

# Online safety and digital literacy of older Australians

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# **Approach to online safety**

#### **Prevention**

Provide evidence-based safety resources and programs

**Three** 

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Proactive and systemic change

Identify emerging risks and ensure industry minimises harm

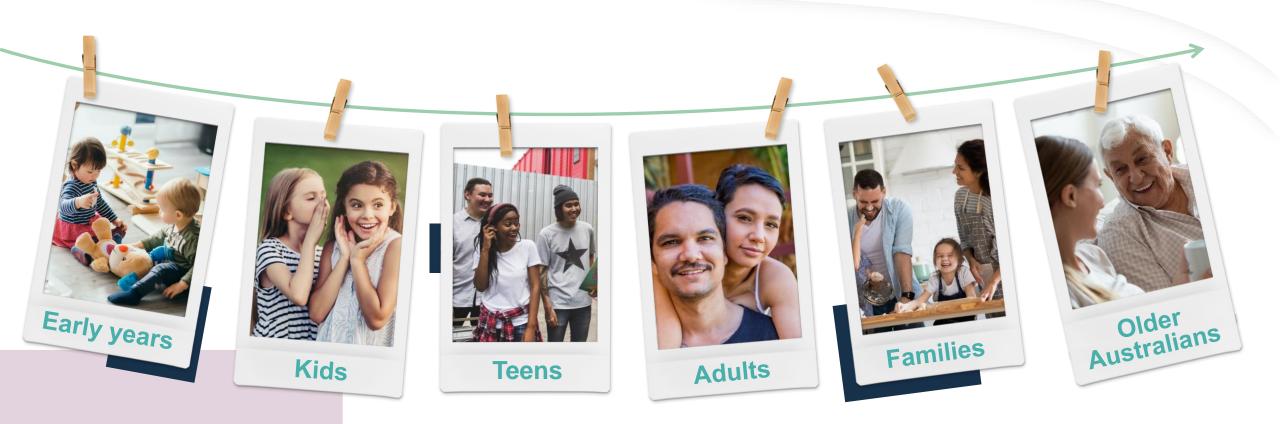
Protection

**Partnerships** 

Operate regulatory and reporting schemes

#### **Prevention and Education**

Preventing the harms from happening in the first place



Research, resources and training programs

# What is the Be Connected initiative?



Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative developed to increase the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians.



**Be Connected** 

Every Australian online.

