

## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS BOOST CHILDREN'S LITERACY ACTIVITIES**

United Way Glenelg has received a \$1,000 grant to expand children's reading events throughout the Glenelg Shire in 2022.

Portland & District Motoring Enthusiast Club contributed as part of its commitment to supporting local community groups.

The grant will enable children to enjoy engaging activities and encourage families and carers to see that reading can be fun!

Reintroducing the Magic of Storytime to the Aged Care residents at Heywood Rural Health and expanding the program to the Casterton community is the priority said Nicole Carr, Executive Officer at United Way Glenelg.

"The donation will also allow us to deliver a copy of the book *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh to each Kindergarten and Early Learning Centre in the Glenelg Shire for this year's National Simultaneous Storytime."

"In October we will celebrate the delivery of 40,000 books to children in the Glenelg Shire and we plan to celebrate with the whole community, said Ms Carr.

Jan Lineker, Treasurer for Portland & District Motoring Enthusiast Club said they were delighted to support United Way Glenelg's reading events.

"It is an incredible opportunity for the community to get involved in reading in an interactive way that may not otherwise be available," she said.

"I'm often visiting the library in my capacity as a Justice of the Peace and I have seen how much the children get out of these events."

"I know if we can be of help to build a community of readers, we are helping to produce habits that last a lifetime."

If you would like more information on reading events for children visit <https://www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au/events/> or regularly check out United Way Glenelg's Facebook and Instagram pages.

*Photo: Jan Lineker and Kevin Donovan President Portland & District Motoring Enthusiast Club Family with this year's National Simultaneous Storytime book The Family Tree by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh.*

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