





# **Not getting the Lions Share?**

Try Empire Trade, "We'll bring you more business"...

## **Empire Trade Membership**



Will bring extra sales into your business as well as trade credits

"Right Price"...

Trade Component Negotiable!





#### What is a Trade Exchange?

In simple terms a Trade Exchange is a **Network of Businesses** which sell and buy from one another using a combination of Australian dollars (referred to as "cash dollars") and "trade dollars" (also called barter dollars or barter or trade credits).

A Barter Organisation, such as Empire Trade Exchange, acts as a 'Third Party Record Keeper' putting sellers and buyers together and maintaining records of transactions.

#### **How Empire Trade differs from other Exchanges!**

We are very different...

Firstly our **fee structure is less than half** of that of our major competitors

Secondly, we are a part cash/part trade dollar transaction exchange. In Empire Trade Exchange, the members can negotiate the percentage of trade they wish to do on each and every transaction.

#### What is the ATO's view regarding Trade Dollars?

The ATO rules that a trade dollar is equivalent to a cash dollar for tax purposes.

Trade dollar income should be accounted for as taxable income; similarly purchases made using trade dollars are treated as business deductions. The ATO require that trade transactions be commercially valued and viable. GST will be based on the correct commercial value.





#### What types of businesses join a Trade Exchange?

Achieving extra sales and conserving cash flow appeals to just about every business; therefore our network is made up of a wide range of business types.

#### Professional businesses such as;

Solicitors, accountants, financial advisors, physiotherapists, vets, dentists, optometrists, and architects, to name a few.

Plus there is a huge range of businesses that provide goods and services that are **business expenses** including;

Sign writers, printers, pest control, carpet cleaners, computer repairs, graphic designers and website designers, office stationery, furniture, uniform and work wear suppliers, promotional goods, cleaning products, security and more.

There is also a vast array or suppliers for **home or personal use**.

For example, blinds and awnings, TV antennas, curtains, carpets, furniture, bathroom fittings, lawn maintenance, sporting goods, accommodation, restaurants, swimming pool maintenance, builders and trade contractors.

These are a small percentage of the services available to Empire Trade members.

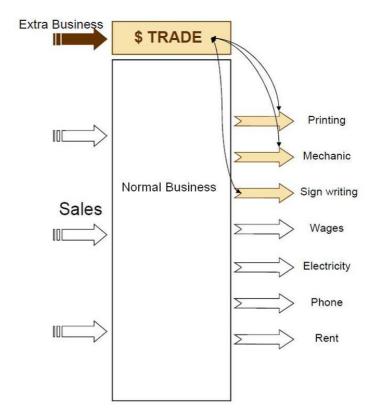
As well as the services and products listed above, the Exchange has over 380 categories of members offering their product and services on part trade.





# Empire Trade brings you extra business from outside your local area through a network of members

#### **Your Business with Trade**



The Trade Dollars you receive are considered extra business on top of your normal business turn over

How.... You will attract more buyers (sales) for your product or service as other members of the network will actively seek you out when they are searching for a supplier of your type of goods or service...because they would rather spend their Trade Dollars than cash money

When you spend your Trade Dollars on existing cash expenses ...... You are conserving your own cash





# Do you spend money on advertising to generate extra sales?



As an Empire member you will receive extra sales.

We will promote, market, and advertise your business to our ever-expanding membership base locally nationally and internationally through our website, emails, hard copy mailouts, newsletters, directories and online services....



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#### What does it cost?

#### **Joining Fee -**

ONLY \$450.00 (plus GST) one off membership fee, no annual renewal costs

#### **Transaction Fee –**

ONLY 4.5% (plus GST) when you spend your trade credits on goods and services.

ONLY 5% (plus GST) when you spend on property /contractual purchases.

No transaction fees when you receive trade credits (i.e. sell)

#### **Administration Fee -**

ONLY \$11.00 (Incl GST) monthly administration (with a direct debit authority in place)

ONLY \$T48.00 per year contribution to Bad Debt Reserve Fund

#### No penalty fees for not trading

#### All Transaction fees are fully tax deductible

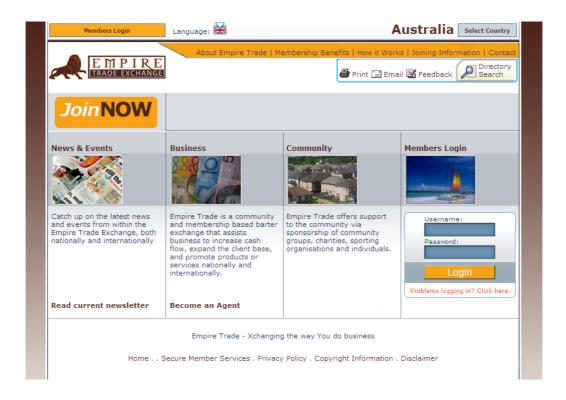
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#### The answers you want are at your fingertips



