

# My Home Network



we want  
your  
input



The housing situation in **Mount Alexander Shire** is becoming increasingly difficult with rising rents and house prices. This situation has been developing for some years and has recently been made worse by the move to regional Victoria during and after the COVID lockdowns.

**My Home Network** is a group of organisations and community members that have begun to meet to discuss what can be done and now we want community input on **two ideas**.



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## Establishing a HomeShare scheme

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# How can I help?

Please complete this short survey to help us identify:

- what housing stock or rooms are potentially available to rent
- what interest is there in being part of these potential rental systems either as a tenant or a landlord
- what barriers are there to people considering being part of these potential rental systems



Scan QR Code with your phone camera to go straight to survey



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**For landlords**

- Contributing to an ethical real estate system and community integrated response to increase supply of affordable housing
- For those who currently do not rent their vacant property
- Income generation
- Security of having someone in the house
- Care of the property

**For tenants**

- Affordable rent
- Increase in rental properties so less competition



**For the community**

- Improvement in community health and well being with increase in affordable housing for our community members
- Retention of local families and workers across all business sectors, ie: low income/part time hospitality workers unable to afford/find rentals so moving away from town leaving businesses short of staff
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**For householders**

- The ability to remain independent in your home
- Help with daily living tasks incl. gardens, pets etc
- Companionship
- The security of having someone in the house
- Increased community participation and connectedness
- Contribution to positive and healthy ageing
- Alleviate pressure on families and provide them with security and peace of mind.

**For homesharers**

- access to secure housing options
- alleviation of financial pressure
- companionship and security living in a home
- connection to the community



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