## Helping older Australians to have safe and positive experiences on the internet

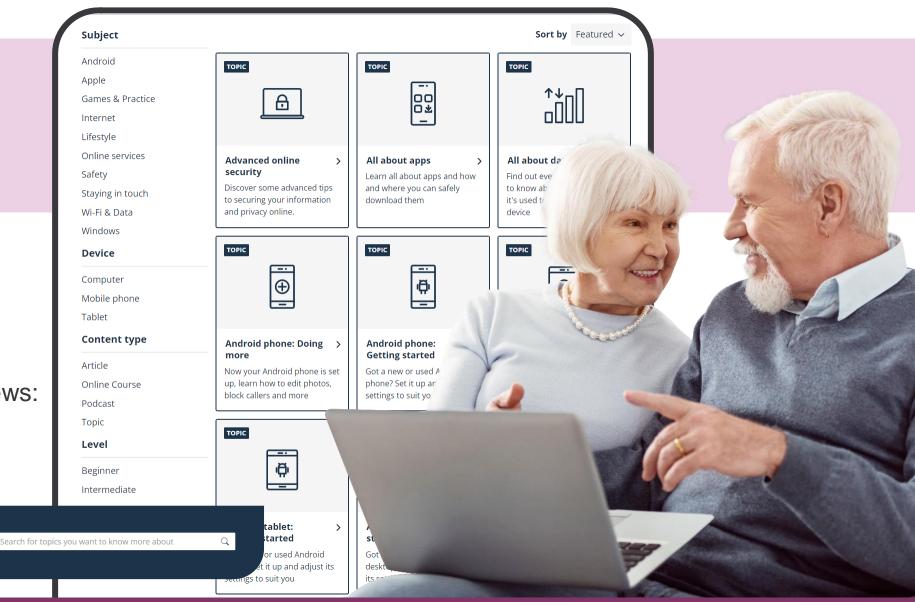


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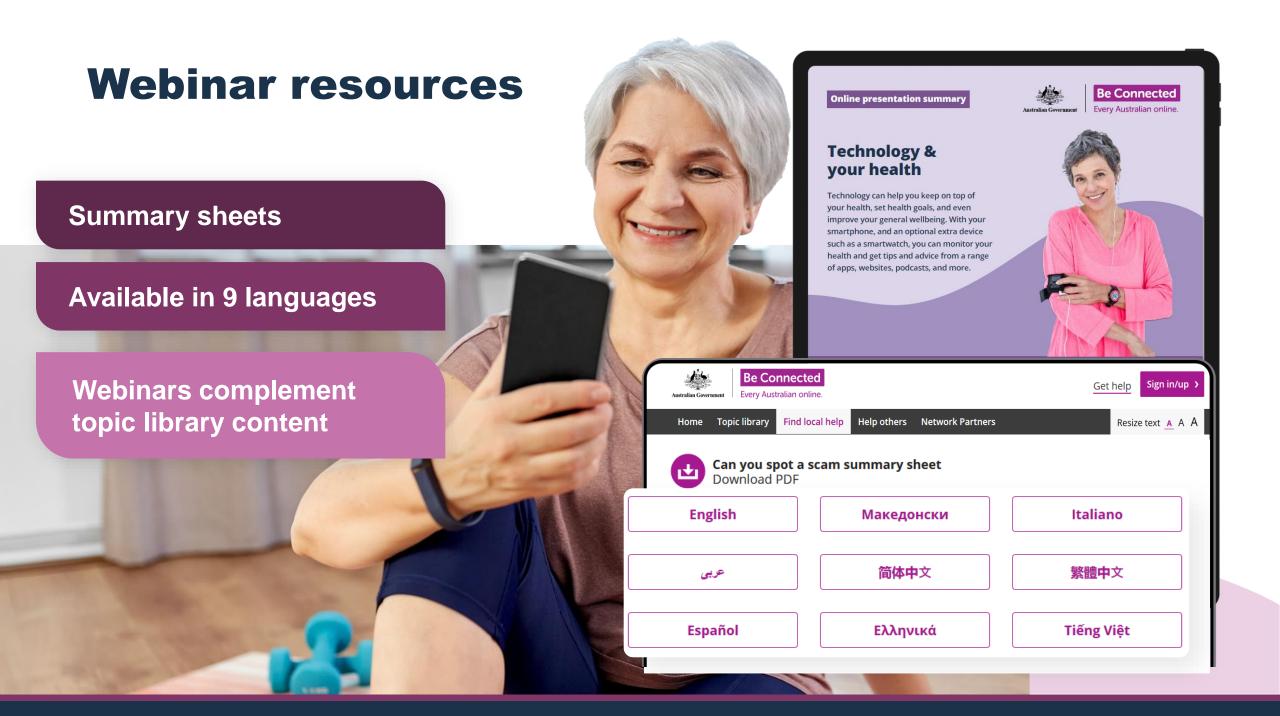
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BeConnected website page views: 13,614,254



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### **Young Mentors** program





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Young Mentors brings together secondary school students with older Australians, to share digital skills and knowledge.

The free program for schools and organisations encourages intergenerational learning, offering one-on-one digital mentoring sessions. The weekly one-hour sessions focus specifically on the needs of the older learners and are delivered over a period of six weeks.

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#### **Community groups** and organisations

Are you part of a community group, aged care or retirement facility that would be interested in getting involved in Young Mentors?

Let them know we are looking for organisations with a connection to older Australians to sign up.

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## Thank you

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