

# What Can I Trade?

Accounting, Accommodation, Appliances, Babysitting, Books, Bookkeeping, Bicycles, Children's Toys, Carpools, Cooking, Computer Help, Calligraphy, Clothing, Compost, Coaching, Counseling, Dog-Walking, Eldercare, Editing, Errand-Running, Furniture, Farming, Flowers, Framing, Facials, Gardening, Grocery Shopping, Graphic Design, Housekeeping, Handyman, Haircuts, House Painting, Homemade Bread, Ironing, Interior-Design, Jam, Knitting, Kitchen-Hand, Lawn-Mowing, Massage, Mending, Manicure, Music, Mural Painting, Nursing, Organizer (de-clutter-er), Office Space, Programming, Photography, Portraiture, Pet-Sitter, Proofreader, Piano Access, Preschool, Play Group, Quilting, Repairs, Research, Reading (aloud), Sewing, Tutoring, Translation, Teaching, Typing, Tailoring, Vegetables, Bees

# LETS...

Build Community  
Recycle & Regenerate  
Support Local Equality  
Create Community Wealth  
Value Time and Talent  
be Self-sufficient &  
Sustainable!

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according to his need." -Karl Marx

From each according to his ability; to each



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Sydney & Illawarra

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LETS is an alternative trading network made up of individuals who trade goods and services using a community currency called "Operas" instead of federal dollars.

Our mission is to improve members' quality of life by providing, managing, promoting and supporting an alternative trading system.

Barter is a straight one-for-one trade: I'll cook you dinner if you dig my garden.

LETS is a more flexible version of barter that incorporates trading items and services between multiple parties. By using LETS whenever you can, more cash is left to save, invest, or spend as needed. Spending time instead of cash also creates a stronger community and provides the opportunity to spend more time doing the work or hobbies you most enjoy (and getting paid in Operas!).

## How does it work?

Every member's time is of equal worth: 1 hour of time is worth 20 'operas'. Each member holds an account, which begins at zero. John pays Mary 40 operas for babysitting. Mary's account is now +40 operas and John's account is now -40 operas. In essence, John has just "created" his own money. Mary then pays Bill 80 operas for carpentry work. Bill's account is now +80 and Mary's account is now -40. Mary has just "created" a further 40 units of currency.

With no boundaries on the ability to create and earn operas, the currency turnover of a LETS network is unlimited.

Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

-Vince Lombardi

## What's in it for me?

You are now not limited to the amount of money you have. If you can trade time, goods or services LETS is the network for you. If you can participate, LETS is for you. The wealth of a community lies in the skills of the people in it. By creating a stonger community, LETS creates a wealthier community and honours people for their energy, talent, and commitment. LETS is also a great way to trade unwanted/unused items, network, learn new skills, and gain access to services that may not be easily or widely accessible. It's also a good way to to spend more time doing and sharing the things you enjoy most!

Anybody who is time rich and cash poor.

Anybody who has the ability to think outside the square.

Me!

Who should join?

You!

Everybody!

Anybody who wants to learn or practice new skills and hobbies.

It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning.  
-Henry Ford

## What do I need to be a member?

\*Regular internet access \*An email address  
\*Goods or services to trade \*Enthusiasm!

## How do I join?

To become a Sydney-Illawarra LETS member go to <http://www.auslets.org/sydney/> and select "Join". Read through our website, especially the "LETS success formula" on the "Benefits" page.

## Where can I learn more?

At our website ([www.auslets.org/sydney/](http://www.auslets.org/sydney/)) read the pages titled "Our Philosophy", "The Basics", and "Benefits". Check out our FAQ page!

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