

NATIONAL COMMUNITY HUBS PROGRAM MID-YEAR UPDATE



Community hubs are welcoming places where migrant and refugee families, particularly mothers with young children, come to connect, share, and learn.

Hubs serve as gateways for families to access existing services, they link with a range of agencies to deliver programs including early years, maternal and child health, and education and training.



In the first six months of 2018:



6,765
families visited
62 hubs



180,147
times across
Australia

This year, we expanded the network and welcomed three new community hubs in Wollongong, and partnered with 13 new schools in regional Victoria's Shepparton and Geelong, and South Australia's Port Adelaide Enfield and Salisbury to open hubs in term four.



We focused on helping women to learn and practice English, one of the most important reasons they visit hubs – second only to bringing their children to playgroup.

Adults attended English language and conversation classes more than:



11,601
times
Many of these people don't have anywhere else to learn English.



They also attended training courses

9,254
times

New funding from the Australian Government's Women's Leadership and Development Program will provide child minding to enable women to attend skills and English classes, creating pathways to employment.

Hubs ensure that children arrive at school ready to learn.



Children accessed playgroups and early years education sessions

37,220
times



and language and literacy programs

15,063
times

Community hubs are successful because each hub puts families and communities at the centre of everything they do.



Hubs bridge the gap to achieve positive outcomes for children, families, schools and the wider community. When people feel connected and part of a community, they feel safer and have a sense of belonging.



Community Hubs Australia is proud to partner with the Scanlon Foundation, the Department of Social Services, the governments of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, Hume City Council, as well as collaborating organisations and schools across Australia to deliver the National Community Hubs Program.



725
working partnerships
across the hubs

“Mums and children come here every day, sometimes there are school activities at the hub to remind us about the many different cultures that make up our school community...Our community hub is a special place in our school and we are very glad that it's here.”

Maeve Bradbury – Wollongong Public School – School Captain 2018