

**Media Release**  
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## **GIVIT URGES CHARITIES IN THE WAGGA REGION TO ASK FOR HELP**

Online charity GIVIT is supporting charities across the Wagga Wagga region and has provided vouchers for residents to buy urgently needed supplies.

The national online giving platform, an official drought charity partner with the NSW Government, is working with hundreds of local charities, schools and community service providers across the state to connect those who need, in a safe and private way, with those able to give.

GIVIT's NSW Drought Relief Manager Scott Barrett urged charities and community groups in the Wagga Wagga area to register with GIVIT to receive vital support for their clients.

"GIVIT is currently working with several charities and community groups around Wagga and the Riverina area but we can offer help to any other charity or group supporting drought-affected residents in the region," he said.

Mr Barrett will visit Wagga tomorrow (Thursday) and has been delivering vouchers from GIVIT for residents to purchase back to school items, including shoes; fuel, hardware, clothing and farm supplies, from their local providers.

"GIVIT knows the situation is dire across this region but GIVIT donors can provide support to get what is needed when it's needed. We want the Wagga region to know there are people who care and are willing to help," Mr Barrett said.

"A big wedge of the state is still doing it really tough with no end in sight of the drought; but GIVIT is here for the long haul to help charities and service providers get exactly what their clients need to get through this.

"We are very aware that entire towns are struggling and therefore are committed to purchasing from local businesses wherever possible."

If you are a charity, school or community service wanting to request items for the people you support go to [www.givit.org.au](http://www.givit.org.au). If you want to help drought-affected communities visit [www.givit.org.au/drought](http://www.givit.org.au/drought) to see what is needed and pledge items or money.

**To arrange an interview with Scott Barrett,  
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### **About GIVIT**

GIVIT is a national online not-for-profit connecting those who need with those willing to give. Through its website [givit.org.au](http://givit.org.au), trusted Australian charities are supported as they request essential, quality items on behalf of their clients. GIVIT matches their needs with public and corporate generosity, facilitating quality goods to reach our most vulnerable, impoverished and marginalised individuals in a safe, easy and timely manner. Since establishment in 2009, more than 943,000 items have been donated via GIVIT to assist Australians in need. In 2015, GIVIT gained national attention with Founder and CEO Juliette Wright receiving Australia's Local Hero Award by the National Australia Day Council and inducted into the Australian Businesswomen's Network Hall of Fame. In 2019, Mrs Wright was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). GIVIT also received a National Resilient Australia Award by Australia's Attorney-General for its disaster recovery service and The Australian National Innovation Challenge Award.