

## **The Duchess of Cornwall to provide practical help to bushfire-affected Australians**

The Duchess of Cornwall has made a donation to help provide people and communities who have lost homes during the Australian bushfire crisis with specific items they need to rebuild their lives.

Through her donation to Australian not-for-profit GIVIT, Her Royal Highness will provide items such as school uniforms and school supplies for children trying to return to school, fencing materials for rural families needing to rebuild their livelihoods, and equipment for rural families needing to reconnect their water supply with new piping.

The Duchess's help extends to communities impacted across Australia, including Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria.

The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall have visited Australia many times, most recently in 2018 to attend the Commonwealth Games.

*"I am so grateful The Duchess recognises practical help is desperately needed and GIVIT is honoured to work with Her Royal Highness to ensure that her donation makes a very real and tangible impact.*

*There are of course a huge number of fire-affected families and communities. Many are still in the acute response phase, and those who first faced the fires are now moving into the recovery phase.*

*I am certain the show of support from The Duchess of Cornwall will directly help to ease the suffering of the people and communities affected by the Australian bushfires,"* GIVIT Founder, Juliette Wright OAM said.

GIVIT is a not-for-profit organisation that matches real and urgent requests for goods with donations from the community. Through GIVIT's online donation portal, public and corporate generosity is channelled to where it is needed most. GIVIT's support is free to all agencies, charity and community organisations on the ground and provides essential immediate and long term material assistance to individuals and communities impacted by disaster and emergency events.

The GIVIT website is a practical and efficient way of donating directly to people in need. The GIVIT online model ensures donations are matched on an as needs basis and prevents unwanted, unsolicited or poor quality donations from overwhelming recovery services on the ground who are already overstretched.

GIVIT enables community led recovery and builds resilience by working with all local charities, recovery agencies and support organisations by providing exactly what they need for the residents they support.

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To help stimulate local economies affected by a disaster, wherever possible, GIVIT uses 100% of donated funds received to purchase items from local businesses to support the economic recovery of affected communities.

If you would like to help those impacted by the current bushfires please do not send items into affected areas. To help without hindering the recovery effort, pledge your goods or cash donations online at [www.givit.org.au](http://www.givit.org.au).

If you are a charity or community group supporting those impacted please register at [www.givit.org.au/charity-registration](http://www.givit.org.au/charity-registration) and start accessing generous donations today.

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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 1.5million items have been donated via GIVIT to assist Australians in need. In 2011 GIVIT established its disaster recovery service following the Queensland floods and managed the donation of more than 18,000 items. Since then GIVIT has become the official partner of the Queensland Government managing offers of assistance after disasters on its behalf and has already distributed more than 227,000 items after 2019 Queensland flooding and 14,563 items so far for Queensland Fires. GIVIT distributed more than 17,600 items to people in need after the 2018 Queensland fires and after 2017's Tropical Cyclone Debbie, coordinated the donation of 92,000 items. In 2015, GIVIT gained national attention with Founder and Director 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, she 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.

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