

# IMPACT REPORT

## 2022



STRENGTHENING  
COMMUNITIES



TOGETHER

# READ, LEARN AND SUCCEED.

## ABOUT US

We are passionate about supporting children and young people at critical life stages. Our key initiative, **READ LEARN SUCCEED**, operates across many geographically and culturally diverse communities. Development of early literacy skills and school readiness is supported through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Youth employment and career development are promoted through school and business partnerships.

Grass-roots community engagement is at the core of what we do. United Way Australia (UWA) addresses entrenched disadvantage with a place-based approach. The Hive in Mt Druitt, Sydney is a collaboration with the community to help children start school well. Our goal is to bring about community and systems change and break the cycle of disadvantage.

UWA is a not-for-profit company registered in Australia, has DGR1 status and is also a Public Benevolent Institution. UWA has been operating in Australia for more than 60 years and is governed by a local Board of Directors. UWA is part of a global network of 1700 local United Way organisations in over 37 countries. Our common aim is to identify and resolve pressing community issues and make measurable changes in communities through collaborative partnerships.

## PURPOSE

### OUR BELIEFS

A child's chance of success should not be limited by their postcode.

### OUR VISION

Together, we can ensure all Australian children **READ, LEARN AND SUCCEED.**

### OUR PURPOSE

United Way Australia prepares children to succeed. We bring together all who can make a difference, starting with local communities.

### OUR GOALS

Over five years we will help 40,000 Australian children and young people to **READ, LEARN AND SUCCEED.**



IMAGINATION

## LIBRARY

247,951 BOOKS

WERE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES  
THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.

214 IMAGINATION LIBRARY  
COMMUNITIES



5170 IMAGINATION  
LIBRARY  
GRADUATIONS



14,256 TOTAL  
# OF  
CHILDREN

**89%** of educators report children are discussing books they've read at home more often

**90%** of educators report children are interacting with books at their service more often than before joining the Imagination Library

**96%** of services have storytime or other Imagination Library activities at least once a month

BUSINESS AND SCHOOL

## PARTNERSHIPS

SUPPORTING

262 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
STUDENTS

124

VOLUNTEERING  
HOURS AT

8

VOLUNTEERING  
EVENTS



COMMUNITY  
WALKATHON

RAISED  
\$38,412



A SCAVENGER HUNT  
THROUGH THE  
INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT  
WITH 490 PARTICIPANTS  
FROM OVER 14  
ORGANISATIONS  
COMPETING  
TO RAISE  
FUNDS FOR EARLY  
LITERACY



# THE HIVE

## FACILITATED AND SUPPORTED

# 71

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS FOR  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SERVICES

AFTER OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS, THE  
CHECK-UPS BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM  
(CUBS) PROGRAM WAS SO SUCCESSFUL  
THAT THE NSW STATE GOVERNMENT  
TOOK IT OVER TO DELIVER IT TO THE  
COMMUNITY AT SCALE



The Child Health Linker supported **55** children to access support services they needed such as paediatric appointments or applying for the NDIS.

**30** children received a diagnosis as a result of their support from the Child Health Linker, and **72** children were supported to access allied health services such as speech therapy or occupational therapy support

# 31

CHILDREN ENROLLED  
INTO **EARLY LEARNING**



# 20

CHILDREN  
SUPPORTED  
TO SUSTAIN

THEIR CURRENT  
ENROLMENTS IN  
EARLY LEARNING  
(this can be by helping to pay  
arrears, or negotiating payment  
plans with the centre)



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