



**HOMESHARE
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
ALLIANCE**

**6th
ANNUAL
REPORT**

1-7-2015 to 30-6-2016

HANZA Inc

www.homeshare.org.au

HANZA Inc ABN 31219342807

Reg. No. A00554275

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2015-2016

President:	Annette Madden RN (Ret) Dip.Mgmt
Vice-President:	Lyn Grocke Physio (Ret) Grad. Dip Gerontology
Secretary:	Carmel Hurst OAM RN (Ret.) FCNA
Treasurer:	Alexis Hughes BA (Melb.)
Ordinary Members:	Beris Campbell OAM, BA Dip.Soc Studs (Melb) Tony Cavedon, BSW, BA Dip Ed Dip Bus

Volunteers and supporters:

HANZA is privileged to have a growing army of volunteers who are always on hand and willing to provide support, pro bono expertise, advice and help in numerous ways. We are enormously grateful to each and every one:-

Shirley Anderson, Heather Campbell, Rod Campbell, Geri Colson, Simon Hannon, Peter Jorgensen, Denise Keighery, Heather Lawson, Liz Lowe, Heather McKee, Jane Miller, Meg Montague, Serena Rogers, Mary Rydberg, Jackie Ross, Trish Wighton, Ben Wighton.



L-R: Lyn Grocke, Annette Madden, Alexis Hughes, Beris Campbell, Carmel Hurst, Tony Cavedon

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

HANZA's founding President, Shirley Anderson, presented last year's Annual report and announced her retirement at the AGM held during the 4th World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne. I was honoured to be elected to the position and want to pay tribute to Shirley's outstanding contribution.

This remarkable woman joined the Homeshare Victoria committee right at the beginning of the Homeshare story in 2000. A natural leader, Shirley was elected to the position of Chair many years prior to the incorporation of HANZA in 2011. It was Shirley who designed the HANZA logo, worked on policies and objectives, chaired our planning sessions and committee meetings and eventually made the wildly ambitious suggestion that we should offer to host the 4th World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne in 2015. We are deeply indebted to Shirley for her leadership, courage and encouragement over all those years. Shirley remains committed to the Homeshare cause and will remain involved.

We were pleased that Tony Cavedon accepted nomination to HANZA's Committee. Tony was responsible for Uniting Care *lifeAssist* gaining funds in 2013 to start up Homeshare in the Eastern Region of Melbourne as part of the Victorian government's Homeshare expansion project. He brings experience in Homeshare management and practice to the Committee.

This report concentrates on the successful International Homeshare Congress with no apology! The result of two years planning and hard work culminated in three exciting days in early November 2015, including Homeshare International's productive planning workshop and the grand welcome reception at Parliament House on Congress eve.

The Congress attracted a record number of delegates, a remarkable achievement given that it was the first to be held outside Europe. Delegates came from Japan, France, Spain, Belgium, Germany, United States, England and Scotland. And from all parts of Australia! The congress venue, Treacy House, an elegant old mansion in Parkville, added to the atmosphere of learning and enjoyment.

As well as listening and learning from presentations, we heard from Homeshare participants. They joined with other speakers on Panels, allowing audiences to learn firsthand about successful matches and the benefits of Homeshare.

Special acknowledgement must be given to our volunteers who worked on the planning committee, who assisted visitors during the Congress, who made over 100 hand crafted conference bags and who opened their homes to our international visitors.

HANZA committee members have worked tirelessly to achieve the spread of Homeshare. I have absolute confidence that Homeshare will soon be a household word with new programs starting up. In the words of HANZA's Vision, *"To enable people of all ages to share where they live in an organised and mutually beneficial way."* Thank you to each member of the Committee for your passion for Homeshare, it is a pleasure and a privilege to work with such wonderful people.

Annette Madden President November 2016

HIGHLIGHTS of 2015-16

- The magnificent support for the 4th World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne 5th & 6th November 2015 by HANZA members, Homeshare International members, colleagues, co-opted family members and friends, new contacts, consultants, State and Federal Members of Parliament and Victorian government staff.
- The quality and range of speakers attracted to present at the Congress on diverse and challenging topics.
- Minister Martin Foley's announcement of a Homeshare trial in Public Housing in 2016.
- Lasting benefits from generous financial support for the Congress from Department of Health, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and in kind support from COTA.
- Significant financial contribution from Heather Campbell for PR and media support for the Congress. Much appreciated additional pro bono work from media advisor Serena Rogers and Conference Logistics.
- Willingness and enthusiasm of all presenters and speakers to participate in the Congress and all this without remuneration.
- The extent of volunteer and pro bono support, including the generous Home Hosts to overseas delegates. Hosting frequently included uncalled for and extra delights like tours of Melbourne highlights
- Ongoing HANZA involvement on the Department of Health's Homeshare Reference Group for the Homeshare expansion project preparing for transition to Commonwealth.
- Convened and chaired valuable and lively quarterly Community of Practice telephone meetings.
- Homeshare Review workshop with Victorian HS programs facilitated by Dr Meg Montague sponsored by Vic Department of Health & Human Services.
- HANZA website improvements including comprehensive coverage of the Congress.
- Increased use of social media and sharing of Homeshare information.
- Post Congress Homeshare publicity, National Media coverage and more interest in Homeshare.
- Increased Networking and Communication with the International Homesharing Community.

