

NEWS

A.G.M. & CONFERENCE EDITION

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

As occurred last year, we are having our Annual General Meeting on the 15th of November as a short prelude to a more important workshop on matters of interest. We are hoping for more contributions from members on topics that engage them. The main value of HANZA will always be an exchange of ideas.

“ Client Directed Care” is a suggested topic. We also envisage conversation on our exciting new initiative coming from Adelaide - the Homeshare CoP (Community of Practice). Contributions do not have to come from members that have a program running.

The committee is preparing a discussion paper that we plan to circulate to all members to give everyone plenty of time to prepare a contribution to the workshop or to raise questions they would like to see discussed.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW! 15TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 1pm – 2.30pm Melbourne time (you need to be at your telephone a little before then)



STORY FROM BRISBANE

Heather Grant –Campbell is the journalist who came to write a story about Homeshare for “The Senior”. She writes to Beris: “Last night I was asked to attend the OPSO Media Awards for positive portrayal of ageing. OPSO Awards are federally supported, in their 19th year, and attracted about 2000 entries. I can only guess ‘The Senior’s’ national editor nominated some of my work (I certainly didn’t!).

The story I wrote for The Senior on Homeshare won the best news article (senior-specific publication). I’ve never been one for awards – I simply love what I do. But last night’s success could not have been achieved without you. Thank you, sincerely.” View story here ...[Queensland March edition](#)

Congratulations Heather.

MORE NEWS

VICTORIA - EXPANSION OF HOMESHARE PROGRAM

The Victorian government (Department of Health) is at last retrieving its pledge to expand the Homeshare program throughout the state with the offer of two new programs in the North West and the Eastern Metro Regions of Melbourne. Submissions will be sought from November 2012, closing February 2013. HANZA members are assisting in writing the specifications for the new program and will be presenting Homeshare in a forum to explain the program to interested parties.

This is momentous news. Despite the change of government that has taken place during the time this all took to come about, Homeshare is recognised as a legitimate, proven enhancement of the lives of some older and disabled people. It should strengthen the hand of aspiring program managers in other states.

THE COMMITTEE

Now that we have a nice photo of us all here in Melbourne, I thought you might like to see us.



l – r : Bernadette Larkin, Beris Campbell, Carmel Hurst, Shirley Anderson, Annette Madden, Denise Cooper, Lyn Grocke, Joan Crawford, Alexis Hughes. (Bernadette and Denise are former Homeshare Coordinators)

INTERNATIONAL HOMESHARE

Plans for the 3rd World Homeshare Congress in Oxford, UK are progressing apace.

Dates: 4th and 5th July 2013

Theme: **Homeshare: What works?** Developing the evidence base for Homeshare

Venue: Rewley House

Congress Dinner: To be advised

The planning committee is developing the program in October. This will be posted on the HI website very soon. Keep an eye on the website <http://homeshare.org/world-congress/third-congress/>

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF WORKING TOGETHER

Confusion has arisen in my mind. While trying to be up-to-date, I am having trouble getting the hang of direct bank transfers. Some of you are sending money (thanks!) in this way but I cannot always see WHO. There is no indication on the bank statement to indicate source. Could you please use invoice number or something other as a reference when transferring fees to us.

HELPFUL HINTS

EVALUATING HOMESHARE IN ECONOMIC TERMS

Community programs are not famous for subjecting themselves to the scrutiny of the bean counters! But so convinced of the value of the Homeshare program is the Homeshare Victoria steering committee that it exposed the program to such examination.

The Ronald Henderson Research Foundation encourages research projects that combine *social* and *economic* analysis. Ben Carstein was the lucky Monash University economic honours student awarded the Internship to undertake our project in the latter half of 2002.

Ben's work at Homeshare Victoria is considered to be ground-breaking work internationally and we hope it will be published. The report is a comprehensive evaluation using the methodology known as cost-benefit analysis. Data was collected through telephone surveys of the householders and their families, householder care workers or case managers and homesharers. In addition the report made use of earlier research, a desk audit undertaken for the Victorian Department of Human Services and the Homeshare Victoria records.

