

Here stay

A homesharing initiative connecting Swinburne University of Technology students looking for affordable accommodation with hosts in the area.



There's a lack of affordable student housing.

Melbourne's rapidly growing population is putting pressure on the availability of affordable housing, particularly for university students.

Meanwhile, there are thousands of homes near the university with spare rooms.

Many people have 'empty nests' – homes with multiple bedrooms that are empty. Translation? An opportunity. To connect students with these hosts who don't want to downsize or leave the area but are looking for support, companionship, or ways to subsidise their costs of living.

HereStay matches the two together.

Hosts let their empty rooms to students at reasonable or below-market rates, in exchange for helpful tasks, such as walking the dog and picking up grocery shopping. Simple.

Both parties reap the rewards of homesharing.

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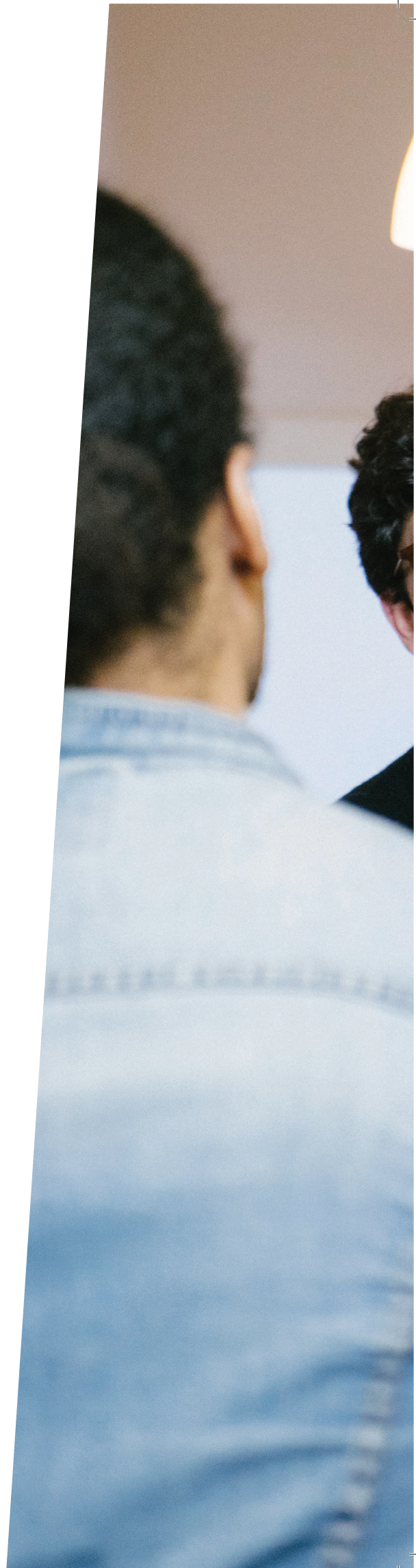
- Companionship that boosts wellbeing and reduces isolation
- Broader range of ready and affordable accommodation options for students
- Urban optimisation through greater occupancy of existing houses
- Help ageing people stay in their own homes and communities longer



REGISTER NOW!

First round intake closes 31 March.

Contact: herestay@swinburne.edu.au





FAQs

| How are hosts and students matched?

Each homesharing partnership is unique, tailored to the needs of both student and host.

For a successful homeshare, it's important to find the right person.

Once we've received your application, we'll match you with the best homesharing partner. You'll have the opportunity to meet in person for coffee and view the home before you commit.

| As a host, what do I need to provide to students?

You'll provide them with their own private, comfortably furnished room, WiFi, places to store their food (such as space in a pantry or a shelf in the fridge), access to bathroom, laundry and washing facilities, and keys to the property.

| As a student, what do I exchange for reduced rent?

In addition to standard shared chores to keep common areas clean, you may exchange household services like housekeeping, laundry, driving, meal preparation, errands, feeding/walking pets, or gardening in exchange for reduced rent.

Check out our toolkits for students and hosts packed with all the resources you'll need to enjoy a successful homeshare.

Three Top Tips for Homesharing

- 1 Be patient. You don't have to go with the first person you interview. It's far more important to wait and find the right person.
- 2 Be flexible. Be open to living with people who are different to you. It's how diverse communities are made!
- 3 Communicate. Establish regular check-ins with each other to discuss what's working and what's not.



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