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NEWS

BUMPER CONGRESS ISSUE:

COUNTDOWN TO CONGRESS

Only 6 and a bit months to go until World Homeshare comes to Melbourne!

Preparation has been full steam ahead since January with:

- ✓ World congress website launched
www.worldhomesharecongress.org.au
- ✓ Preliminary Program announced.
Look out for **WORLD CONGRESS PREVIEW 1** – end of April for the latest news and program developments
- ✓ Invitations sent around the world to Homeshare programs
- ✓ Speakers starting to lock in
- ✓ Homeshare Programs from SIX countries committed by March!
- ✓ **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS!**
All readers of HANZA News should have received an Early Bird email notice. Please let us know if it did not arrive in your Inbox! **REGISTER NOW!**

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HOMESHARE INTERNATIONAL

Invite you to



Homeshare
international
promoting housing for help worldwide

Our first generous sponsor, closely followed by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments through HACC, which is fantastic.

A number of donations from HANZA members and 'friends' of Homeshare have also been helping enormously with various expenses.

We have developed a sponsorship proposal which is going out to a number of organisations that we hope will support us. The proposal is up on the Congress website. Please check it out and see if you or your organisation would like to be a sponsor which would be great!

WEBSITES

Avid readers of this newsletter will be aware that we have been less than happy with our old website. Well, all that is in the past and we now have a very classy new one. Same address: www.homeshare.org.au

The congress website is similarly a thing of beauty: www.worldhomesharecongress.org.au The congress website features the Preliminary Program of the congress and will be updated regularly. An exciting read altogether.

REGISTRATION: World Homeshare Congress – Early Bird Rego open!

The early bird catches the worm – or in this case, secures a place amongst an international who's who of policy makers, service providers, consumer groups and practitioners at the 4th World Homeshare Congress in November.

Take advantage of our early bird offer by registering before 30th July 2015 and receive a 21% discount (or a 25% discount for Homeshare International members). [Register here](#)

This is the first time the World Congress has been held in Australia so we look forward to you joining us for this important discussion and PLEASE spread the word!

HANZA HOMESTAY FOR DELEGATES

Now is also the time for Melbourne supporters of Homeshare to come forward with firm offers of accommodation for delegates to the congress. We are hoping for many overseas delegates, and the cost of travelling this far will be a very serious consideration for them. Local accommodation would be very helpful. I believe that host families would enjoy the experience. Interstate visitors may also be interested in homestay.

Our homestay coordinator is Annette Madden who can be contacted on: ama06406@bigpond.net.au
To help with hosting, Annette would like to know: how many people hosts would like to accommodate, gender, languages preferred if any, and how many days during or perhaps after the congress they are willing to offer.

Delegates wishing for a Homestay should also register their interest with Annette.

ACCOMMODATION AND THE CONGRESS

Melbourne is a vibrant, multicultural city of four million people, and offers world-class cultural, sporting and tourist activities. For more information on Melbourne, see [general information here](#).

Please note that all prices are quoted in Australian dollars. (If you would like more information on GST, see [general information here](#).) All bookings are subject to availability. The individual hotels will be responsible for issuing tax invoices for accommodation payments upon check out.

On-site accommodation

Treacy Centre

For those delegates who would like the convenience of staying at the Congress venue, there is a self-contained accommodation area providing eight single rooms with three shared bathrooms and kitchen facilities. A self-serve light breakfast is included. Please note that there is no on-site parking available but plenty in adjacent streets.

Price: \$65.00 per night per person (inclusive of GST)

Location: 126 The Avenue, Parkville, VIC 3052

Bookings: +61 3 8359 0101

Email: info@treacycentre.com.au

Web: www.treacycentre.com.au

Convenient accommodation

Below are listed some possible accommodation options. This is by no means a definitive list but a range of very suitable options. Some have special offers for Congress attendees, with details you need to quote when booking.

Vibe Hotel Carlton

This hotel is in easy walking distance (450 metres, 5 minutes) from the Congress venue and other attractions. Each room can be configured as 2 single beds or one double. Room service, a bar and breakfast service are options. The Vibe has a gym, swimming pool and a spa, with ample parking.

