

CASE STUDY

Our Couch

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This is our couch and this is a short tribute to our couch.

Last year in August we moved from Amsterdam to Thornbury, Melbourne. The reason in a nut shell: I fall in love with David, a wonderful Aussie. The container ship brought 27 boxes with books, records and pans.

I was eager to make our house cosy and found and add on GUMTREE for this couch, only a 50 minutes drive. I was determined: "This was going to be our couch!" Through Go Get Car I booked *Bertha the Van* and was a bit worried *Bertha* was too small for our new couch. But *Bertha* was fine...

When we parked *Bertha* in front of our apartment my boyfriend David looked a bit worried. It changed from a bit worried into frustrated and disappointed in my lack of practical skills.

Our new couch didn't fit through the staircase, so there was no way we could hang out on that couch, except if we wanted to hang out in the car park.

What to do? We decided to put a note on the couch and a note in the entrance hall, asking for help: *Dear neighbours, we are your new neighbours D&E and you might have noticed a lonely couch in the carpark. Sorry!*

We would like to ask for your help! The couch won't fit through the staircase and the only way up is over our balcony through our neighbour's garden. We would like to ask for some extra hands and will thank you with a home cooked diner and never ending hang out time on our couch.

Within no time neighbours knocked on our door to express their feelings for the lonely couch. One neighbour brought her 2 tall sons, basketball champions. The couch was over the balcony within 3 minutes.

We now have monthly diner gatherings with our new neighbours.

Thanks couch!

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