

The LETS directory will still be published in paper format each year because it is simply such a handy document to have around.

If you have any queries concerning the change-over to this new system or difficulties using the site, please contact Keith on 9876 1846 or email [tabot.keith.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tabot.keith.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)



*"Have you located your login yet and used the new site yet?"*

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I'm having a play with the style. Tell me what works! Give me ideas!

For newsletter copy please email me the new editor, Wendy McMahon -  
Email: [wbmcmahon@iinet.net.au](mailto:wbmcmahon@iinet.net.au)

## Additions for your Directory

New Member

Name:**Elizabeth ('Liz') Horner**

LETS number:3141

Phone:9844 3141

Mobile:0422 266 019

Services offered:Reiki, Working bees, Orientation to mental health services, Large studio for hire

Services required:Gardening ('working bees'), Reiki / massage, Home maintenance, Spring cleaning

Croydon North. Her new phone number is 9733 4300.

**Margriet Ebben** is no longer offering 'Dressmaking and designing' but is still offering 'Persian cuisine – cooking lessons and catering' and 'Dutch language lessons and conversation'. Margriet is also offering 'Intercultural competency training' and 'Intercultural marriage skills coaching'.

New Service offered by **Donna Boyd-Owens** (LETS No. 1963):

**Relaxation Massage for Women.**

1 hour relaxation massage in your home (portable massage table) \$30 + 30 tokens / hour. Donna is also studying Remedial Massage and can use a variety of techniques.

**Ken Downie** has moved to Ferntree Gully. His new mobile number is 0422 684 990 and his phone is 8811 8558

**Pat Black's** phone number has changed to: 9723 0036

We welcome **Carmen Van Den Akker** as a new Area Buddy. Carmen will be taking care of members in Warranwood & Wonga Park.

**Deanna Cooper** has moved to

## LETS National Conference Newcastle

### 9, 10, 11th November 2007

Ever contemplated visiting the Hunter Valley and Newcastle? Fancy attending the LETS National Conference? This is your lucky day because these two come as one package this year when the Hunter LETS plays host to our National conference.

Preparations for this year's Conference are well underway with the organizers keen to include everyone who wishes to attend; costs have been kept to a minimum.

The venue's booked - one which includes a meeting room, outdoor BBQ area

and kitchen, & surrounded by a park. It's located close to the beach and harbour almost opposite the Newcastle Train and Bus Station, and very close to the 2 Youth Hostels for cheap accommodation. (\$25p.p. for shared room.) Plenty of family holiday accommodation is also available at reasonable rates. Billets can even be arranged - but get in early.

Newcastle is a lovely City. For evidence and a browse follow this link <http://www.visitnewcastle.com.au> and you will be delighted with what you

see! You can drive, bus, train or Fly to visit. Just be sure you do, if not this year then sometime soon!

Some of our members attended last year's Conference in Victoria and have returned with renewed vigour and great ideas and enthusiasm giving our LETS an extra boost. We'd love for you to experience that too.

For further information follow this link <http://www.auslets.org/hunter>

Gaynor & Doug for Hunter LETS

N.B. If you're intrigued as to what might be on the Agenda at this Conference, here's the link to the Conference report from Last year's conference in Bairnsdale (Cut and paste into your browser)

<http://www.lets.org.au/Report1%20-%20Aust.%20Nat.%20LETS%20Conf.pdf>