The Congress has reserved 20 rooms at a discounted price for the period 4 Nov. 2015 – 7 Nov. 2015. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, when booking please identify yourself as being part of the HANZA booking and quote “Carmel Hurst”.

Price: \$128 (Double room)

Location: 441 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052

Bookings: +61 3 9380 9222

Email: carlton@vibehotels.com.au

Web: www.tfehotels.com/brands/vibe-hotels/vibe-hotel-carlton-melbourne

Parade Inn Parkville

Also within easy walking distance (750 metres, 10 minutes) from the Congress venue, this hotel offers a variety of room types with free car parking and a complimentary continental breakfast (excluding weekends and public holidays).

Web: <http://www.paradeinn.com.au/>

Other options

For information about accommodation in Melbourne visit: <http://www.visitmelbourne.com/>

You can also view accommodation options on booking and comparison sites such as:

www.wotif.com

www.expedia.com.au

www.trivago.com.au

We suggest that booking early will be essential for these venues.

We have been assured that there is plenty of street parking in the streets surrounding the centre. The Treacy Centre is close to the CBD with a short tram ride. There are many handy restaurants and a short walk to the Zoo.

LEADING AGED SERVICES AUSTRALIA (LASA) TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Perhaps the single greatest challenge for Homeshare is to be known. This was exemplified when HANZA presented at the LASA Tri State conference in Albury on 24th February 2015. Our aim was to remind health professionals and others of the existence of Homeshare and to urge them to attend the Congress in November. We extended ourselves a bit and sponsored a section of papers that enabled us to insert a brochure into every conference satchel (600 of them) and to display the HANZA banner.



HANZA committee members Lyn Grocke, Alexis Hughes and Carmel Hurst present Homeshare to the Tri-State Conference

The presentation was received very well and it was obvious that the greater number of our audience had never heard of Homeshare. And this after 16 years of earnest effort to spread the word throughout the country.

I therefore urge all of our supporters to spread the word as much as possible, but do not become bores at dinner parties!

In this respect it was very nice to hear Ass. Prof. William Silvester give Homeshare a substantial plug during his address at the plenary closing section of the conference. Go Bill!

NEWS CONT.

DISABILITY HOMESHARE

Perusal of the members' pages below suggest that there are some very interesting and innovative Homeshare matches in the disability area.

Prospective new HANZA member: MOIRA has applied to join HANZA as an Associate Member

NEWS FROM HANZA MEMBERS AROUND AUSTRALASIA

ATTACHMENT TO THIS EMAIL CONTAINS A LIST OF ALL ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE INTEREST OF MEMBERS

CareConnect - Vic



Householder: Mary **Homesharer:** Joanna

Mary was born in Australia, in Dandenong. She has worked as an Early Childhood Teacher for 25 years both in NZ and Australia. Six years ago, (aged 57) she became unwell and after much investigation she was diagnosed with a degenerative neurological condition affecting her muscles, walking, balance, speech, swallowing and motor control. Initially she has managed well as services were put in place to help her remain in the home. However her illness has progressed. She was contemplating a move to an Aged Care Facility when she heard about Homeshare.

After meeting with the Homeshare coordinators and being assessed, she felt this could be exactly what she needed. The Homeshare coordinators found a Homesharer, mid 50's, who had just completed a Diploma in Community Services, after returning from 12months volunteering in an Orphanage in Sri Lanka working with children with a disability. Joanna was at a personal crossroads. Her financial resources were drained from years overseas volunteering, and studying and working part time. She wanted to live inner city and had a background working with children.

The Homeshare Coordinators could see great potential for a good connection, with a common background working with children, community work, travel, disability and facing personal illness and a love of the café society around inner Melbourne. At similar ages, and appreciating their individual flux in their life stages, the two women hit it off at the first introduction arranged by the Homeshare Coordinators. After various checks, another meeting, and drawing up an interim agreement, a trial began.