A cost-benefit analysis attempts to measure all quantifiable impacts of a project. All impacts are measured in dollar terms. This allows all costs (resources consumed) to be subtracted from benefits (outcomes/savings) and a net value derived. A positive value suggests the program is worthwhile, and a negative value that the program is not.

Ben's analysis of our first two years of matches (39 matches at time of study) found that "Homeshare Victoria delivers significant benefits to the community..." – see his conclusion on page 1 of this Update.

Ben made two recommendations at the end of his report –

1. The program introduce a matching and/or monitoring fee for participants.
2. HACC continue funding and that Homeshare Victoria seek additional funding from the Commonwealth Department Health and Ageing and Department of Veterans Affairs.

A copy of the Economic Evaluation of Homeshare Victoria is found here - <http://homeshare.org/resources/>

We are in communication with the Vic Department of Health, HACC program, on deliberations about extending Homeshare funding to other areas of Melbourne.

Reviewing this document for the newsletter reminds us that we need to reapproach the Dept.Veterans Affairs. They have potential homeshare clients and showed great interest in the program in the past.

COMMUNICATION IS VITAL

My email has run foul of the great telecommunication conspiracy that aims to keep any person over 12 years of age confused and in a state of perpetual distress. And if you wish to hear any unkind opinions of Telstra, please refer to me. I mention this because I am unsure of who has sent me emails, or if any of my outgoing mail was received over the last 6 - 8 weeks. Therefore, if I send you something twice, please forgive me.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The website is in operation. It is not flash but we progress. Try www.homeshare.org.au and see what happens to you. We chose this address with the thought that it might be simpler than HANZA for a larger range of interested parties. You are invited to join with us in disseminating information in this way. We would love contributions to the website, or the newsletter that will be sent via website in the future.

NEWS FROM HANZA MEMBERS AROUND AUSTRALASIA

Uniting Communities - Adelaide.

Kellie and Garth are waiting for some response to their excellent initiative – the **Homeshare Community of Practice**. Please get with this one. It is designed to be the most useful of the things that HANZA has to offer. They have sent you an update on their Homeshare program and Case Studies for discussion. Please respond even if it is just to recognise their good work on this great initiative. We don't want them to lose interest.

Housing Resource & Support Service (HR&SS) - Vic

We are all very happy to see that Diane Gow of HR&SS has been to visit Perth Home Care Services. We reckon that this is HANZA working at its best.

And more exciting news. Rebecca Dungan from HR&SS tells us that they have just won an ISP (Individual Support Package) from the state Disability Service. This is a fee for service arrangement that is made available to a particular client. Such an approach to homesharing will be of interest to all members who have clients with a disability and is a credit to Rebecca and the team at HR&SS.

Uniting Care Community Options - Vic

Thanks to UCCO for providing the conference facilities for our November teleconference AGM again this year.

Mackay Regional Housing Company

Community Living Program - Qld

Community Based Support South - Tas.

Queensland Community Care Network Inc.

Remember Ken's message in the last newsletter? Well, against all the odds, that match is surviving. Ken says he would never have put these people together. But, who knows what will work? Ken has no expectation of giving up trying to get proper funding for his Homeshare program and in this he is supported by his board.

Communities @ Work Inc. ACT

Presbyterian Support East Coast - New Zealand

St. John Ambulance - Qld

Another long term Homeshare supporter, Judith Allen also says she will continue to try for proper funding. When asked when she will retire, she always says, "When I get a Homeshare program up and running!" Judith says that she gets lots of enquiries about Homeshare, provides many "Do it yourself" kits and makes sure to talk about the program whenever she gets the chance.

C.A.R.A. - S.A.

An interesting report from Andy Birch. CARA has been supporting a match between a young man with Autism and a Homesharer. The process, which has taken about 18 months has been one of “hands off” while the family managed the match, arranged living accommodation for the householder and found the homesharer, all with the help of the “Do It Yourself” kit. CARA provided support for all these activities but kept a distance, consistent with their aim of ensuring that the client has control. Sounded good.

Wendy Francis, HANZA Ambassador at large

Wendy is feeling selfconscious because she has not succeeded in persuading someone in NSW to start a program immediately. I reassured her that it took the rest of us years and years.

Carmel Hurst
For HANZA Inc.

VISIT THE HOMESHARE ARTICLE ON WIKIPEDIA <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeshare>

