



## NEWS

### HANZA links up with AGEING ASIA ALLIANCE



[www.ageingasia.com](http://www.ageingasia.com)

#### *Changing the Future of Ageing in Asia Pacific*



What a big call! But Ageing Asia's dynamic founder and managing director Janice Chia will make it happen – that's for sure! 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."* Homeshare has got to be a part of this vision, doesn't it?

HANZA's President Annette Madden and Beris Campbell met with Janice twice in September and enjoyed our meetings immensely! 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. Janice started up Ageing Asia when she realised that her own grandmother would be needing support in the near future. This dedicated and energetic woman did not want institutional care for her own relatives. So her aim is to change old ways of care in Singapore and Asia from the 'medical model' to holistic care where the individual's wishes are paramount.

Following our meeting with Janice HANZA Inc was invited to be a "Supporting Partner" in the Ageing Asia Alliance and we are just delighted to be part of such a dynamic organisation. Do look at the website, 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)

Hanza Inc looks forward to sharing information and learning from our new Asian Alliance and to meeting new partners in the area.



## VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST

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## SUPPORT FOR HOMESHARE TRAINING

The HANZA committee is pleased to announce we have successfully received a grant from the Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust to design and develop a course in **Homeshare Practice**. The grant is from the Jean McCaughey Social Justice Sub-fund of the trust.

The course will be designed to suit experienced social workers or other welfare or counselling professionals interested in developing skills to work in what is a relatively new practice of matching unrelated people of different ages and frequently different cultural backgrounds, to share living arrangements for mutual benefit.

The first pilot course is expected to run in March/April 2017. Enquiries to Beris Campbell via [hanza@homeshare.org.au](mailto:hanza@homeshare.org.au)

We are very grateful to the Trust whose objective we fully support "to improve conditions for women in practical and lasting ways."

### A FRESH START FOR HOMESHARE IN NSW

Interest in giving Homeshare a fresh start in NSW is growing by the day! Earlier this year we reported the possibility of a trial later this year. And it just might happen! A feasibility study is well underway in the City of Parramatta to test a HomeShare Vermont (US) style of program. A website has been developed to explain Homeshare and what the Parramatta project is trying to do. Check it out [here!](#)

The possibility of 'Exploring and Scoping' Homeshare in other parts of NSW from Northern Rivers to several areas of Sydney is also emerging as a number of organisations make submissions to the current NSW Family & Community Services (FACS) "Liveable Communities" funding round. Fingers crossed!

( See Port Macquarie-Hastings news below.)

### MAKING THE CASE FOR HOMESHARE

**The Australia Institute – TAI** - has taken up the Homeshare cause and will release a stimulating paper on facilitating semi-formal shared living opportunities for older Australians and people with disabilities in October.

The paper will provide an overview of Homeshare and other matching programs and some of the key issues to be faced as we move into the new age of My Aged Care and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The paper will argue: "There is a strong economic case for Homeshare, but its potential benefits are realised only with institutional support."

Let's hope TAI's paper helps to make the case for Homeshare loud and clear!

### HOMESHARE WORKSHOP

This follow up Homeshare Workshop to the 19th May session was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

It was titled "**June 2019-Doomsday or New Order for Homeshare, Who Decides?**" and participants were prepared to discuss and ponder the future of Homeshare in the light of changed circumstances with funding moving from State to Commonwealth.

Beris and Annette, from HANZA, were delighted to welcome twelve people to the board room of *lifeAssist*, our generous hosts. There were representatives from *lifeAssist*, Care Connect, Spectrum and Wesley Mission Victoria, with several new staff members joining the work of Homeshare.

Reports from most organisations revealed restructuring of Homeshare program management and coordination in order to prepare for new funding arrangements. Lively discussion led to the decision to continue holding workshops in 2017. The exchange of ideas and information was considered invaluable to those attending.

Work must be undertaken to embed Homeshare into aged care, disability services and social housing in order to influence policy and decision makers at local, state and commonwealth levels.

And all agreed that Homeshare programs can increase their validity and standing with health and welfare care professional, government and other funders and the community generally by developing practice standards and quality assurance frameworks.

## SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

### PROMOTION AND ADVOCACY:

The promotions team has been visiting useful persons around the town. It is always amazing to be asked: "Why haven't I heard of Homeshare before this?" Our immediate task is to develop a killer brochure and set of information documents to take to those we visit. Has anyone got a friend who writes amazing text pro bono?

### GOVERNANCE

Work is completed on HANZA Inc's adoption of the Model Rules. This change is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Reform Legislation of 2012. Results of these deliberations will be put to members as a special resolution at the AGM in November. There is minimal change.

## INTERNATIONAL HOMESHARE

### SAVE THE DATE! 5<sup>th</sup> World Homeshare Congress May 2017



Our next world congress will be held from **Thursday 25 May to Friday 26 May 2017** in the vibrant Spanish capital, Madrid. Book the dates in your diaries now!

