

A wide-angle photograph of a flooded street in a coastal town. The water is murky and reflects the overcast sky. On the left, there are buildings with various signs, including a large green sign with a bird and the word 'NATURE'. A 'No Left Turn' sign is visible. On the right, there are more buildings, including one with a red sign that says 'Ede'. A blue parking sign with a 'P' and a left arrow is also visible. A palm tree stands prominently on the right side. The street is empty of vehicles, and the overall atmosphere is one of quiet devastation.

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for your support

Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred

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When Tropical Cyclone Alfred formed in the Coral Sea in February 2025, no one expected the scale of impact it would leave across communities from Hervey Bay down to northern New South Wales. Alfred intensified to a Category 4 severe tropical cyclone, weakened and re-strengthened several times, and eventually made landfall as a tropical low on 8 March. Once inland and downgraded, the system intensified in impact - not in wind strength, but in rainfall and flooding.

Now, well into 2026, recovery is still far from over. The long-term impacts of Alfred continue to shape daily life for many families, reinforcing why GIVIT's role remains critical long after the immediate emergency has passed. Our mission has stayed the same: turning generosity into practical, targeted support that reaches the right people, at the right time, in the way they need it most.

How your generosity is making an impact

A year after Tropical Cyclone Alfred, communities across Southeast Queensland and Northern New South Wales are still navigating the long road to recovery. Early preparation and strong local partnerships helped people access support quickly in the immediate aftermath, but the real story of the past 12 months has been the sustained need that continues long after the headlines fade.

Our established relationships with councils, charities and frontline organisations have allowed us to keep meeting requests for essential and psychosocial support, especially for people facing compounding hardship. Throughout the year, we've also been able to assist individuals and families who sit outside traditional support systems, ensuring no one slips through the cracks as they rebuild their lives.

Leading donation management platform

GIVIT is a national, not-for-profit donation platform that manages donations of essential goods and services for people recovering from natural disasters or experiencing other hardships.



GIVIT works directly with councils, recovery organisations, charities, community groups and schools to identify exactly what's needed so people get what they need, when they need it.



GIVIT captures offers of goods and services online, removing the need for charities and services to sort, store and dispose of unrequested donations, saving valuable resources.



100% of publicly donated funds are used to purchase exactly what's needed.



GIVIT purchases goods locally where possible to support the economic recovery of regions impacted by hardship.

Impact snapshot



42,472

total goods and services
requested through GIVIT.



5,413

goods offered into GIVIT's
online warehouse.



2,340kg

of goods given a new home.

114

community partner organisations
received goods and services.

\$899,324

spent purchasing what's needed.

26,906

total goods and services
provided to people in need.

Most requested goods



Groceries



Clothes



Hardware
items



Bed linen



Fuel



Kitchen items &
dining tables



Pharmacy
items



Household items
& towels

How your support helps



Supporting people experiencing homelessness

When the cyclone hit northern NSW, one of the biggest concerns was keeping people experiencing homelessness safe. This was especially urgent because four of the five NSW local government areas with the highest homelessness rates - Byron, Coffs Harbour, Lismore and Tweed - were directly in the cyclone's path.

Local services worked quickly to move individuals into temporary accommodation before the worst of the storm arrived. But because people couldn't take their belongings with them, many returned to find what little they owned destroyed by wind, rain and flooding.

As temporary accommodation periods ended, many people were forced back into rough sleeping, unable to secure social housing or private rentals in an already stretched market.

To support them through this next stage of recovery, your donations provided tents and sleeping bags to help people stay safe, dry and connected while they rebuild their lives.



Removing a hidden threat after the storm

A single mum and her two young sons were among those hardest hit by ex-TC Alfred. Ferocious winds and rising floodwaters swept across their property, causing extensive damage to their home and land.

But the greatest danger lay in what the storm left behind. Cyclonic winds scattered foreign plant seeds across their property, and the highly toxic Gympie-Gympie plant took hold. After being stung twice - with the risk of a third sting potentially fatal - this mum thought she would have to live with painful, long-lasting skin damage and the constant fear of further exposure.

Thanks to your generosity, this family received garden maintenance services to help eliminate the toxic plant.

The grateful mum shared: "This support has turned my life around. Life in Springbrook is challenging, it is a kilometer above sea level in the rainforest, an hour's drive from the shops, full of leeches, ticks, spiders, dangerous plants and reptiles. Extra money to get those extra jobs done after a cyclone is so helpful. I'm smiling again."

Supporting young parents through the long recovery after disaster

The impact of immediate donations of essentials

Brave Foundation plays a vital role in supporting young parents to navigate pregnancy, parenthood and pathways to education, employment and stability. When Tropical Cyclone Alfred struck, many of the young families they work with lost essential items, faced disrupted routines and were suddenly dealing with the added pressure of displacement, financial strain and damaged homes. Thanks to your support, GIVIT provided Brave Foundation with practical, immediate support that helped these families regain safety, mobility and a sense of control during an incredibly challenging time.

With donor-funded items such as fuel vouchers, families could travel to medical appointments, childcare, work and essential services despite widespread infrastructure damage. Car seats ensured babies and toddlers could be transported safely, while pharmacy items, clothing and household goods helped families replace what was lost and meet their day-to-day needs. Access to laptops allowed young parents to stay connected to education, employment programs and support networks, and prescription glasses ensured individuals could continue studying, working and caring for their children without interruption.

GIVIT's partnership with Brave Foundation ensured that support reached families quickly, respectfully and in ways that genuinely strengthened their recovery. As communities continue to rebuild after Cyclone Alfred, this practical assistance has helped young parents regain confidence, independence and hope for the future.

Message of thanks

"Thanks to your generosity, these young families have been able to begin rebuilding their lives. Their homes were significantly impacted by Tropical Cyclone Alfred, forcing them to relocate and start over. GIVIT's support enabled them to purchase the essential items needed to establish safe, secure, and comfortable homes once again. This assistance provided not only practical help but also much-needed hope and stability during an incredibly challenging time.

Without GIVIT's kindness and commitment to supporting community recovery, these families would not be where they are today. Their contribution has made a meaningful and lasting impact, for which these families will be forever grateful.

As a mentor working closely with these young people, I extend my sincere appreciation to GIVIT for their outstanding support of the families affected by Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Their generosity has played a vital role in helping these young families regain stability and confidence as they rebuild their futures."

- Tamara Macintosh, Brave Foundation



On behalf of everyone at GIVIT,
thank you for your support.



GIVIT acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and Elders from other communities we may visit and walk beside. As an organisation, we recognise their connection to Country and their role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years. May their strength and wisdom be with us today.