

The Central Coast LETS Committee would like to welcome you to the 2014 National Conference, **Viva Alternativa**.

We acknowledge the traditional Custodians of the Land, the Darkungjung People, and call on the Spirit Ancestors to walk with us today as we share and learn together.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact any of the Central Coast LETS team on the following numbers:

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Friday the 22nd of August

Afternoon

3:00 to 4.45 P.M. Registration & Arrival ~ Please ensure you arrive at the Ashram prior to 5 P.M.

Evening

6:00 P.M. Dinner & Tidy up

7:15 P.M. LETS Documentary Screening
~Meet & Greet

9:00 P.M. Final Tidy for the night & wind down

9:30 P.M. Quiet Time for the Ashram ~
(The staff on site are now silent until morning.)

Saturday the 23rd of August

Morning

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast & Tidy Up
- 8:30 A.M. CCLETS Welcomes You
- 8:45 A.M. Smoking In Ceremony and Welcome to Country by **Gavi Duncan**
- 9:30 A.M. **Phil Bligh**
5 Lands Walk -
A spiritual journey to
'Living in this land with Joy'.
- 10:10 A.M. **Robin Krabbe CENTS**
Positive Ecology & Community
Exchange Network Tasmania
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Tea
- 11:30 A.M. **Adrian Doesburg PCEX**
L.E.T.S. Talk About L.E.T.S.
Members.

Afternoon

- 12:30 P.M. Lunch & Clean up
- 1:30 P.M. Group Workshop -
Arising from the topics
addressed in Robin & Adrian's
Presentations. Exploring & discussing
How our ideals & values contribute to
the community.
- 2:30 P.M. **Yvonne Lamont**
Wow Girls
- 3:00 P.M. Afternoon Tea
- 3:30 P.M. **Tony Clark PCEX**
"Pensioner Diesel" ~ The Use of
Biofuel as a Renewable Energy.
- 4:30 P.M. Artists in CCLETS: How they
utilise the LETS System including a
hands on experience of creating
your own artwork.

Evening

- 6:00 P.M. Dinner and Clean up,
then after dinner
entertainment ~
Hugh McIntosh will perform.
- 9:00 P.M. Wind down & final Tidy
Up of the night
- 9.30 P.M. Quiet Time for the
Ashram

Sunday the 24th of August

Morning

- 5:30 A.M. Asana, Pranayama & Meditation Class
(to be advised)
- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast & Tidy up
- 8:30 A.M. **Karel Boele and Annette Loudon SYCE**
Update on the CES System and LETS in Australia
- 10:30 A.M. Morning Tea
- 11:00 A.M. Focus On Community Groups Who Utilize CCLETS
- 11:50 A.M. **Keith Bourke** from Dharmik Trading

Afternoon

- 12:30 P.M. Lunch & Clean up
- 1:00 P.M. **Susanne Mueller -Byrnes CCLETS**
Community Repair Cafés
- 1:15 P.M. Panel - Final Interactive Session
- 3:00 P.M. Afternoon Tea
- 3:30 P.M. Summation of Events

Central Coast LETS would like to thank all of our speakers for taking the time to share their expertise and passions about each of their respective fields with us.

With special thanks to the Artists of Central Coast LETS including Sabine Parge, Caroline Bohlsen, Lisa Edwards, Keesha Goode and Lizz McGarrity and the other people who have helped make this Conference happen.

Our Speakers



Kevin "Gavi" Duncan
Founder of Bara Barang

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Gavi is a descendant of the Darkungjung/Guringai People. He is the founder of Bara Barang, which is an Aboriginal Central Coast Corporation that aims to provide programs, events, training and services as well as employment opportunities for Indigenous Youth.

Gavi is also a dancer and songwriter, and has passed on the message of he, and his people by performing his music to the people of The Central Coast.



Phillip Bligh
Co-Founder of Five Lands Walk

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Phillip Bligh has been actively involved in community and social change. His presentation will explore Aboriginal perspectives on environmental sustainability, through our involvement in the 5 Lands Walk. The 5 Lands Walk is underpinned by a philosophy of "connection" - the aim of 'connecting people to people and people to place' is driven by the belief that our region suffers from a pervasive culture of disconnection... In our landscape, our society and our communities.

How can we move towards living as a more unified community that appreciates and celebrates our many differences? How must we interact with the environment and ensure an equitable quality of life for all for generations to come? Indeed, how do we live in this land with joy?

The 5 Lands Walk began with a belief that our communities already have the answers to these questions. Our communities are the solution. When the fundamental elements of this cultural initiative connect and work together as a unified whole, the entire community benefits from the sense of belonging and connectedness that is created. Supporting the process of connection is the way to form healthy communities. Communities which are inclusive, respectful, cohesive, imaginative and daring.



