



# HOMESHARE AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND ALLIANCE

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## NEWS: AGED CARE ROYAL COMMISSION SUBMISSION

2019 has been both exciting and busy for HANZA! In July, we made a joint submission — along with [The Australia Institute](#) — to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. The document lays out the ways in which HANZA believes homeshare can help improve aged care quality and safety in Australia, and also sets out a vision for the future of homeshare in the era of NDIS and MyAgedCare. We are very proud of it, and encourage subscribers to read it — which you can do [here](#) — and share it widely!



## HOMESHARE IN 'THE AGE' AND 'SYDNEY MORNING HERALD'

A [lovely homeshare-based story](#) ran in both The Sunday Age and the Sydney Morning Herald in early



Ricky and Josh (courtesy Fairfax)

August. The piece examines the lives of householder Ricky Buchanan and homesharer Josh Van Dyk, whose match was organized via Home Share Melbourne. It mentions our Royal Commission submission, homeshare's struggles for funding, and the need for inclusion in the NDIS and MyAgedCare.

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*Just as we were preparing this newsletter, we heard that the Royal Commission has contacted Ricky and interviewed both her and Josh about how homeshare has helped her avoid ending up as a young person in an aged care facility. Ricky tells us that the RC is keen to get formal testimony from her and Josh, and that they "will be back in touch"!*

*This is excellent news — it demonstrates that the Commissioners are taking homeshare seriously! WE're also told that homeshare is very much on the NDIS's radar, and that they plan to speak to HANZA "quite soon."  
More news on this as we get it!*



## HOME SHARE MELBOURNE: 12 MONTHS IN

It's 12 months since the launch of Home Share Melbourne, and the program is going strong! Over the last year, Home Share Melbourne has established a [website](#) and logo, along with comprehensive communications and marketing strategies, program guidelines, and a fee-based framework. It has forged

partnerships with Flatmates.com.au, the Honda Foundation, Pay a Sack Forward, and Wombat Housing. It has received press coverage in The Big Issue, the Sydney Morning Herald, and The Age. And most importantly, it has made matches — an impressively diverse variety of them, in fact! The future looks bright for the program, and we're hoping the next 12 months bring more success and growth.

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**Find Homeshare on the web!**



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## REPORT FROM THE 6TH GLOBAL HOMESHARE CONFERENCE

The 6th Homeshare World Conference took place in Brussels this March, and it was attended by our Australian delegation, viz. HANZA's Beris Campbell and Home Share Melbourne's Carla Raynes. There's a short report on the conference on our [website](#); there are also plenty of pictures at [Homeshare International](#), where you can also download some of the papers presented at the Congress.



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# HOLDSWORTH Community

## HOLDSWORTH HOMESHARE UPDATE

Holdsworth HomeShare in Sydney is excited to report that they have two matches in progress, with a lot of detailed work and negotiation to create highly tailored responses to each owner's circumstances.

On the publicity front, ABC's *Compass* program is currently interviewing some of the program's householders and homesharers for a dedicated episode on

homeshare, which will be broadcast in early 2020. This will be a great opportunity to promote homeshare and its benefits nationally!

Locally, Holdsworth is experiencing the benefits of its targeted promotions campaign. A series of stories have been produced as a small booklet and distributed to the community, while the same stories are being run in the community newspapers. These have been particularly well received by adult children and has resulted in increased inquiries from older residents and the community sector.

Our friends at Holdsworth report that they are excited about the growing momentum and interest in Holdsworth HomeShare, and look forward to the continued growth of homeshare in NSW!

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