



**HOMESHARE
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
ALLIANCE**



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Message from the President.

The past twelve months have been the busiest that HANZA has experienced due to the planning involved in staging the 4th World Homeshare Congress in November this year. The HANZA Committee of Management (COM) have been outstanding in their enthusiasm and diligence in shouldering all the extra work and responsibility. It has also been a great learning experience for us all as we had to acquire new skills to undertake all our roles.

The support we have had from a wide range of sources has been magnificent. The financial support from the Victorian Department of Health, the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation, a significant individual donation from Heather Campbell and the offer of a HANZA COM member to underwrite the Congress have been crucial to being able to stage the Congress.

All organisations and personnel involved in work for the Congress have performed with enthusiasm and I believe have provided much more than was set out in their costed briefs.

Unsolicited support such as that by Sew n Sew a group of women quilters who, at their own cost, hand crafted over 100 fabric bags for the Congress delegates was very encouraging to HANZA and much appreciated not only financially but also for the interest and support it demonstrated for Homeshare and HANZA. HANZA has not lacked volunteers to assist at the Congress itself and also on the Committee planning the Congress.

There will be significant and long lasting benefit to HANZA and its members from the staging of the World Congress in Melbourne. For HANZA itself the funding has meant we now have a website that we will be able to manage and update after the Congress. In addition through advertising the 4th World Homeshare Congress HANZA has significantly extended its networks with organisations and individuals with similar programs and ambitions and this can only be beneficial to all concerned.

At the 2015 Annual General Meeting Joan Crawford, a founding member of Homeshare and HANZA committee member since its inception, is retiring from her position. Joan goes with our grateful thanks and best wishes. At the AGM I am also standing down from the position of HANZA President and I do so with every confidence that HANZA is well established and will continue to successfully pursue its goal to see quality Homeshare programs prosper across Australasia.

Shirley Anderson

President
HANZA Inc.

HANZA Committee of Management 2014-2015

President: Shirley Anderson BSW (Hons)
Vice-President: Annette Madden RN (Ret) Dip.Mgmt.
Secretary: Carmel Hurst OAM RN (Ret.) FCNA
Treasurer: Alexis Hughes BA (Melb.)
Ordinary Members: Beris Campbell OAM, BA Dip.Soc Studs.(Melb)
Lyn Grocke Physio (Ret) Grad. Dip Gerontology
Joan Crawford, PSM

HIGHLIGHTS of 2014-15

- The magnificent support of HANZA as co-host with Homeshare International of the 4th World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne 5th & 6th November 2015 from HANZA members, Homeshare International members, colleagues, co-opted family members and friends, new contacts, consultants, State and Federal Members of Parliament and staff of the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services.
- The quality and range of speakers attracted to present at the Congress on diverse and challenging topics.
- A record number of delegates attending the Congress.
- Generous financial support for the Congress from Department of Health & Human Services, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and in kind support from COTA
- Unsolicited significant financial support from Heather Campbell.
- 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.
- HANZA involvement on the Department of Health & Human Services Homeshare Reference Group and the progress of the Homeshare Expansion Project through Care Connect/Spectrum in the North West and *LifeAssist* in the Eastern Region.
- HANZA website rebuilt and user friendly.
- Increased multi media coverage for Homeshare.
- Increase in HANZA membership.
- HANZA consistent in working to fulfill its stated objectives.

HOMESHARE IN AUSTRALASIA:

November 2017 will mark the 20th Anniversary of Homeshare in Australasia. HANZA has long planned to produce a History of Homeshare in Australasia. Initially it was to record the first 10 years but this timeline has flashed past us. HANZA has been fully engaged in supporting existing programs and responding to all the new opportunities arising. There has been a huge increase in requests for assistance from people seeking Homeshare and organisations wanting information and support. There has been the development of an educational role as well as HANZA playing an advisory role at the request of government departments.

