

After all the hoopla, Dave is moving on

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Our much loved Dave Scott has moved out after two years. He has moved to work with the Indigenous people of Mornington Island. We wish him the best of luck in his new adventure.

For some, life is a race to be run or a trial to be endured. For me, life is a journey - a journey walked with a Friend. The Friend is often alongside me and sometimes walks leading the way or behind to carry if I fall.

The two years spent living and working at IHH has been another amazing section of the journey. Some of the people met and experiences are etched into my memory. After a year in India and a marriage breakup I needed a place to spend time with others. Going solo in a flat somewhere was not a desirable option.

Communal living at IHH provided what I needed - a kind of oasis in the desert wilderness that I was experiencing. I became part of the group of residents and wider community. We became friends. I greatly respect and admire the people within the IHH community. The House is a haven of acceptance and peace for all who come.

The indigenous guests share this place of peace, a home in the city. Some are traumatised by their life experiences. Many have expressed their appreciation of the peaceful homeliness of the place. Their presence and stories greatly enrich us who live there. The story-telling is often highly entertaining and sometimes, I suspect, healing.

Having not known anyone who was indigenous before I moved in, it has been great to meet so many fantastic aboriginal people. It has been a privilege to live, work, rest, listen, cook, talk, share, sing, love and be transformed at the Indigenous Hospitality House.

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