



HANZA NEWS

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Promoting Homeshare in Australasia

NEWS

3 NEW HOMESHARE PROGRAMS FOR VICTORIA

As we foreshadowed in previous newsletters, the Victorian Department of Health has awarded HACC funding for two new Homeshare programs in Melbourne starting 1 July 2013. The winners are **Uniting Care Community Options** for the Eastern Metro Region program and **Care Connect** with **Spectrum** (Migrant Resource Centre) for the North West Region.

Uniting Care Community Options (UCCO) operates in the north east of Melbourne and is a large, multiservice, non profit organization providing many community based services to older and disabled people. UCCO has been a member of HANZA for some time.



This three year pilot funded by HACC is an exciting opportunity to develop Homeshare in an organisation with other complementary services (including Case Management). With a strong value base in person centred practice, UCCO has keenly followed the development of the Homeshare concept since its first pilot in Melbourne over a decade ago.

Tony Cavedon at UCCO is currently working on setting up the program. There is certainly lots of enthusiasm both within UCCO and interested organisation in the region.

For details, please call Tony on(03) 9239 2500.

A partnership between **Care Connect** and **Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre** is the other winner. This service will operate in the north and west of the city. We are very pleased about this arrangement that we hope will encourage participation in Homeshare in our non English speaking communities. The North West is a very culturally and linguistically diverse region and Care Connect and Spectrum will bring a special focus to the CALD communities as well reaching out to the general HACC community.

The exercise of calling for submissions was a very interesting and rewarding one, with 14 excellent applications. We expect that it will result in a heightened awareness of Homeshare throughout a much wider range of services.

AND GEELONG MAKES 3

Rod Nockles, CEO Geelong Do Care Co-op, has secured two years funding from the local "Give Where You Live" foundation, to pilot a Homeshare program in the Geelong Region. Testing Homeshare outside Melbourne is a new challenge for us, which Geelong Do Care are eagerly gearing up to take on. This makes four funded Homeshare programs in Victoria. Congratulations Rod.

We send congratulations to all three programs. And look forward to working with them, offering whatever assistance we can to help with the demanding start-up phase.

INTERNATIONAL HOMESHARE

3RD WORLD HOMESHARE CONGRESS – OXFORD JULY 2013

Homeshare: What works? Developing the evidence base for Homeshare

Beris Campbell and Carmel Hurst attended again this year to find the international Homeshare devotees as enthusiastic as ever, as determined and as committed to success - to make the programs grow and multiply around the world. Each time more delegates arrive from new countries. This year we had 53 individuals from 12 countries. A truly international gathering.

Homeshare is still a new concept even though it has been around for 30 odd years. It is taking its time to flourish and grow. Professor Malcolm Johnson, president of Homeshare International (HI) opened the congress with, "There are enthusiastic advocates across the world but so far Homeshare has not set the world on fire. Why not?" He went on to outline the difficulties he saw:

- There are many different types of Homeshare, providing for different needs.
- Many schemes are still problematical for a host of reasons
- Politicians want regulation but we want as little as possible. (More of this later)

He concluded by giving his opinion of the way forward. We must provide research to establish our viability and bona fides. We must do research that is multinational, with excellent protocols, research tools, literature review and questionnaires. All the usual stuff. We must look at publication, success criteria, government policies, legal responsibilities and financing. We must look at the barriers and deal with them and last but not least, obtain funding from the European Union to undertake this necessary work.

This presentation set us up for the tasks ahead. Homeshare must be on a firm footing worldwide to be safe.

Beris Campbell was the key speaker for the congress and came next with a masterly presentation of Homeshare that left the delegates inspired and confident. If Malcolm provided the gravitas, Beris provided the excitement and rewards of the Homeshare concept, showing that all the hard work is worth it.

Two days of Congress was full of interest and inspiration. Speakers from many nations made important contributions to our knowledge and understanding. Workshops showed the delegates involved and committed. More topics were covered than can be covered in this newsletter and will be dealt with in future editions. *(Right: Carmel and Beris in Oxford)*

STORIES

But on a lighter note, one of the great things about being involved with Homeshare is the stories. I include two here for your enjoyment.

From France: The householder was the mother of a bishop. The brave coordinator matched her with a Muslim girl. This proved to be a great success. When it came time for the old lady to die, the bishop, far from home, did not get there in time and it was a young Muslim girl who sat by the bed and held the lady's hand.

From Germany: The householder was a very difficult lady who rejected the first 15 prospective homesharers. When she rejected the last candidate, a young man, the coordinator said, "That's it. No more." The householder said, "OK I'll have



him.” A few days later, the householder rang the Coordinator and said, “He’s eating me out of house and home!” On enquiry of the homesharer, he said, “She won’t stop feeding me.” Later again the householder rang the Coordinator, “He is using up all the electricity.” The homesharer responded, “She keeps telling me I will get a cold and turns up the heat.” Eighteen months later, the homesharer announced that he was leaving the program to get married. The householder rang the Coordinator asking that she try to persuade him to stay. “But he is getting married”, said the Coordinator. “She’s no good for him!” came the reply.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF WORKING TOGETHER

We sometimes have difficulties identifying where cheques come from when they mysteriously arrive in the bank account. Would everyone make sure that they have some form of identification on them. Thank you!

