



HOMELESSNESS 2 HOME

HANZA is delighted to announce Home Share Melbourne's participation in the Victorian Government's Homelessness 2 Home (H2H) initiative.

The H2H initiative is an opportunity to make a significant, lasting impact on homelessness and rough sleeping in Victoria.

HSM continues to expand homeshare's horizons, taking the idea beyond its traditional rubric of aged care and finding new and exciting ways for the concept to help those in need.

THE WORLD CONGRESS: IT'S HAPPENING!

Speaking of unprecedentedly difficult times, one of the greatest disappointments (from a homeshare point of view, obviously!) of the COVID-19 pandemic has been its effect on the 7th Homeshare World Congress.



We were thrilled to get the news from Homeshare International recently that the Congress will be going ahead! Hurrah! The event will now be taking place in Dublin on 26 and 27 May 2022.

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HOMESHARE: TOO HOT FOR 'Q+A'?!

The ABC's long-running town hall program Q+A has something of a reputation for being unafraid to, ahem, embrace controversy.

Wendy was in the audience for the show, and submitted the following question:

"I would appreciate the opportunity to ask a question for Claire O'Neil in my role as a board member of HANZA Homeshare Australia and New Zealand Alliance:

Homeshare is an innovative alternative for older people who do not wish to enter residential care. It matches an older person living alone with a younger person of integrity to live in and offer security, companionship and help with light household chores.

Why is it that after a recent submission to the Royal Commission, the Commission and the government appear not to know or are ignoring that Homeshare exists and that it is a successful and highly cost effective model to support older people in their own homes, at the same time as increasing the supply of affordable housing?

Sadly, the question was not tabled. We can only conclude that homeshare is simply too controversial for Q+A — after all, there wasn't much else happening in Canberra that day, was there?

"A PROVEN MODEL"

An op-ed by HANZA Director and Secretary Alexis Hughes (right), which was written in anticipation of the publication of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, is now available to read on our website.



FURTHER READING!

And finally, thank you to Giuliana Costa, Associate Professor of Sociology at the Politecnico di Milano in Italy, who has sent us a copy of a recent paper entitled "Intergenerational Homesharing Programmes: A Piece of the 'Ageing in Place' Puzzle?".

