



## **HANZA NEWSLETTER**

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### **NEWS SPECIAL!**

#### **UNITING CARE WESLEY ADELAIDE HAS ACHIEVED RECURRENT FUNDING FOR THEIR HOMESHARE PROGRAM!**

This must be an important event for Homeshare. If two programs can attract appropriate funding and recognition, why not all? Congratulations to the Adelaide team.

### **NEW ROLE FOR HOMESHARE COMMITTEE**

Much has happened to Homeshare here in Melbourne since, and as a result of, the November Teleconference. We must say first of all how delighted and impressed we were here that everyone contributed and gave their support, despite the IT debacle.

The teleconference seems to have become a watershed for us and events were prompted further by the surprise announcement of the CEO that Wesley would no longer be the lead member of HANZA.

In the event, this was a timely stimulus to action by us, the erstwhile members of the original Homeshare Victoria Steering Committee and subsequently the Wesley Homeshare Advisory Committee.

We have believed for some time that a mature, well accepted program did not need an advisory committee in the long term. And the Wesley program is certainly that. Our ten years support for it have paid off. The program is sound and the committee members have learned much. We have also had a role in helping other programs around Australasia to get going. With this experience we are reinventing ourselves to offer support to all existing and aspiring programs. We are now calling ourselves the HOMESHARE REFERENCE GROUP (HRG) and will continue to be available to anyone who thinks we can help with Homeshare issues.

### **BERIS'S NEWS**

One of the most significant features of the new HRG is that Beris has retired and is now a proper member of HRG with leisure to assist any programs that need help. We are all aware how much we owe to Beris and know that the whole thing would not have been such a success without her. The timing is impeccable! Contact details for Beris:

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**HANZA'S NEW STRUCTURE**

As was agreed at the teleconference, to move into this new dimension, we have progressed with setting ourselves up as a legal entity. HANZA Inc. is our legal name. This state-based Association is now a Registerable Body, with an ABN and a TFN, providing the ability to avoid income tax and receive monies. We can now operate in all states in Australia. New Zealand is something to consider in the near future. Ho hum! It is all incredibly tedious and more than we bargained for when we were young and foolish, thinking all this would be easy.

And it is costing money, the burden of which is being born by the HRG members at this time. We are hoping to recoup some of it when we are able to receive funds – when all the paperwork is complete.

Since all members need to approve of our actions, it is appropriate here to go into some detail about how we intend to operate in the short term. We are well aware that times change events and that those of us who set up the first Homeshare program will not last forever, and that our larger HANZA membership will, we hope, carry the banner into the future.

**HANZA INC.**

Under state law, we are an incorporated association. We have accepted the Model Rules provided to govern our proceedings. These include all the usual things, titles, committee meetings, annual reports etc.:

The Committee of Management:

President	Shirley Anderson
Vice President	Annette Madden
Treasurer	Alexis Hughes
Secretary	Carmel Hurst
Public Officer	“ “
Ordinary Members	Joan Crawford
	Lyn Grocke
	Beris Campbell

In brief, the COM will run the day-to-day affairs of the Association and comply with the Rules. Membership of the Association we believe, can be in a number of categories:

Full Organizational Member HANZA (groups with a program)

Associate Organizational Member HANZA (groups aspiring to a program)

Individual Member HANZA (interested individuals)

This division would allow us to waive or lower the fees of those groups or individuals that had no program and therefore no funds. Individual membership includes such people as those of us in Homeshare Reference group and others who have supported us for so long. But all of this must wait until we have achieved our aim of attaining tax exemption status and can ask for your help in this matter.

As a result of our restructuring mentioned above, we have been securing our identity by trademarking our logo. You may now use it on any document that identifies you with membership. It was suggested by a HANZA member previously that a membership certificate would be useful. Would members like us to design one?

## **HANZA AND HRG**

The format we have established for ourselves might be confusing. Homeshare Australia and New Zealand Alliance (HANZA) is a body with you all as members. Homeshare Reference Group is composed of those of us who have been the committee supporting the development of Homeshare, particularly in Melbourne. We are now recalibrated to provide support to all programs, in existence or aspiring. We report to HANZA. HANZA is the governing body. HRG is the group of bunnies who do the work. The confusion comes when you realise that we are all the same people at the moment. Got all that?