- February 2016 Strategic Planning Committee of Management exercise.
- HANZA's Partnership with Ageing Asia leading to Homeshare exposure in the Asia Pacific Region.
- The Australia Institute (TAI) working in partnership with HANZA to "make the case for Homeshare"
- Plans to design and develop a course in Homeshare Practice in partnership with Borderlands Cooperative, now definite following generous grant from the Jean McCaughey sub fund of the Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust.
- South Port Community Housing Group (Melbourne) conducts a feasibility study into Homeshare program validity in Inner suburbs.



Homeshare International Trustees join with HANZA committee to launch the Congress at the Welcome reception at Parliament House 4th November 2015.

L-R: Prof Malcolm Johnson, Alain de Penfentenyo, Rhian Bradley, Elizabeth Mills, Kirby Dunn, Hilary Todd, Alexis Hughes, Lyn Grocke, Annette Madden, Beris Campbell, Jane Miller, Shirley Anderson, Carmel Hurst, Geri Colson.



OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

“A triumph!” UK ... “Excellent Congress” USA ... “Perfect organisation” France ... “Wonderful event” Vic ... “Great opportunity to network” SA ... “Inspiring” UK ... “Great to unpack the advantages of Homeshare” Aus

Response to the 4th World Homeshare Congress has been overwhelmingly positive. HANZA organisers thank everyone who participated so enthusiastically over the three amazing days to achieve this great outcome.

Re-live the event! Presentations, video links and papers can be read and downloaded [here](#).



The lively and engaged audience praised the “stimulating speakers”, “well-paced schedule”, “great opportunity for sharing information, learning and networking”, and “application of theory to practice well balanced”.

WHO WAS THERE AND HOW DID IT GO?

Alexis Hughes – HANZA note-taker

Who came to the 4th World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne? Lots of people did: 105 to be precise. They came from England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Spain, Japan, the United States of America and several States of Australia. They represented Homeshare, aged care and disability service providers, government bodies, consultants, federating agencies, assessment services, homesharers, householders or just themselves. Which goes to show the pulling power that Homeshare has. And what a show it was! There was something for everyone. Feedback has told us that.

Existing practitioners were reminded of how far the program has come since its inception and why international evaluation is necessary to ascertain what works and what doesn't. Presentations described the different models of the program around the world to accommodate an expanding range of consumers. On this, there was strong interest in extending Homeshare to those living with a disability. Varied funding and cost sharing elements aroused interest in strategies aimed at financial viability. A bold approach to funding bodies buoyed future plans.



Vic Minister
Martin Foley



Rhian Bradley &
Malcolm Johnson HI



Kirby Dunn HS
Vermont



Rod Campbell The
Australia Institute



Hiroyuki Kubato
Nihon Uni Japan



Elizabeth Mills HI

WHAT WE LEARNED

The Victorian Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing(Australia), Martin Foley, opened the proceedings on Day 1 and announced a significant new project to trial Homeshare in public housing in Victoria, which was good news indeed for local programs. The speakers who followed did not disappoint, without exception their messages were informative, interesting and easy to listen to. The exception to 'easy-listening' was the Japanese presentation, only because of the extraordinary bravery of Kazuyo Sonohara in her determination to deliver a speech in English, a language she has never learnt. We all applauded loudly her delight at her achievement.

The audience was entertained and informed on Day 2 by a panel of leading Australian demographers and commentators who gave their response to Homeshare from a personal, social or demographic perspective.

From experienced Homeshare practitioners, potential providers learned the benefits and pitfalls of introducing a program. The time and effort involved in making a compatible Householder/Homesharer match featured heavily. In this capacity, the example of the HomeShare Vermont use of 'staff' volunteers from professional backgrounds made an indelible impression and inspired many.



Care Connect/Spectrum



Heart Warming House
Japan



Shared Lives Plus UK



HomeShare Vermont



Community
Connections ACT

HANZA UPDATE 2015-2016.

Committee of Management Planning Day February 2016:

Following the World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne, the Committee resolved to use its inspiration to plan for the future. The Planning Workshop's purpose was:

"To determine HANZA's future activities in the light of the strategic plan, lessons learned from the Congress and the changes to government funding."