COMMUNICATION IS VITAL

HANZA is now starting to operate as it should. Homeshare workers are communicating with one another to ask for help or opinion about the program. The Community of Practice network is providing opportunities for people around the country to help and support one another. I think it might be useful for those people who are not yet providing services to at least listen in to the two monthly teleconference. Think about it. I will be sending out a new list of organizational members and their contact details now that we have new participants.

And while I am at it, I don’t mean to criticise, but why have so many of you got COMMUNITY as part of your title? It is very confusing to a poor old lady like me and I have to wonder if it betrays a lack of imagination??

And another thing: Nancy Hogan is the only one to claim the prize for proving that she had read the newsletter. Her world trip commences in November. Congratulations Nancy. (Nancy is an individual member)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The website is working. 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.

DISABILITY HOMESHARE

Not surprisingly, many of our newer organizational members are interested in disability rather than aged care. A harder proposition but so worthwhile. The two new Melbourne programs are, however, mainly aimed at aged care. It has been pointed out that the two complement each other in many ways. Homesharers may fit into either category and it is good to have a bank of individuals that can diversify. In addition, people with disabilities do age.

HANZA - AGM

a word from Shirley Anderson – President of HANZA

CALL FOR PAPERS

THIRD HANZA AGM and FOURTH HANZA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
14th NOVEMBER, 2013
TELECONFERENCE
1PM – 2.30 PM.MELBOURNE TIME.

As has happened in the last few years, HANZA Committee of Management (COM) has taken the opportunity of the requirement to hold an HANZA Annual General Meeting, to plan to quickly deal with the business of the AGM and use the bulk of the time to hold the Annual Conference to discuss topics of interest to all Members.

Well in advance of the teleconference, joining instructions will be circulated to members who have indicated their wish to be involved. Invitations will be sent out according to HANZA Rules.

The HANZA COM will prepare a discussion paper on the topic “**Developing the Evidence Base for Pure Homeshare**”. Preparation is in progress and the paper will be forwarded shortly. It will advocate for the establishment of universal, consistent data collection of established “Success Criteria” across the categories of:

1. Qualitative Outcomes
2. Quantitative Outcomes
3. Social returns on Investment Outcomes.

HANZA COM is also calling for members to submit Discussion Papers for the Conference as it would be ideal to have a least two topics for discussion. We would of course be pleased to be inundated with discussion papers. Then we would be able to choose two for discussion at the Conference, and then plan for further teleconferences during the coming year to debate the other issues raised.

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NEWS FROM HANZA MEMBERS AROUND AUSTRALASIA

HANZA now has 14 organizational members around Australia. This is a very gratifying situation and suggests a bright future for the concept. 7 programs are funded. More will surely follow.

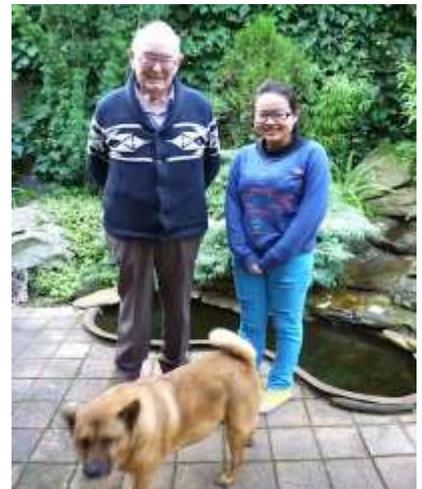
Uniting Communities - Adelaide.

(Recent publicity story from Uniting Communities)

Homeshare – Shared Accommodation with a Difference

Homeshare is a program for people aged 65 years and over with the capacity to live in their own home but require support with practical daily activities to maintain their independence.

Participating householders must live in metropolitan Adelaide and own their own homes. A comprehensive assessment process allows Homeshare staff to match potential homesharers with the unique requirements and situation of the householder. The homesharers are mature, practical helpful people who have a genuine interest in the lives and experiences of older people and who are looking for suitable



accommodation around study and/or work commitments.

Homesharers agree to provide up to ten hours of practical assistance to the householder, as well as a small contribution towards their use of utilities and to pay for their own food.

A unique aspect of Homeshare involves on-going monitoring and support for both householder and homesharers with regular follow-up provided by Homeshare staff. Having another person living in the home provides the householder with some practical assistance as well as the added security and companionship.

For further information about the program, call Homeshare staff on **08 8375 1420** for an information pack and DVD.

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

(Now called Independent Disability Service [IDS])

Jess Crystal has an intriguing problem. She has two friends with disabilities who have lived together for ten years with the help of a lady who was the equivalent of a Homesharer. This lady has had to move on and a replacement is sought. An appropriate task for Homeshare. Good luck Jess.

Uniting Care Community Options - Vic

One of our newest funded Homeshare programs.

Mackay Regional Housing Company - Qld

Community Living Program - Qld

Community Based Support South - Tas.

Vivienne is on holidays.

Queensland Community Care Network Inc.

Communities @ Work Inc. ACT

Community Connections ACT

Is to formally launch its Homeshare program on 29th August. Beris will attend as a guest speaker. Congratulations to Lee Harrison and team.

St. John Ambulance - Qld

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

Care Connect & Spectrum Migrant Resource Service Vic.

One of our newest funded Homeshare Programs.

Perth Home Care Services

Geelong DoCare

The third of our newest funded Homeshare Programs.

Carmel Hurst
For HANZA Inc.