

Updates to the Be Connected Learning Portal's homepage, colours and navigation

August 2018

The [Be Connected Learning Portal](#) homepage layout has been revised. In addition, colours used throughout the site have been updated and a sitemap has been added to improve navigation.

Coming out of Beta mode

With the implementation of the changes and improvements in August 2018, the The Be Connected Learning Portal website will be coming out of Beta mode. "Beta" will no longer be mentioned across the top of the website.

Change in homepage layout

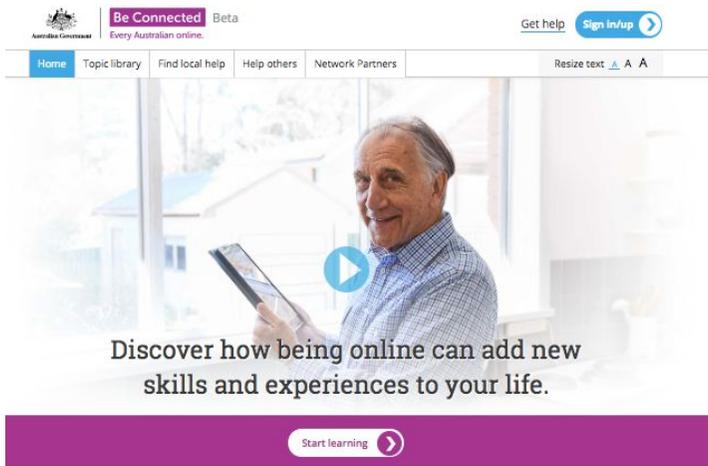
The layout of the homepage has been reshuffled a little to prioritise entry points to the learning materials, finding local help and registration page. This was done to make it easier for learners to find what they are looking for and get started using the website.

Scrolling down the homepage, this is followed by a quick intro to the Be Connected program, upcoming courses, then additional links to free online safety presentations, a survey for learners and to Be Connected Network Partner website.

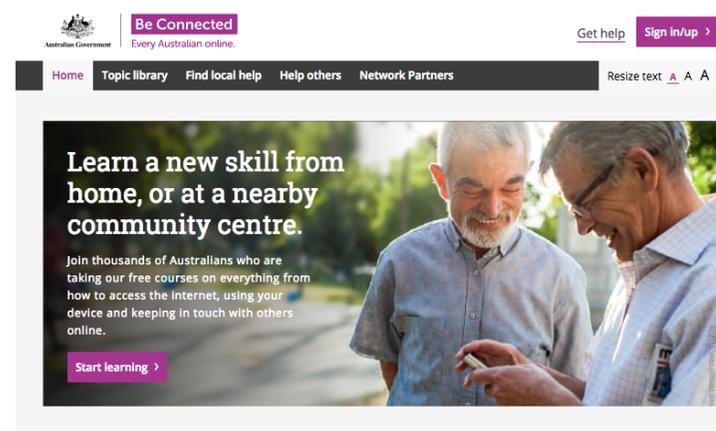
Change in website colours

The updated [Be Connected Learning Portal website](#) has simplified the colours used throughout the site to make important actions (like registering) easier to find. The navigation bar will now be a dark grey in colour, and one colour of purple (the same colour as the Be Connected logo) is used throughout.