Our Vision: "To enable people of all ages to share where they live in an organised and mutually beneficial way"

HANZA's updated Objectives:

- To work in a co-operative way with providers and potential providers of Homeshare programs:
- To achieve recognition and acceptance of Homeshare as a means of assisting individuals, families, communities and governments to meet their goals in relation to inclusive communities, affordable housing, and positive and healthy ageing and living with disability.
- To achieve recognition and acceptance of the International Homeshare model as the valid model for Homeshare in Australasia.
- To achieve a long term sustainable financial model for Homeshare.
- To facilitate the establishment of Homeshare throughout Australasia.
- To promote best practice in Homesharing across Australasia.

Strategic Focus:

Subcommittees formed at Planning Workshop.

-Governance: Purpose—To ensure that the HANZA Committee of Management (COM) manages the organisation to be a credible entity, compliant with relevant regulation and responsive to its membership.

-Service Development: Purpose—To encourage, support and guide the development of Homeshare programs/services implementing the international model of facilitated Homeshare.

-Promotion and Advocacy: Purpose—To create awareness of Homeshare and its value to the community by promotional activities.

Homeshare developments in New South Wales.

In early 2016 the NSW Government commissioned research and analysis to prepare options to trial a new Homeshare project later in the year. HANZA is proud to have contributed its knowledge and resources to this project.

The Congress generated renewed interest and enthusiasm in Homeshare in many parts of New South Wales. The possibility of exploring, scoping and developing Homeshare in NSW emerged resulting in a number of organisations submitting to NSW Family and Community Services (FACS) "Liveable Communities" funding round. HANZA provided support and advice and many of the agencies joined HANZA as associate members.

NEW LOOK FOR HANZA WEBSITE

HOMESHARE *Australia*

A new header, some fresh photos and a whole new page reporting on the World Homeshare Congress has given our website a new look!

We hope that heading our website and referring to ourselves as simply HOMESHARE AUSTRALIA will lessen confusion. It is certainly much easier to say and announce! Spelling out HANZA all the time was becoming too much of a mouthful – although, of course, that is still our full name.

Ageing Asia

HANZA is delighted to be invited to join as a “Supporting Partner” in this alliance of Aged Care organisations.

The Alliance is *“passionate about changing the future of ageing in Asia-Pacific, by facilitating global knowledge exchange and partnerships between government, business and not-for-profits. Together we hope to create products and services that will improve quality of life of older adults in our region.”*

Finding a pathway for taking the Homeshare message into Asia has been a HANZA ambition for some time, so we are very excited with the opportunity that engaging with Ageing Asia presents. There are now 1700 professional members in this dynamic and interesting Alliance. *“The Ageing Asia Alliance is an industry innovation driven by Ageing Asia (Singapore). Asia’s first ageing market consultancy social enterprise that aims to create platforms for exchange of the world’s best models of healthcare, aged care, seniors living and rehabilitation to enable healthy ageing, independent ageing and dignified ageing”* (Janice Chia, Founder and Managing Director.)

The Committee of Management continues to explore ways to support and expand the Homeshare cause. The Congress logo said it all.

Homeshare ticks all the boxes.

Homeshare:

- encourages independent living
 - supports relationships between generations and cultures
 - provides companionship and safety at night
 - complements family and formal home supports
 - provides affordable accommodation in exchanges for help in the home
 - ensures value for money for government and consumers
- ...and lots more



FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The 2015/2016 financial year was shaped by the organisation of the 4th World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne in early November 2015.

Registrations amounted to \$31,520.00 out of which HANZA paid

- \$11,308.41 to Conference Logistics for planning, managing and organising the conference including management of the conference website,
- \$10,447.48 to Serena Rogers to promote the Congress across social, electronic and print media, and
- \$12,821.48 for the balance of the Congress venue.

For an organisation the size of HANZA, the outlays in respect of Conference Logistics and Serena Rogers were major but well worth the expense because both agents contributed significantly to the success of the Congress in terms of administration, exposure and attendance.

Also significant were the generous donations of \$13,710 HANZA received in the 2015/2016 financial year. Of this amount, donors directed \$13,450 towards the running of the Congress.

HANZA finished the 2015/2016 financial year with \$29,643.12 in the bank.

In the forthcoming year, HANZA's main costs will be approximately \$5000 for the maintenance of its upgraded website and insurance of \$800.

In the meantime, HANZA relies on its membership for the bulk of its income. In this financial year, \$480 was received in respect of subscriptions. Clearly, HANZA must continue to encourage individuals and organisations to become members to benefit from its services.

In the 2016/2017 financial year, the challenge for HANZA will be to develop more income producing services and attract more donors to help cover its costs.

Alexis Hughes, Treasurer

Thank you to HANZA's partners and supporters:



Homeshare Congress and workshops supported by funding from the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments



HANZA's Full organisational members:





HANZA

SUPPORTS AND
PROMOTES
THE HOMESHARE
PROGRAM

HANZA Inc.

a not-for-profit, membership organization

www.homeshare.org.au

Contact

HANZA Inc.

62 Seymour Road

Elsternwick 3185 Vic

hanza@homeshare.org.au

Phone: +61 (03) 9523 9418

www.homeshare.org.au