

# Homeshare WA

## *Matching householders with people of integrity for mutual benefit.*

- Helps householders live safely in their own home.
- Gives assistance and peace of mind to family.
- Provides companionship and mutual support.
- Provides a home away from home for the Homesharer.

### **Introducing Homeshare**

Homeshare matches householders who are looking for companionship and some practical support, with people of integrity who are able to provide this assistance and contribute to household expenses in return for free accommodation.

The householder provides a bedroom and shared facilities. In exchange, the Homesharer provides approximately 10 hours per week of practical assistance such as cooking, cleaning, shopping and gardening, as well as the added security of having someone else living in the home.

### **How does Homeshare work?**

Householders and the Homesharer's complete detailed application forms. All applicants are interviewed and carefully assessed. Introductions, follow up meetings and trials are arranged. If both parties decide the match is compatible the Homesharer moves in.

Homeshare WA draws up an agreement detailing the arrangements for living together including specific tasks, sharing or managing living costs – power, food, use of telephone. Every agreement will be different and designed to suit the circumstances of the match.

Homeshare WA provides ongoing contact and support to both parties.

### **About Perth Home Care Services**

Perth Home Care Services assists people who need support due to age and frailty, disability or mental illness. We also assist families and carers to continue in their roles providing love, care and support.

PHCS works with people to be in control of their lives, connected with family and community, regardless of circumstances, by recognising each person's uniqueness and working with them to develop the supports they need. We focus on each person, assisting them to achieve what is important to them and build on their strengths, abilities and interests.

We are committed to supporting people to live in their own home and contribute to the community. We very excited to be launching Homeshare in WA. Individuals and families can contact us directly.

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