## **INTERNATIONAL HOMESHARE**

Death of Nan Maitland. Nan was our initial inspiration. She brought the idea of Homeshare to Australia for the 1997 International Gerontology Conference. I heard her speak on that occasion and became, as I am now, obsessed with Homeshare. Our programs have much to thank Nan for. In the intervening years she has maintained support for us, visited Australia twice and received Beris and I in her home in London on a number of occasions.

Beris Campbell is to represent us all at the Second World Congress of Homeshare International. This takes place in Cologne in July. Beris will give a keynote address on day one. No doubt you are all aware by now that the Melbourne Homeshare program is thought to be one of the best in the world, sharing the spot with Paris. We wish Beris every good wish with her address and are sorry we can't go along.

Go to [www.homeshare.org](http://www.homeshare.org) for information and registration details.

## **DISABILITY HOMESHARE - YOUNGER PERSON'S HOMESHARE**

Perth Home Care Services (PHCS) differentiates between their two Homeshare programs by calling one the Older Person's Homeshare (OPH) and the other the Younger Person's Homeshare (YPH). We think this is very apt terminology and will adopt it from now on! Thank you PHCS!

The State government disability departments in both WA and Vic are funding YPH initiatives that are proving to be immensely challenging, requiring very careful processes and some seriously creative approaches to matches. In Victoria we have been fond of saying that every Homeshare match is a *unique puzzle* and in the disability field this is really the case. Lots more work and learning to do.

*Younger Householders with Disabilities* is the topic of Beris's address to the World Homeshare Congress. She will prepare the paper with some help from PHCS over the next month or two. If any HANZA members have any experiences of younger householders and would like to share them with Beris, she would love to hear from you. Many Homeshare programs around the world have worked with younger people with disabilities, even if it has been in limited ways, so we are hoping to learn from the experience of programs attending the Congress.

## **PROBLEM CORNER**

In this space we are inviting anyone with a question/ problem that could be helpfully answered and the dialogue of use to anyone with similar experiences.

## **NEWS FROM HANZA MEMBERS AROUND AUSTRALASIA**

### **PLEASE NOTE ADELAIDE'S TRIUMPH**

Communities @ Work Inc. (ACT)

Camilla Rowland in Canberra is awaiting the result of their ACT Government Budget Submission. Good luck with that.

Enliven Homeshare - Presbyterian Support East Coast (PSEC) NZ

Hawke's Bay where the Homeshare program is based, was out of harm's way of the earthquake but, of course, as NZ is not a big country, Homeshare Coordinator, Deb Biggs, had friends who were affected. Our thoughts are still with them all.

Enliven Homeshare's instigator Faith Kaufman has moved on, but Deb is continuing with the program with support from the General Manager. Together they are reviewing the program and we are providing Deb with

reviews and evaluations from the UK, US and others – fulfilling our new HRG role!

### Perth Home Care Services

PHCS is half way through the twelve-month Homeshare trial funded by Health Workforce Australia (HWA). These projects are all part of health workforce reform and the Perth project is included in the group that is concerned with workforce reform in 'Caring for Older People'. As those of us who have been experimenting and developing Homeshare know, 'doing' Homeshare is a new way of working for aged care professionals. Different skills and knowledge are required than those for casework, case management or case planning.

The Homeshare (WA) trial is based on the following hypothesis:

**If** ... we determine the tasks, functions, skills and capabilities of an effective Homeshare Coordinator and homesharer and what is required to effectively implement Homeshare arrangements

**Then** ... older householders can continue to live in their own homes longer, and access health and community services in a timelier manner.

The work PHCS is doing for this project will provide the Homeshare movement with invaluable insight into the workings of the program and its impact not only on the participants but also on existing care support roles.

### Queensland Community Care Network Inc.

Thank you Ken for your help and advice on registering Homeshare as an entity. How is your funding submission going?

### Regional Council for Social Development

Mackay Homeshare held a forum on 1<sup>st</sup> March seeking an auspicing body that would undertake the program. I hope we will hear positive results to include in our next newsletter.

### Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide Inc.

Ali Ayliffe and Barbara Donaldson both rang to tell us of their success. They have recurrent funding for Homeshare through HACC!

Carmel Hurst

Homeshare Reference Group

For HANZA

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