

FLINDERS LIONS HAVE BEEN BUSY DURING LOCKDOWN

FINDING FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS



Our Lions team members were working hard during ISO #1 and were instrumental in securing educational books for the free Children's Book Charity : 123read2me

The charity is so grateful to Macmillan Education for their generous donation of 45,000 educational books in 800 titles. "Thousands of children's lives will be impacted, and we thank you on their behalf" said Founder Melinda Shelley. "Our thanks also to Monica and Mark Holland from the Lions Club of Flinders District who not only played a pivotal role in bringing the parties

together, but also in securing a warehouse specifically to house this donation."

Thanks also to Andrew Waddell at Gross Waddell for the introduction to Pellicano Construction who generously offered the temporary use of a vacant warehouse to facilitate sorting and distribution in Dandenong. With over 3/4 million children living in poverty in Australia today, the need for children's books has never been greater. Without books in the home there is no reading aloud, but when you are struggling to put food on the table Children's Books are a luxury.

"Reading aloud to children for just 10 minutes a day gives them the 1000 words necessary before they start formal education to succeed at school and at life" said Melinda. 123Read2Me has partnered with Lions Clubs to reach more children and change more lives. They have donated over 300,000 books to date but have a goal of 18,000,000 books a year or two a month to every child living in poverty in Australia. "It's a big goal but it's a big problem we're tackling" said their CEO, Jeff Shelley.

RAISING FUNDS FOR PENINSULA HEALTH



Flinders District Lions are thrilled that funds raised from the 2019 Flinders Motoring Heritage held at Easter 2019 has resulted in the Children's interactive playground being installed.

We thank, most sincerely, the sponsors of this event who made it all possible: Kalus Kenny Intalex, Balnarring Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, RT Edgar Mornington Peninsula, Tickford Racing, Blueprint Printing, Whelan and all our 2019 sponsors and donors. We had planned for a grand opening just before the 2nd lockdown but received this kind letter from Peninsula Health instead.

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