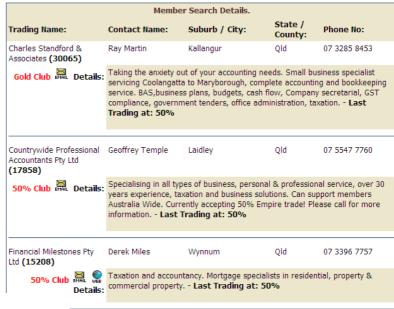






#### Online 24 hours a day

# Through the live membership directory on our website.



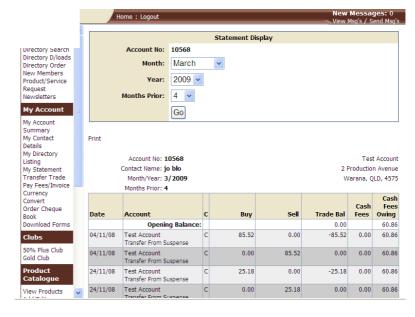
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		* SELLER'S ACCOUNT NO:		
My Account		* AMOUNT:		
My Account Summary My Contact		* DESCRIPTION:		^
Details My Directory Listing				~
My Statement Transfer Trade			CONFIRM >>	
Pay Fees/Invoice		Submit		

#### You can transfer trade dollars online

or view your statement of transactions.

Convert Order Cheque Book Download Forms

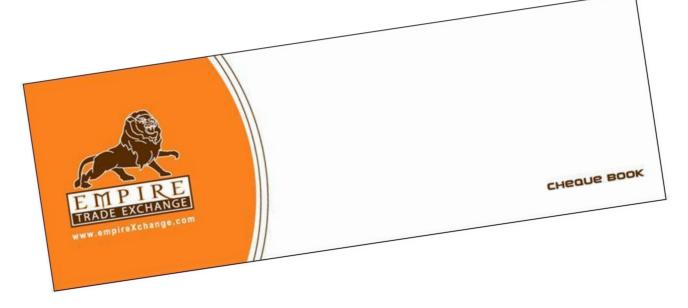


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#### **Cheques**





Amounts up to \$200 are guaranteed by Empire Trade. Authorisation is not required.

Phone this number for authorisation of amounts of \$T200 and over.

Please note that original cheques must be received at Empire Trade Head Office within 14 days of purchase to prevent transactions being reversed.

Any transactions of \$3000 and over must be authorised 24 hours prior to the transaction taking place by completing at ITT form and paying cash fees in advance.







#### Services available to members

#### Online Auction Site - Bid 'n' Buy

The Empire Trade **Auction site** can be accessed on the Empire Trade website. It is free to load your products at a minimum of 50% Trade. Happy bidding!



#### **Online Product Catalogue**



Members can browse products listed on our **Online Product Catalogue.** Similar to an online shopping cart, members can add products to their shopping cart for online purchases.

#### **List Product Criteria**

- Catalogue is for product and not services
- Have ongoing supply of the product
- Be able to supply Australia wide
- Product must be new and of good quality
- Trade component a minimum of 40%





#### **Online Classifieds**



Much like newspaper classifieds, The Empire **Online Classifieds** where members can list new or used products 'for sale' or 'wanted to buy'

Minimum 30% trade component







#### **Warehouse Consignment**

Head Office, located at Kawana Junction in Queensland has a **warehouse** displaying members products for sale. Members can stock their products in the warehouse on consignment for a small consignment fee of 11% (GST incl), in part cash and part trade.

The warehouse is an additional retail outlet that can be utilised by all of our members. Shopping in the warehouse is also a great opportunity to meet the Member Support staff.



#### **Free Advertising**

Members can advertise their business in a range of Empire Trade publications at no cost.

**Bulletin** Emailed montly to all members

Newsletter Posted monthly to members without email

Spotlight Keep you up to date on your local members

**Networking** Individualised advertiseing for specific markets



#### **Advertising Subsidy**



Include the **Empire Trade logo** on your advertising and receive 25% of advertising costs in Empire Trade dollars. \*Conditions apply.

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#### 50% Plus And Gold Clubs

#### Join the 50% Plus Club or the Gold Club... FOR FREE!



Members of the 50% Plus Club are required to offer a broadly, in-demand product or service at a minimum 50% trade component at market value to other members of the

50% Plus Club and to members of the Gold Club.

This must be on your general product range, not selective items only.

Members of the 50% Plus Club will receive a 50% reduction on their monthly administration fee.



Members of the Gold Club are required to offer a broadly, indemand product or service at 100% trade at market value to other members of the Gold Club and at a minimum of 50%

trade to members of the 50% Plus Club.

