



FOR HOUSEHOLDERS

HomeShare

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 else 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. The only cost is a contribution from the Homesharer toward utility bills to help cover household expenses.

Who are the Homesharers?

A traditional Homeshare model attracts a variety of people! For our Homeshare Pilot Program, we carefully match female Householders aged 55+ living on their own with female Homesharers from a similar age group. Women helping women! Each Homesharer is thoroughly vetted through interviews, reference checks, and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match. You remain in full control. Only when you are completely comfortable and trust the prospective Homesharer, does the arrangement proceed. Our Coordinator is there every step of the way to facilitate introductions and help build that trust.

What can Homesharers help with?

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** such as helping with gardening, pet care, or general tidying
- Simply the **peace of mind** knowing someone is around the home

A formal agreement will be created outlining the specific help the Homesharer will provide, as well as how living costs like utilities will be shared. You can adjust the arrangement to suit your lifestyle, and ongoing support is always available through our Coordinator.

Interested? Let's Talk!

For more information email go to www.vinnies.org.au/sa/homeshare or call 8112 8700.



Homeshare SA is a partnership between Vinnies SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, working together to create meaningful, supportive living arrangements for older women.

