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## 123Read2Me Limited is a start up Australian Public Benevolent Institution and Registered Charity

There are over 730,000 children in Australia living in poverty today and we know that when you are struggling to put food on the table, children's books are a luxury.

International research is unequivocal. Reading aloud to young children every day builds the necessary brain architecture to underpin success in school and throughout their lives, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty. Waiting until the child starts school is too late. They will never catch up.

Our vision: "All children have quality books and someone who reads to them every day".

123Read2Me currently provides children in low socioeconomic communities with FREE quality children's books through recycling children's books or new books purchased with cash donations. The total value of books donated to date exceeds \$1,500,000.00 (replacement value).

We support the work of over 50 organisations, most operating in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Local Government Areas. We have also just agreed to be the supplier (donor) of books for the Victorian Department of Education & Early Childhood Development, Northern Peninsula Principal's Network's Oral Language Program for pre-school children because too many are starting school without the minimum vocabulary necessary.

With volunteer manpower provided by local Lions Clubs, we are well established in the Frankston area and are organically expanding into the neighbouring Mornington Peninsula, Casey, Kingston and Bayside municipalities. We are in advanced planning stages to add cover to Victoria's Western suburbs and Regional centres within the next year. The project is forecast to expand nationally within 3 years and internationally by the mid 2020's. All expansion is dependent on securing funding partners.

There are 3 areas requiring our attention:

1. Donations	Organising donations of books and funds
2. Distribution	Getting books to where the children are
3. Reading Aloud	Promoting the importance of reading aloud to babies and children

## Current organisation supported by 123Read2Me Limited donated children's books

Centrelink Frankston Centrelink Hastings Centrelink Cheltenham Centrelink Cranbourne SECASA Centre, Seaford Anglicare Ardoch Youth Foundation Brother of St Laurence - Hippy Program Peninsula Health - Speech Pathologists - Community Dental Service Frankston - Community Dental Service Carrum Downs - Emergency Department - Women's Pre Natal Clinic - Outpatient's Department Frankston North Community Centre Frankston North Scouts Kingston Toy Library Pop Up Bayside Council's Public Housing Project Vision Australia Yarrabah School Goodstart Early Learning Carrum Downs William Road Pre-School Banyan Fields Primary School Doveton College Pre K-9 Karingal Primary School Wirilda Pre-School Mahogany Rise Child & Family Centre Aldercourt Primary School Mahogany Rise Primary School Monterey Secondary College Hastings Preschool Hastings Childcare Centre & Kindergarten

Hastings Primary School St Mary's Catholic Primary School Mornington Park Kindergarten Seaford Housing Action Coalition HOPE Early Learning Centre Seawinds Child Care Centre Belvedere Park Pre-School Cherry Lane Children Centre Kananook Pre-School Seaford Kindergarten Kananook Primary School Seaford Park Primary School Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn Lions Club of Mordialloc-Mentone Lions Club of Lilydale Lions Club of Ashwood Glen Waverley Lions Club of Shepparton Lions Club of Lysterfield **DEECD**, Northern Peninsula Principals Network Noah's Ark Australia Koori Playgroup, Cranbourne Koori playgroup, Hastings Koori Playgroup, Pakenham Niarm Marr Djambana -Gathering Place Frankston **Bayside Child Care** 

## Schools Collecting Books for 123Read2Me

Aspendale Primary School Wallaroo Primary School Balcombe Grammar School