Old homepage



New homepage



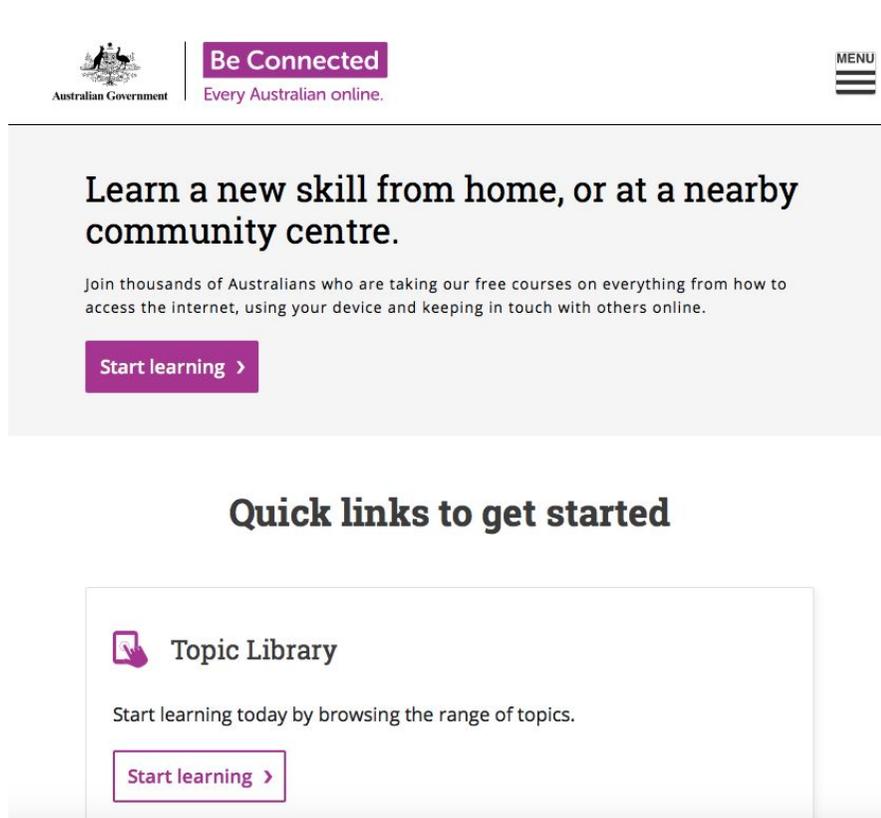
Quick links to get started



Tip for Network Partners: the [Be Connected Learning Portal](#) will now have a dark grey coloured navigation bar running across the top of the site, where as the [Be Connected Network Partner](#) site has a green coloured navigation bar. You can use the colour of this navigation bar to check that you are on the right website for the task that you would like to complete.

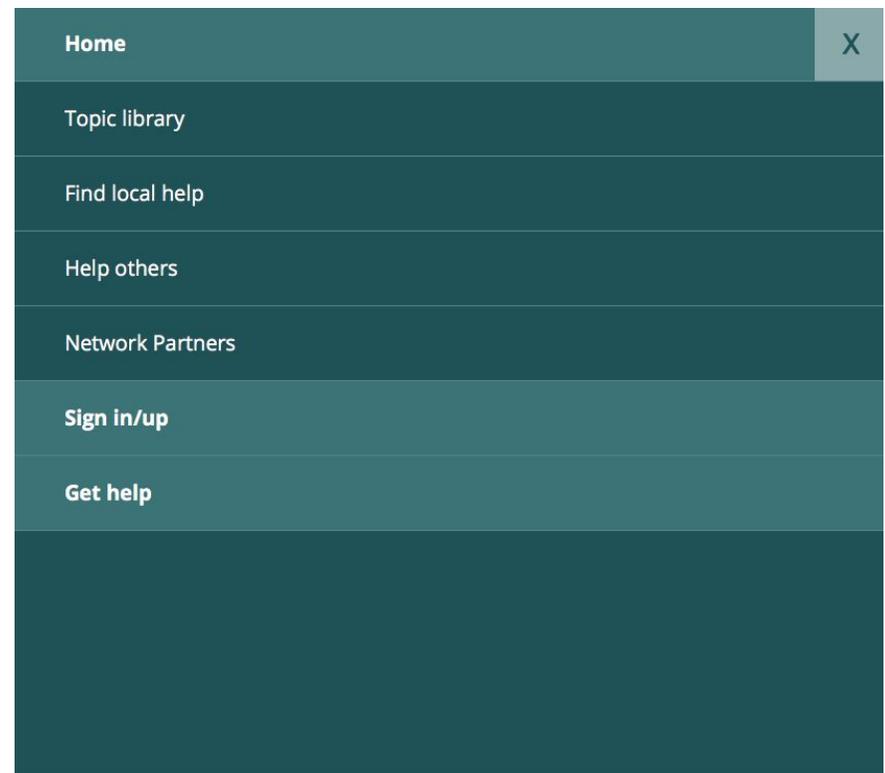
Tip for Network Partners: If you are using a mobile device, the view of the website will be a little different to make it easier to use on smaller screens. The navigation bar will display as a collapsible menu through a “hamburger” icon on the top right-hand corner of the page, rather than appearing as a stripe across the top of the website. Select the “hamburger” to view the navigation links. Exit the collapsible menu by selecting the [x] button. On a mobile device, the website will also display in a more linear layout, but the order of the sections on the homepage will be the same as the desktop site.

