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## Golden Bay H.A.N.D.S.

The Onetahua marae in Pohara Valley received as a donation, H.A.N.D.S. Exchange Vouchers totalling 40 HANDS. A Marae Committee member contacted a H.A.N.D.S. Committee member, saying they'd like to use the HANDS for gardening work at the marae. Our HANDY messenger organised five people to work together in a short but intense burst, giving one of the gardens a makeover and sharing the 40 HANDS.

This was the Marae's first experience with H.A.N.D.S. It was only possible because of our new Exchange Vouchers, and it shows that this sort of awareness raising, practical, LETS-strengthening connection is possible with any local organisation.

Joanna.

## Taranaki LETS

Registrations for Conference are now coming in. If anyone in your system requires a posted registration form, just send me their address to. <taranaki\_letsnz@yahoo.co.nz> or

C/-TDRC, box 5015, NEW PLYMOUTH.

Would you like to do a presentation at Conference?? Please let us know ASAP. Can you entertain us after Deidre on the Saturday night for those who don't want to hit the sack after a busy day!!!

We had a very busy Christmas market and would like to see these Christmas markets every month of the year!!

We are still busy with new ideas and have 2 motivated new members with new input. Still more needed!!!

The new systems in the North that get this newsletter are more than welcome to come to the Conference. A time for sharing ideas and new motivation for some systems maybe. You can download a registration form from our site [www.ces.org.za](http://www.ces.org.za) or [letsnewzealand.org.nz](http://letsnewzealand.org.nz) or write to the above addresses.

Thanks Anne

## EDITORIAL

At the last Conference, Raincliff 2005, there was a strong call for LCNZ to find a suitable on line Software and to have all Goods and Skills on line. CES has proved to be the most suitable

and can accommodate both these requirements. However LCNZ has no control over what is listed in the CES "Offers" and some groups listings are very incomplete. It is over to the Management Committees of these groups to encourage their members to complete their own offers as soon as possible and keep them up to date. If it's not shown, it's not available.

This is the holiday season and people are travelling and looking for accommodation, if your "accommodation" category on CES is not up to date or your members accommodation is listed in the wrong place then your members will miss out. Also please ignore any old accommodation lists, the most up to date listing should be on CES. There is now no need for the LETS Community NEWS to publish an accommodation list.

With the next Conference date rapidly approaching, all member groups should be deciding on their Delegate for the LCNZ A.G.M. you can have as many members as you wish attending the Conference but only one can vote at the A.G.M.

It is also time to think about the LCNZ Committee and who your Group would like to nominate. Nominees should be experienced LETS people with the ability to think through issues, we still need persons with organisational and promotional skills and fund-raising ability for the new proposed National System. Persons with e-mail access are essential as this is the only way for this Committee to meet.

The National System will be a huge benefit to all LETS Groups as it will make a considerably larger list of Goods & Services available to all and will promote LETS over the whole country, but unless we get the right people to run it, it won't happen.

Another issue to be considered at this Conference is a Regional Meeting somewhere in the South Island approximately six months after the Conference, it would not hurt for the North Island to have one also and of course there is the 2007 Conference to be decided on.

This Newsletter is not getting the support needed to sustain it, it's now a matter of use it or lose it, it is the only voice you have which reaches all LETS groups in the Country..

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