



Welcome!

This is the second edition for 2011 and we trust prospective and current providers are finding the one page bulletins useful. It is interesting to note that about 25% of our housing providers are in fact students!

Database News

To register, reactivate or amend your housing listing, go to:

<http://swinburne.studystays.com.au/>

Contact a Swinburne Housing Adviser if you require assistance with the database.

Housing Office News

Housing Advisers from the Hawthorn and Prahran Campus have been undertaking visits to inspect various provider properties in their municipalities. Interacting personally with providers assists with quality improvement to accommodation services.

Housing providers in the Maroondah and Yarra Ranges municipalities will be invited to a 'Landlords Expo' in August. This is a joint venture between Swinburne (Lilydale & Croydon campuses), local councils and Anchor. Exhibitors will include Consumer Affairs Victoria, Yarra Ranges Council, Maroondah City Council, Anchor, Australian Tax Office, Registered Accommodation Association of Victoria and Centrelink. An e-invitation with the details will be sent to providers in these regions.

Winter means peak season for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade! This is a timely reminder to check that properties comply with smoke alarm standards. Smoke alarms must be fitted and maintained. Did you know that you are 4 times more likely to die, or suffer serious injury in a fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm? (Source: MFB Community Education Department) For more information visit www.mfb.vic.gov.au and click on 'Winter Fire Safety Campaign'.

Harmony@Home newsletter feedback can be sent to the editor, jansimmons@swin.edu.au

Accommodation Trends

So, how does my property rate? For your information the following tables provide feedback about database usage.

Listings added by weekly rental price:

Weekly rental price	Listings added	% of total
less than \$100	6	2.4%
\$100-120	13	5.2%
\$120-140	32	12.7%
\$140-160	55	21.8%
\$160-180	57	22.6%
\$180-200	29	11.5%
\$200-220	20	7.9%
\$220-240	17	6.7%
more than \$240	23	9.1%

Listings viewed by weekly rental price:

Weekly rental price	Page views	% of total
less than \$100	634	2.4%
\$100-120	1868	7.1%
\$120-140	4514	17%
\$140-160	7259	27.4%
\$160-180	5696	21.5%
\$180-200	2686	10.1%
\$200-220	1577	6%
\$220-240	825	3.1%
more than \$240	1423	5.4%

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Data period: 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011.

The majority of properties added were in the price range of \$140-\$180 /wk yet students mainly viewed properties in the range of \$140-\$160/wk the most. It appears students are mainly interested in this price range for their budget.