



# HomeShare

FOR HOUSEHOLDERS

*Women helping women!*

Do you:

- Have a spare bedroom or studio in your home?
- Want to give back to your community and help address the housing crisis?
- See the value in having some extra help around the house, companionship, or simply knowing there's someone trusted staying in your home overnight?

*... then Homeshare might be a good fit for you!*



## Companionship | Security | Mutual Support

### *What is Homesharing?*

Homesharing is built on mutual support: **Householders** provide accommodation in their homes, while **Homesharers** offer companionship and light practical assistance each week. Most importantly, it provides the comfort of knowing someone else is around the home, allowing for a more secure and supportive living environment. Each Homeshare arrangement is tailored to fit your specific needs. Our Homeshare Coordinator works with you to understand your preferences and finds the right Homesharer based on compatibility and shared interests. There are no fees for using Homeshare's recruiting, matching or monitoring services.

### *How can Homesharers help?*

No two Homeshare arrangements are the same - it's entirely flexible, based on what you need and what the Homesharer can offer. Some possibilities include:

- **Companionship** and a friendly presence in the home
- **Sharing some meals** in the evenings
- **Light household tasks** like helping with gardening, pet care, or tidying
- Simply the **peace of mind** knowing someone is around the home

### *Why use the Homeshare matching service?*

Safe, reliable and sustainable matches are coordinated via:

- Thorough interviews, reference checks, and police clearances
- An introductory meeting that is personally facilitated by our Coordinator
- A formal agreement that outlines the specific help the Homesharer will provide, as well as how living costs like utilities will be shared

You remain in full control, and only when you are completely comfortable and trust the prospective Homesharer does the arrangement proceed. You can tailor the arrangement to suit your lifestyle, and support is available through our Homeshare Coordinator who is there to facilitate introductions and help build that trust before a placement is made.

*This is a pilot program until 30 June 2025 and its extension beyond this date is based on funding.*

*The Homeshare Pilot Program carefully matches female Householders aged 55+ living on their own, with female Homesharers from a similar age group.*

## Interested? Let's Talk!

For more information go to [www.vinnies.org.au/sa/get-involved/homeshare](http://www.vinnies.org.au/sa/get-involved/homeshare) or call 8112 8787 and ask about Homeshare.



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