The History of Homeshare in Australasia is anticipated to be produced by November 2017. Beris Campbell will present a paper at the 4th World Homeshare Congress in Melbourne titled "HANZA's Ambition". This paper traces the ups and downs of Homeshare since 1997 until today and will provide the bulk of information for the Homeshare history. The paper concludes with HANZA's ambitions for the future of seeing the Homeshare model grow and extend all over Australia and New Zealand and for HANZA to play a vital role in the growth of Homeshare world-wide.

The HANZA Ambition paper will be available in hard copy at the Congress and will be published on the HANZA website.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF HANZA MEMBERS:

CANBERRA – Community Connections.

Community Connections (CC) operates in the Disability Sector. Since the launch of our programme at the start of 2013 Community Connections has made 39 matches for 21 different householders. During the period covered by this Annual Report, 1/7/14 to 30/6/15, 13 new Homeshare matches were made.

Several of our householders are in their second or even third Homeshare arrangement, which we see as testimony to the program given that they are keen to rematch after the finish of one arrangement. In fact 8 of the 13 matches were re-matches, whilst 5 were totally new people to the program.

Of the 13 matches made in the year, 4 were in government housing and 9 in privately owned housing. 9 of the householders are people with intellectual disabilities and 4 have physical disabilities. Of the homesharers coming on board 2 were students, whilst 11 have full time employment. Homesharers come from France, China, South Africa, Ireland as well as 9 from Australia.

Community Connections now has one Homeshare match of over 2 years duration and 3 more of over 1 year. We have found that our matches are lasting longer now than they did in the early days of the program and we see longevity of matches as another quality indicator.

In the year covered in this report we renewed our arrangement with Housing ACT which allows us to use their properties in our Homeshare Programme. We regard this as very important as many people with disabilities live in government homes. Without this arrangement they would

be excluded. Since we commenced our program all of our contacts within Housing ACT have moved on, so it is pleasing to have gained the support and agreement from the new senior management team to continue our agreement.

VICTORIA EASTERN REGION - *LifeAssist* Homeshare Program.

It has been a year of consolidation and progress, with *LifeAssist's* Homeshare program. We have developed close working relationships and sharing information and resources with both Care Connect and Wesley Mission's Homeshare programs.

LifeAssist's Coordinators have met periodically as peers with other Homeshare program staff to share learnings and further develop their skills and knowledge. Topics have included refining assessments skills, overcoming obstacles for successful matching and creative ways to promote Homeshare.

A highlight of *LifeAssist's* Homeshare year has been doing some work to prepare for a changing service system. As we move from a block funded system to a free market system with aged care reforms and the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), we have liaised with the NDIA and promoted Homeshare as a service for the future. Over the past year we have supported 12 successful matches. This equates to approximately 3460 volunteer hours of support for Householders during the year, which is a great achievement.

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 2014/2015 financial year was influenced by the organisation of the 4thWorld Homeshare Congress in Melbourne in early November 2015.

In December 2014 a separate account was created to clearly separate HANZA's financial activities from those of the Congress. The account opened with a deposit of a \$10,000.00 grant from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. This was followed in April with a grant of \$11,700.00 from the State Department of Health & Human Services. One of Homeshare's associates, Heather Campbell, made a significant donation of \$5000.

Up to the end of June 2015, expenditure of the grants/donation moneys was devoted to:

- upgrading the HANZA website to contemporary standards to facilitate contact and accommodate extra business generated by the Congress;
- employing a graphics designer – The Designery - to design the logo and promotional material such as pamphlets, booklets and banner for the Congress;
- engaging a Congress organiser - Conference Logistics – to set up a Congress website to handle the registrations and payments, and
- employing a promotions organiser- Serena Rogers Consulting - to maximise the exposure of the Congress to its diverse stakeholders.

As at 30 June 2015, there was \$24,003.93 in the Congress account.

HANZA itself finished the 2014/2015 financial year with \$3930.47 in the bank.

HANZA's main income came from:

- individual, associate and full membership subscriptions
- donations, and
- a sausage sizzle.

HANZA's main items of expenditure were Public Liability Insurance, pamphlets and a deposit of \$3150.00 on the venue for the Homeshare Congress.