New homepage (mobile view):



The screenshot shows the mobile homepage. At the top left is the Australian Government logo and the 'Be Connected' header. At the top right is a 'MENU' button with a hamburger icon. The main content area features a large heading: 'Learn a new skill from home, or at a nearby community centre.' Below this is a sub-heading: 'Join thousands of Australians who are taking our free courses on everything from how to access the internet, using your device and keeping in touch with others online.' A purple button labeled 'Start learning >' is positioned below the text. Further down, there is a section titled 'Quick links to get started' which contains a card for 'Topic Library' with a book icon, the text 'Start learning today by browsing the range of topics.', and another 'Start learning >' button.

New homepage expanded navigation menu (mobile view):



The screenshot shows the expanded navigation menu on a mobile device. It is a dark teal vertical list of items. At the top is 'Home' with a close button (X) to its right. Below it are 'Topic library', 'Find local help', 'Help others', and 'Network Partners'. A section separator is followed by 'Sign in/up', and another section separator is followed by 'Get help'. The bottom of the menu is a solid dark teal bar.

The buttons and icons used on the website, such as in the Topic Library, will now all be purple in colour instead of blue or dark purple in colour, and some of the icons used in the Topic Library have changed. The buttons will also be square in shape (not rounded).

Old Topic Library

Topic library

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New Topic Library

Topic library

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Tip for Network Partners: Remember to update any of the materials your Digital Mentors use when describing the website to learners, or which button to select, with the new colours, icons and button shapes.

Friendly URLs

The Be Connected Learning Portal website URL will remain the same: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au>. However, the website pages will now have “Friendly URLs” that are easier to remember, are more suited to sharing easily with others, and better indicate where users are in the site.

For example, the old url for the Topic Library was:

https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/blocks/androgogic_catalogue/index.php?tab=catalogue_entry_search&c2=topics

The new url for the Topic Library is: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library>

Tip for Network Partners: Any bookmarks you have had will continue to work as they always have, but we recommend updating any of the materials your Digital Mentors use when describing to how to navigate to a specific page on the website with the new urls, to make it easier for them and your learners. Here are some handy ones to get you started:

- <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/login>
- <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/network-partners>
- <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library>
- <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/sitemap>

Tip for Network Partners: Have the friendly urls of the pages you will be focussing on in your support session displayed prominently at your training location so learners can get started at their own pace.

A Site Map has been added

A site map is now available at the bottom of every page on the website. The site map provides you with a list of all the pages on the website, with links so you can access them directly. Select a link in the site map to give you access to a required page, instead of having to navigate through the menu or back through different pages.

Tip for Network Partners: The site map will help you to quickly direct learners to a specific topic, course or section of the website if they are unsure where to find it. It also provides you with a complete list of every Course on the website if a learner wishes to see them all in the one place.

Tip for Network Partners: The site map is also directly accessible through the url: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/site-map>



Meet Vera

Vera is a busy mother, grandmother and business co-owner. Vera has hit a wall when it comes to new technology and struggles to keep up. In this episode of our First Timers, we see how Vera's son, Chris, is helping Vera to grasp new technology, connect with her local community, and sell some of her unwanted furniture. Watch as Vera learns new things and perhaps you will also discover something new for the first time today.

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