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# Van works a treat taking books to kids

Robbie Patterson

THEY didn't quite get a bus, but Meadowbank-based charity Bus of Books did deliver their books via a van.

Colin Lee, who founded the charity which aims to provide much-needed books and funds to schools in need, has deemed their first mission to Collarenbri, a success.

After an appeal for a bus to get them to the school in North West NSW in the *Northern District Times*, Mr Lee received a call from an unexpected ally. West Ryde mother-of-seven, Jo-Anne Peters, offered not only an 11-seat Toyota Hiace, but to drive the crew to the school to give out the books on October 15.

She said her love of the country and desire to help made her get involved.

"It was a most worthwhile experience for a very worthwhile cause," she said.

Mr Lee said he was "humbled" by the kind gesture and the fact they were able



Colin Lee unloads his van-load of books at Collarenbri School.

### HOW TO HELP

If you want to donate money or books or can help out with a bus contact Colin Lee.olin@busofbooks.com or go to www.busofbooks.com

to help change so many young lives.

"To see the faces of the kids beaming with excitement over new books made my journey all the more worth it," he said.

"We are so humbled to

inspire young lives with resources to read and it is a start of their new journey to improving literacy."

The 2200 books half-filled the school's library. They also handed over a \$3000 cheque, which will go towards a new school bus.

Robert Malcolm, the school principal was grateful. "We are so grateful that there are still people and organisations out there that have not forgotten our school," he said.



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