

NATIONAL COMMUNITY HUBS PROGRAM MID-YEAR UPDATE 2019



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY HUBS?

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

"Education is a big thing for me. I like to learn... learning makes me feel confident. When I learn, I feel like no-one can stop me."

- Mother, Hume Community hub

Based in primary schools (state, catholic and independent), community hubs serve as gateways to connect families with each other, with their school and with existing services. Hubs build communities through engagement, early childhood services, English conversation support, and pathways to volunteering, training and employment.

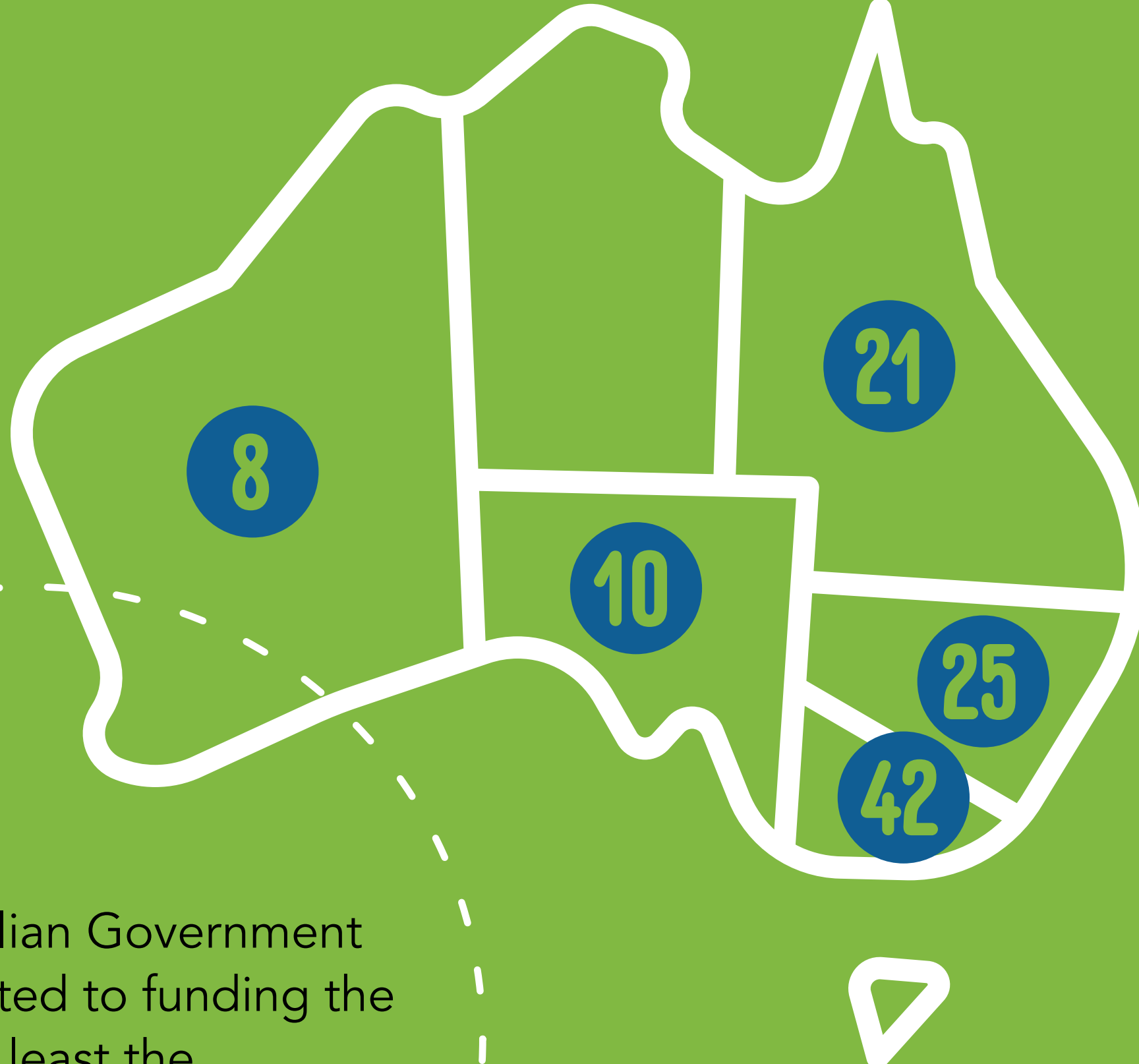
OUR GROWING NETWORK

106 HUBS IN 2020

There are currently
74 HUBS
in Australia.

In April 2019,
the Australian Government
announced funding for
32 NEW HUBS
that will open next year,
bringing our total to
106 HUBS

The Australian Government
has committed to funding the
hubs for at least the
NEXT FOUR YEARS



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2019



3,986
families engaged with
74 HUBS



and attended activities
200,678
times.



176
individuals
found jobs as a result of
connecting with a hub.



for CHILDREN



Children accessed
**playgroups and
early years sessions**
41,205
times.



Children accessed
language and literacy
programs
10,172
times.

With the support from **Uniting and Communities for Children (Hume)** we are working to develop better resources and training tools for hub leaders and playgroup facilitators; improving access and quality of playgroups across the hubs network.

for ADULTS

Many adults first come to hubs with their children, but eventually find that hubs also address their own needs, from access to exercise classes, cooking and sewing, or just somewhere for a cup of tea, through to all important access to English and skills training.



Adults attended
training classes
4,528
times.



45
hubs **were able to**
support women with
childminding.



Hubs **employed**
23
women as
childminders

Thanks to the **Office for Women** more women are able to access classes to improve English or gain new skills which helps build confidence when seeking employment.

Hubs are **helping more women practice and learn English**. Thanks to funding from the Federal Government, hubs right across the network have been able to run English conversation classes. We have seen improvements in women's confidence speaking and reading English, and in looking for work.



Adults attended
**English language and
conversation classes**
23,518 times

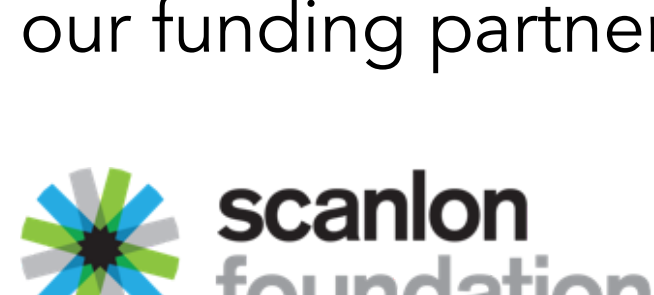


Hubs provided
12,521
volunteering
opportunities.

VOLUNTEERING

These opportunities not only support the work of the hubs, but importantly contribute to developing skills, building confidence and social cohesion, and supporting local communities.

Community Hubs Australia acknowledges the ongoing support and commitment of our funding partners.



Community Hubs Australia is thankful for the commitment and contribution of each school and community centre we work with. These achievements would not have been possible without them.

We are grateful for the contribution made by each of our partners – from our support agencies in each local government area where hubs operate through to individual partnerships that support the work of hubs in local communities.

To find out more about Community Hubs Australia visit:
www.communityhubs.org.au or call **03 8614 3430**