This must be on your general product range, not selective items only.

Members of the Gold Club are now exempt from the monthly administration fee altogether.



#### **Referral Bonus**

Refer a new business to Empire Trade and receive a **\$50 Trade** referral bonus.

To qualify for this bonus, you must include the referring members account number on the new application



There are no limits to how many times you can receive the referral bonus; simply keep recommending the exchange to businesses that choose to join.







#### Pay your staff in trade

Set up a fee free account for your staff. Use your Empire Trade dollars as incentives and over-award payments. \*Conditions apply.









#### **Member Support**

Contact your local agent or head office to assist with any trade enquiries, account information, to source products and services, and for free local advertising.















# By utilising your trade income in a property purchase you can effectively reduce your mortgage, gain instant equity and cash convert your Empire Trade currency.

Ever wanted the security of investment property but know the conventional banking institutions will not support your request for finance? By utilising the Empire Trade system, you can take advantage of the trade component of the property price to open doors to wealth creation through property investment, thereby helping to secure your financial freedom. Empire Trade offers a range of services to assist you in realising your dreams.



To view the current listings, log on to the corporate website or request a hardcopy list from Member Support. Trading members can apply for a trade dollar facility to purchase property. If you are interested in selling a property with a

trade component, contact your local agent. It has been our experience that property with a trade component sells much faster than properties without trade. A Property Bulletin, including a selection of hot properties is regularly emailed to online members.













### **OLYMPUS Realty** (ABN 53 100 260 955) is a very successful

Empire Trade member. Property contracts totalling ninety-two million dollars were generated over the first twelve months and the volume of sales increases weekly. Clients include some of the largest development companies in Australia. They have benefited from pre-sales, achieved by listing their real estate with Olympus Realty, gaining exposure to Empire Trade's full membership listing and to the general public via mailing lists supported by the online Real Estate listings on Empire Trade's virtual reality web facility.

Trade facilities are available on five-year terms, attracting a 5.5% cash fee (incl GST) on property settlement. Our easy access facilities ensure everyone interested in investing in property is treated equitably, with respect and efficiency. Empire Trade's mission in this area is to provide a clear avenue for investors from all walks of life to avail themselves of the opportunity to invest in a vast range of properties, from small holiday homes to multi-storey commercial buildings.

If you have property you wish to sell, a 30% or 40% trade component will ensure a quick sale. Your marketing and advertising costs will be NIL simply by listing your real estate with Olympus Realty. In fact, this property facility is so successful that investors have sourced their own properties then promoted Empire Trade's special services to the vendor.

By arranging 30% to 40% of the capital outlay through the Empire Trade system, cash financiers are given greater scope to source the cash balance required to close the transaction. By accessing "on the spot" special facility approval, prospective investors are able to make instant decisions, sure in the knowledge that finance will be forthcoming.

# Proprietor/Licensee Paul Stewart

A licensed Real Estate Agent for some 14 years, Paul has specialised in Real Estate Management, on site holiday resorts, and has resided on the Sunshine Coast for 22 years. During this period he has involved himself in conceptual project planning, developments, and marketing, predominantly in the Noosa area. He is joint owner of a large retail business in Doonan. Paul believes that the simple philosophy of Empire Trade assures this vibrant company a guaranteed destiny of growth, together with a very successful trading result for all active members.





#### **MONTHLY INVENTORY ANALYSIS – BUSINESS**

Advertising		Conference/Travel	
Billboard		Accommodation	
Internet		Fees	
Letter Drops		Flights	
Magazine		Sustenance	
Newspaper		Expense Estimate \$	
Presentations/Displays			
Promotional Items		Vehicle	
Radio		Accessories	
Sign Writing		Detailing	
Sponsorships		Fuel	
Television		Servicing	
Yellow Pages		Smash Repairs	
Expense Estimate \$		Tyres	
		Expense Estimate \$	
Printing Services		Contract Services	
Business Cards			_
Printed Forms		Airconditioning/Heating	
Stationery		Clearing	
Expense Estimate \$		Cleaning	
Consultants		Computing Maintenance	
Financial		Electrical	
Graphic Design		Equipment Hire	
Information Technology		Haulage	
Multimedia		Landscaping	
Market Research		Light Fittings	
Public Relations		Painting/Decorating	
Staff Training		Pest Services	
Telecommunications		Plumbing	
Expense Estimate \$		Refrigeration	
		Security	
Professional Services		Shop Fitters	
Accountants		Waste Disposal	
Decorators		Expense Estimate \$	
Solicitors Expense Estimate \$	Ц		
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Office Administration		Internet	
Computing Equipment		Mobile Phones	
Courier Services		Office Telephones	
Equipment Supplies		Expense Estimate \$	
Fitting & Furnishings			
Insurance		Miscellaneous	_
Photocopying Supplies		Donations Community Services	
Postage		•	ч
Secretarial Services		Expense Estimate \$	
Stationery/Office Supplies			
Computing Software			
Expense Estimate \$			

