

Homeshare

What is Homeshare?

Homeshare matches people who need companionship and some practical help to live at home (Householders) with people who need accommodation (Homesharers). Homesharers provide companionship, an overnight presence and up to 10 hours of practical help per week instead of rent. Homesharers provide their own food and a share of utility bills. See our Homeshare brochure (pdf) for more information.

Homeshare can be provided as:

- a free Government-funded program,
- a self-funded service, or
- as part of an NDIS plan for those covered by the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Who are Householders?

Householders are people over 65 or people with disability who live in their own homes and who can benefit from companionship and practical assistance.

Who are Homesharers?

Homesharers can come from all backgrounds, aged from their 20s through to retirees. They are mature, reliable

and are interested in living with an older person or person with a disability, as well as benefiting from living rent-free. Homesharers undergo a thorough application, interview, referee and police check process. They must commit themselves to the program for a minimum of 12 months.

What help do Homesharers provide?

Instead of paying rent, Homesharers provide up to 10 hours per week of assistance around the house. This can include: cooking, housework, gardening, shopping, pet car, and transport (as long as no personal care is involved).

Matching

Householders and Homesharers are matched according to personalities, interests, routines and needs. They only decide to homeshare together after getting to know each other with the assistance of our Homeshare Co-ordinators.

Agreements

People commence a Homeshare by having a four week trial period which is closely monitored and supported by the Homeshare Co-ordinators and a written agreement. A long-term agreement is then negotiated if both choose to continue after that trial period.

Become a Householder or Homesharer today!

mylifeAssist Self-funded services

This is a flexible, affordable self-funded service which provides options for family members, carers and individuals.

mylifeAssist is ideal for:

- those who don't qualify for government-funded support
- those who are waiting for support packages
- those who need to 'top-up' their support package
- families or carers who need some outside help
- people who need support for their ageing parents or have busy families which are not able to provide the support they want
- people who need some extra help to make living at home easier for themselves or someone they love

We are dedicated to planning individual solutions to suit individual circumstances. We work with our clients to create personalised plans and provide ongoing support.

mylifeAssist offers

Immediate services with no waiting period or eligibility requirements. Short-term or long-term services to create the best possible outcomes. We offer current and future planning services.

We can arrange services to support you. Support services include: personal care, meals, domestic assistance, gardening, nursing and allied health, hospital liaison, respite care, transport, pet support, overnight stay, 24 hour care and more. Support services can be for as short as 30 minutes or longer if required.

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