Since then, the two women have been striking the balance between time together out and about, to the movies, cafes, enjoying home cooked food, company, and continuing on with their independence. Much more than the average share accommodation situation, Homeshare offers a tailored arrangement, matching to personalities, schedules, preferences, backgrounds and needs for both parties, all with ongoing support from the Homeshare Coordinators.

Both women hope to continue on with Homeshare for the foreseeable future as it offers a creative exchange of their individual resources and in return each receives opportunities neither are able to access alone.

Community Based Support South Tas

Vivienne Beattie soldiers on. To remind readers, Viv has never had any funding but has managed to oversee a small Homeshare program for many years. At the moment she has two successful matches and 2 finishing. Her organization, not surprisingly, is at present grappling with the many scary changes imposed by new government regulations. This is the preoccupation with all similar health care services at the moment. I tend to think that Homeshare may be a winner under new arrangements. (I hope).

Community Connections ACT

Lee Harrison reports 10 current matches, and a total of 34 over the first couple of years. Lee is currently in discussions with the NDIA to transition an existing Homeshare arrangement in Canberra, so hoping to follow the Perth achievement. (See below) Community Connections is also venturing into Homeshare for older householders which is great news for the ACT.

Geelong DoCare - Vic

Geelong DoCare is in the process of merging with another organization, Karingal. The new Homeshare coordinator, Siahra Atkins tells me that for the moment, Homeshare is being offered as an en suite service only; any client who might benefit from the program will be offered it, but there will be no promotion. Karingal is a much larger organization with many resources and should be in a better position to promote and offer Homeshare. Good luck Siahra.

Independent Disability Service - Vic

I keep hearing about new and innovative Homeshare arrangements this month and one of the most challenging/courageous/far-out is from Charlotte Wyatt. IDS have rented accommodation for 2 people with disabilities and put a Homesharer into the mix. The HS has been a friend and supporter of one of the two for some years and is now acting for the two men as Homesharer for reduced rent. Both disabled men are leaving home for the first time. The ink is not yet dry on the lease, so watch this space.

Queensland Community Care Network

We are very sorry to hear that Ken Mawdsley has retired due to ill health. Ken has been one of our earliest supporters and member of HANZA. He is being followed by Keiran Mawdsley with whom we hope to have a relationship as fruitful as with Ken. Welcome Keiran.

Uniting Care *lifeAssist* - Vic

UCCO has changed its name to "Life Assist" and is powering on! 12 matches have been made so far in the start-up program. *lifeAssist* is offering a range of programs in the Geelong/Barwon area under the NDIA, including homeshare for people under 65 with disabilities.

Uniting Communities - SA

Uniting Communities has suspended the Homeshare service to undertake a review of the way in which this service is delivered. They will consider how they may be able to offer this type of support to people in the future. Andrew Drummond, Group Manager, Independent Living, says "Arrangements will be made to meet all ongoing commitments to existing participants to ensure that these arrangements are as successful as possible." We look forward to hearing in the not too distant future that Homeshare services are re-instated even if in a modified form.

Perth Home Care Services - WA

Breakthrough - First Homeshare under the NDIA: PHCS has been successful in securing a homeshare agreement under the NDIA. It is a situation where a householder requires two homesharers. A separate funding plan/quote of \$11,000 for each homesharer, including set-up, monitoring and rematching, were submitted to the NDIA and accepted! (Totalling \$22,000)The trial site involved is called Perth Hills. CONGRATULATIONS KATE AND ALL AT PHCS!

Port Macquarie Hastings Council - NSW

Julie Priest tells me that there is not much happening there but that they have a “12 month lead-up to the program”. They are having a giant Symposium in March 2016 dealing with needs of older people in their catchment area. I pointed out that if they sent a representative to the Congress they would have a great deal of information with which to feed this great event. We shall see.

Moira a prospective Victorian member of HANZA

MOIRA is an incorporated association which provides a range of support services for people with disabilities and youth experiencing disadvantage throughout the Southern Metropolitan region of Melbourne and throughout Victoria. Moira is also planning to move into the area of Aged Care in the near future.

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