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#### **MONTHLY EXPENSE ANALYSIS - PERSONAL**

Home Appliances/Repairs Cleaning Products Cleaning Decorator Items Electrical Goods Electrical Repairs Fittings Florist Furniture Gardening Maintenance Music/Equipment Pest Services Plumber Pool Supplies/Maintenance Soft Furnishings White Goods Expense Estimate \$  Medical Dentist Doctor Natural Therapies Pharmacy Sports Medicine		Personal Butchers Clothing Cosmetics Dining Out Dry Cleaning Education Gifts Groceries Gym/Equipment Hair Dressing Holidays Jewellery Expense Estimate \$  Miscellaneous Driving Lessons Financial Services Hobbies Party Hire/Catering Pet Supplies Veterinary Services						
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ANALYSIS SUMMARY								
Total Expenses – Business	\$							
Total Expenses – Personal	\$							
Total Monthly Expenses	\$							
Total Annual Expenses	\$							

You can assist Empire Trade to better service your business by completing this Expense Analysis form. By seeking out new member businesses that can meet your requirements, Empire Trade can assist you to conserve cash, sell your excess inventory and improve cash flow.





# Do you know someone who would be interested in this amazing trade opportunity?

When you refer a business and they sign up, provided you are the first person to refer them, you will receive \$T50 as a special thank you from Empire Trade. The Referral Bonus Request form must be completed and attached to the new member's application form when it is forwarded to Head Office (conditions apply).

Your referral will assist the expansion of the Empire Trade client base which will enable you to draw extra business from the exposure to a much broader membership.

Your Referrals could earn you mone		
attention of:	fax no:	
Business	Contact Name	Ph
Referred by	Business Name	Date





#### **Fees Explained**

**Goods and Services Purchase Fee:** cash 4.5% (plus GST) on the goods and services.

**Real Estate/Contractual Transaction Fee:** cash 5% (plus GST) on the trade portion of property transaction.

**Monthly Administration Fee**: \$15.00 (plus GST) is debited to the account monthly. This fee is discounted to \$10 (plus GST) when a current direct debit authority is in place. 50% Plus Club members pay only \$5.00 (plus GST). Gold Club members are exempt from the Administration Fee altogether.

**Optional Stationery Fee:** A cash fee of \$5.00 (plus GST) payable monthly, unless Empire Trade receives notification that the member will obtain their statement of account and updated Empire Trade Membership Directory via online facilities.

**Bad Debt Reserve Contribution**: A trade fee of \$48 is debited annually to fund bad debts of ETX credits incurred by members to the exchange.

**Facility Administration Fee:** A cash fee of 1% (plus GST) is charged for the establishment of goods and services facilities of \$T 20,000 and above.

**International Transaction Fee:** An additional 1% (plus GST) cash fee will be payable to ETX Administration Pty Ltd on the Trade component of all international transactions. This fee covers costs and charges associated with an international transaction and is collected by the National Agent on behalf of the Administrator.

#### **Authorisation Requirements**

Amounts up to \$200 Empire Trade dollars DO NOT require an authorisation from head office. Multiple transactions between the same Seller and Buyer within a 48 hour period must be authorised if their sum total is \$200 Empire Trade dollars and above.

Transaction amounts of \$200 Empire Trade dollars and above must be authorised by Head Office. Contact 1800 675 092 for this authorisation. Payment will not be guaranteed without an authorisation number. Cheques must be mailed to Head Office with the authorisation number written in the space provided before funds are cleared to the seller's account.

The Intention to Trade (ITT) form must be completed and lodged in advance where a single transaction is \$3000 Empire Trade dollars and above. Multiple transactions between the same Seller and Buyer within a 72 hour period will require the completion of an ITT form if their sum total is \$3000 Empire Trade dollars and above.

Authorisation for transactions of \$3000 Empire Trade dollars and above is dependent upon the ITT being approved in advance by Head Office.

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#### **Trading Policy** Part cash, part trade 100% trade 100% trade 6.05% cash + 1.1% trade on buy 12% cash and 2.2% trade on sell 6.05% cash + 1.1% trade on sell Transaction Fees NO FEE ON SALES Total = 14.3% Total = 14.2% Only 4.95% on buy **Total 4.95%** Monthly/Annual Fees \$200 cash / year and \$200 trade / year \$30 cash / month and \$16 trade / month \$11 cash / month Joining Fee \$995.00 min \$895.00 \$495.00 **Exchange Name Empire Trade** Bartercard BBX

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