Our hosts in Spain will be **Solidarios**, a voluntary organisation that runs Homeshare as part of its work on intergenerational issues.

Our venue will be Madrid's flamboyant City Hall, the Palacio Cibeles. Watch the Homeshare International [website](#) for details of the program and how to book your place.

**STOP PRESS! CALL FOR PAPERS** has just been posted on the Homeshare International website!

## NOTICE OF HANZA INC'S AGM

Sadly we can't meet together this year in the splendid surrounds of the Treacy Centre for our AGM as we did last year at the end of day one of the World Homeshare Congress but we hope as many members as possible will join us personally or by teleconference on:

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 2pm Melbourne time.

At the Board Room of *lifeAssist* in Springvale road Glen Waverley.

Notices will be sent to members closer to the date with details of the agenda including a mystery speaker! Joining instructions for the teleconference will also be provided.

SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW

## NEWS FROM HANZA MEMBERS AROUND AUSTRALASIA

### Care Connect Vic, in partnership with Spectrum Migrant Resources

Filomena from Spectrum tells a very sweet story from a 83 year old Householder. "If it wasn't for her (the Homesharer) I would be in a nursing home by now. I wasn't feeling well one night recently and she got up to me at 4.30am and made me a cup of tea and got me a hot water bottle. No one has ever done that for me before."

### Community Connections ACT Lee Harrison, Homeshare Manager

We held a second Homeshare forum in early July at a local RSL club in Canberra. The idea was to publicise our program and coincide with the NDIS National rollout.

About 60 people attended, including current participants in our program, potential householders, potential homesharers and people from across the disability sector. Several NDIS planners were there which was pleasing as we want as many of them as possible to know about Homeshare and support and promote it to people they meet.

Guest speakers were the ACT Minister for Disabilities, the local NDIS senior manager, plus myself and Ian Ross our CEO.

In the second half we had a panel session Q&A involving 6 current participants. It was popular and lively and we ran overtime by about 45 minutes as there was such a lot of discussion.

We have also produced a new promotional DVD which is on our website [www.comcons.org.au](http://www.comcons.org.au)

We have done our first homeshare match featuring a married couple being the joint sharers with a 47 year old man as the householder

Also have another match running where we have two homesharers with one householder but the two sharers did not know each other prior to moving in. Sharer 1 moved in a week earlier and was part of the selection panel when we interviewed sharer 2.

Both of these slightly unconventional arrangements have worked well thus far.

### St John Ambulance services QLD

Judith Allen, a long time supporter of Homeshare, has retired from the St John Service. St John Queensland is undergoing a complete restructure and so we await their decisions about continuing with the Homeshare program. We wish Judith well in her retirement.

### Life Assist (formerly Uniting Care Community Options) Vic

Peri from Life Assist is in a very upbeat mood, emerging from winter when, she says, Homeshare goes into a decline. She is now making matches right and left.

Although being busy filling in government returns, she was able to provide some amazing statistics about her matches:

50% of Householders in the program are born overseas

56% Homesharers are born overseas

Average age of Householders is 84.6 years

Average age of Homesharers 37.8 years

Clients come from many countries: India, China, Italy, Tibet, Holland, Eastern Europe, Germany

Many matches are cross cultural eg Chinese and Indian in the NESB groups.

15% of matches are of the same overseas born group, but only where the Householder does not speak English.

Peri says that Television and Radio have had the most effect on their successes.  
Well done *LifeAssist*!

#### Port Macquarie- Hastings Council

Below is an excerpt from a submission for funding for a Homeshare program.

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, with partners Charles Sturt University (CSU) and with best advice from HANZA (Homeshare Australia & New Zealand), submitted a \$60k grant application to NSW Dept Family & Community Services for a Liveable Communities Grants on Friday 30 September. If the grant is received the project will be implemented in 2017 as a 12month pilot program.

The purpose is to increase options for older people to remain at home with independence and dignity while offering accommodation choice to younger people, thereby fostering intergenerational understanding in this regional area.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) has opened a new campus this year in Port Macquarie and currently does not provide accommodation for students. CSU will undertake a critical evaluation of the scheme with a view towards replication to other campus towns and regional areas of NSW generally and across Australia.

Growing student numbers, including international students have created new challenges, therefore supporting affordable options for student housing is key to the promotion of Port Macquarie as an 'education destination'.

Rural youth may struggle to become independent due to particularly high accommodation costs and this model may assist them to work and live independently while strengthening and retaining family and community ties.

#### Macarthur Diversity Services Initiatives - NSW

Sue Gordon is another passionate Homeshare addict. MDSI has submitted for funding at this time and Sue is hopeful. They too have a University partner, the University of Western Sydney. This is their third submission. Sue and her colleagues will continue to try for Homeshare despite all disappointments and talk about it all the time to anyone who will listen.

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