

Community Hubs Australia

MID-YEAR UPDATE 2021

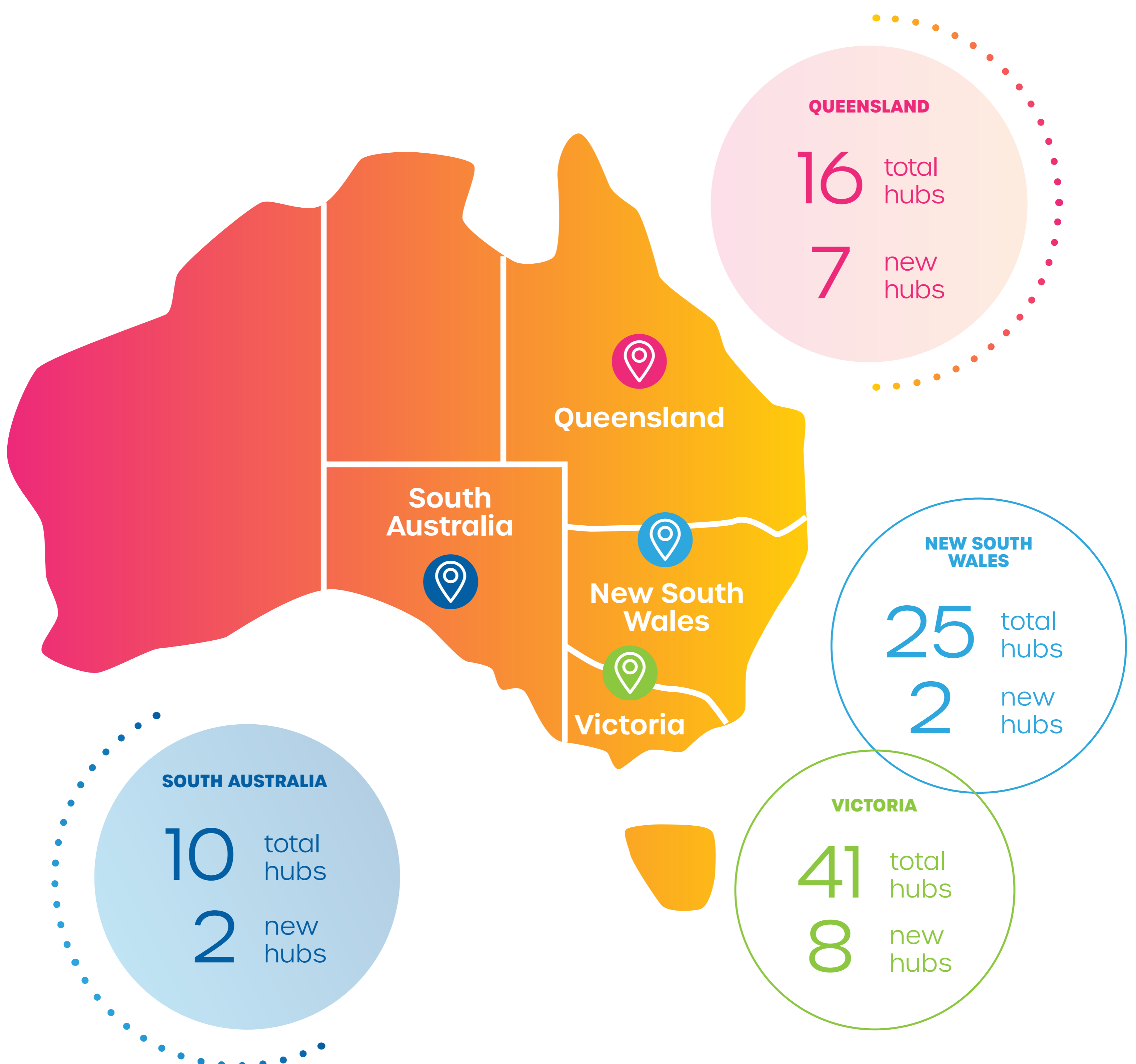
What are community hubs?

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

Based in primary schools, community hubs connect families with each other, their school and existing services such as health, education and settlement support. Hub programs support and encourage families to improve their language, social and vocational skills – whatever their age or stage of development.

A national network

We welcomed 19 new hubs in the first half of 2021, bringing the network's total number of hubs to 92. Hubs are based in urban and regional areas across New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria, and are funded by federal and state governments and the Scanlon Foundation.



In the first six months of 2021:



more than

6,000

families connected with their hub

228,292 times.



Learning English



2,330

conversational English programs were attended over

21,500 times.



164 of the more than 900

participants progressed to formal classes with the Adult Migration English program.



Volunteering and employment pathways



460
people volunteered
on over
10,000
occasions.

142 

people secured a job
as a result of their
connection with the hub.

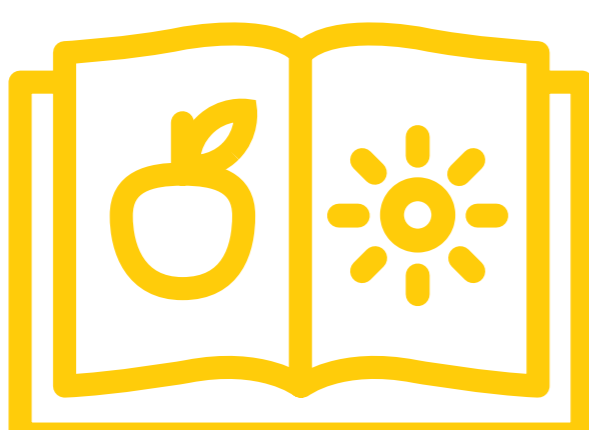
Early childhood development



2,807

early childhood programs and activities were attended

47,548 times.



The majority of hubs ran place-based programs, with **more than half** of those also running programs online or off-site as they adapted to COVID-19 restrictions.

Connecting families



6,826

families attended hubs across our network - the majority were mothers with young children.

Linking communities



249
partner organisations.

3,532

referrals to external support services including family support.

Thank you to our supporters and delivery partners

The National Community Hubs Program is made even stronger through its growing partnerships and support from government, schools, and program partners.



Images featured:

Hub families enjoying Harmony Day in Term 1, St Augustine's Parish School hub, South Australia.

Children enjoying the 'Happy Feet' program at their playgroup during Term 2, Marsden State School hub, Queensland.

Children enjoying some hands-on play during Term 1, Smithfield Public School hub, New South Wales.

Welcoming families to their mobile hub in Term 1, Villawood East Public School, New South Wales.

A family feeling connected to their community through the programs available for their children, Sunbury Heights Primary School hub, Victoria.

An English class for women in Term 2, while their children play, Aitkenvale State School hub, Queensland.

A mother and child at an English class in Term 1, Woodridge State School, Queensland.

Mothers completing the TAFE NSW - Nirimba Statement of Achievement in Floristry in Term 2, Bert Oldfield Public School hub, New South Wales.

Mothers learning barista skills in Term 2, Rydalmere Public School hub, New South Wales.

The Hon Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria, and Mr Anthony Howard AM QC with participants from Bell Park North Primary School, Victoria, the Government House Peace and Prosperity program at Government House, Victoria.