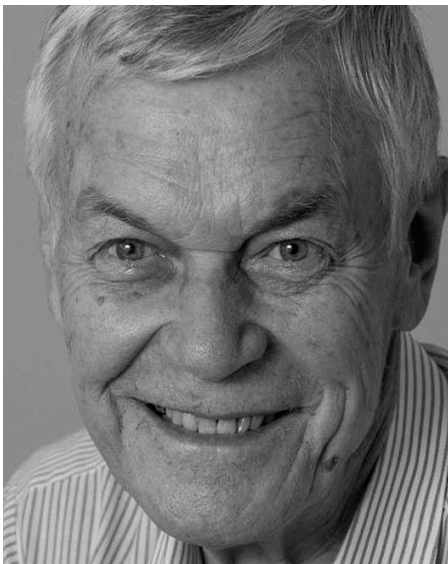
Robin Krabbe

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Robin will firstly outline the theory of Sustainable Health and Wellbeing (SHAW- also known as positive ecology) as having the potential to progress towards sustainability. The essence of this theory is that if individuals can be responsible for and progress towards their own health and wellbeing, this can form the basis for both pro-social and pro-environmental behaviours on which sustainability can be based.

Community currencies will then be discussed as a basic strategy for progressing towards SHAW. Five aspects of community currencies that can restrict growth will be discussed in small groups. These are the issue of whether management accounts should be 'subsidised', planning for involvement of local and state governments, particularly in terms of allaying fears of their loss of revenue, increasing community capacity especially using work for the dole and lastly building reputation systems based on giving both positive and negative feedback on the work people do for credits.



Adrian Doesburg

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L.E.T.S. Talk About L.E.T.S. and L.E.T.S.
Members

Who are we?
What does L.E.T.S. mean to each of us?
What do we do that works well?
How Relevant is L.E.T.S. In 2014?

Adrian asks us to explore these questions and to discuss how our ideals and values contribute to the community



Yvonne Lamont
Founder of WOW Girls

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Yvonne Lamont is a Community Entrepreneur and the founder of WOW Girls: - Wave of Wisdom. Within us all is a wealth of our own special wisdom and unique gifts. There is an immense depth and diversity of cultures, upbringings, belief systems, genetics, and many more factors that come together to make up this ocean of wisdom. Often these factors serve to drive us apart through lack of tolerance, understanding, patience, or respect.

The WOWGIRLS vision is to foster and develop a forum where the wisdom of each and every one of us is valued and respected, and where instead of division, there is a coming together in harmony that will move us beyond our own limiting beliefs.

“WOWGIRLS Wave Of Wisdom... is the manifestation of my life experiences – a long journey to greater health and connection. My experiences have given me the desire for others to experience a greater connection, to feel supported, valued and respected, to have confidence and self-empowerment, to strengthen identity and purpose in life, to be real to oneself.”



Keith Bourke
Founder of Dharmik Trading

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Through their operations, Dharmik Trading is offering a hand up to many small cottage based manufacturers who would otherwise struggle to survive in a hostile economic and political environment. The establishment of small businesses may help to empower and strengthen these communities and may also assist some local human rights organisations to mobilise their campaign for recognition, citizenship and social justice.

In addition to their work overseas, Dharmik Trading is generating work for Australians in sales, marketing and distribution and also imports some products that are dedicated to fund raising for Australian causes.

Dharmik Trading is not associated with any religious organisation or any other agency. We recognise the inherent value of the human spirit regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, age, association, history, preferences or religion. "



Tony Clark (Chairperson and founding member of the Western Australian Renewable Fuels Association Inc.) has used waste vegetable oils to fuel his diesel cars for the last 14 years. His wife also has a diesel car which runs on biodiesel.

Tony will outline the considerations involved in using used cooking oils as diesel fuel.

Tony Clark

Alternative energy enthusiast

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Karel recently travelled to South Africa to meet with Tim Jenkin, the Developer of CES.

He will present an update on the development of the new LETS System, including the development of Timebanking (timebanking.com.au) and will share with us what he learned during his time with Tim.

Karel Boele

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Creator of Eco Directory Australia

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Annette's an old-school web designer/developer. She joined Sydney LETS in 2008, and was co-coordinator (with Eve Lichtnauer) for a few years. These days she helps Tim Jenkin look after the Australian CES trading system and teaches Collaborative Economy workshops in Sydney. She will be updating us on the current situation with LETS in Australia.

Annette Loudon

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Susanne spreads the news about a great concept that will fit well with the LETS philosophy.

The first Repair Cafe was opened in Amsterdam in 2009 and there are now more than 400 spread around the planet.

The founder and supporters would have us all ask ourselves, what do we do with our belongings when they need repair?

Toss it away? No Way!
You can repair it at the Repair Café

Susanne Mueller~Byrnes

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