

UPSKILLING QUEENSLANDERS REACHING OUT TO CHARITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ITEMS

As the economic impacts of Coronavirus continue to affect thousands across the state, GIVIT and the Queensland Government are encouraging students and unemployed workers to request specific donated items through their local charities to help Queenslanders upskill and continue to learn.

GIVIT Founder and Director, Juliette Wright OAM, said the online donation platform connects Australians to their nearest GIVIT-registered charity, where they can request exactly what they need.

“Sadly, we’re seeing a big spike in requests as many more Queenslanders’ existing hardships and challenges have been exacerbated by the economic fallout of Coronavirus,” said Ms Wright.

“We don’t want anyone to miss out on an education because they don’t have access to the essential items they need - such as a laptop, internet connectivity or even simple stationery.”

“GIVIT’s [COVID-19 Appeal](#) has coordinated over 30,000 items for almost 100 charities across Queensland, from board games and clothes to laptops and appliances, for households who suddenly cannot afford everyday items.”

Queenslanders in need are encouraged to contact their local charity or visit GIVIT.org.au to find their nearest registered group and request items donated through the GIVIT online donation platform.

Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Employment and Small Business, Training and Skills Development, said Queenslanders needing items for education should contact their local charities.

“GIVIT do fantastic work providing support where it’s needed most,” said Ms Fentiman.

“We know there are so many Queenslanders who are doing it tough, especially some of our students who have adapted fast to online learning.

“I would encourage everyone, if they can, to donate and do what we do best, and that’s support each other through this crisis.”

To best help fellow Australians impacted by the Coronavirus, please donate funds via GIVIT.org.au to support those in need - 100% of donated funds to GIVIT’s ‘[COVID-19 Appeal](#)’ will be used to purchase vouchers and urgently needed items, from local businesses where possible.

“We’re encouraging people to pledge now and donate the item when it’s needed in their local area. GIVIT’s online donation platform is the safer and smarter way of giving to those most vulnerable and have been hardest hit by this public health emergency,” said Ms Wright.



To donate items or services, pledge them online at [GIVIT.org.au](https://givit.org.au). Please be aware charities may not be able to receive donated items immediately. The coordinated transfer of items are managed by the requesting charity, in keeping with their internal protocols and available capacity, ensuring the safety of their staff and the person in need receiving the item.

Ms Wright is also reminding people that quality items makes people feel valued and dignified - "It's a great item to donate if you would proudly give it to a family member or friend."

As in disasters and emergencies such as the recent bushfires, GIVIT is working with all levels of government and over 3,200 registered charities and community groups to best manage donations and ensure people impacted by COVID-19 have access to essential items when they need them.

The [GIVIT website](https://givit.org.au) removes the need for councils and charities to physically collect, sort and store donations, significantly reducing the administrative and financial burden, as well as saving valuable resources for critical recovery activities.

Ms Wright urged all Australian charities, schools, councils and community groups to register via [GIVIT.org.au](https://givit.org.au) to access thousands of wonderful donations pledged from generous individuals and corporates, for the people they're supporting through the Coronavirus crisis and beyond.

GIVIT.org.au is free, private and easy to use and currently supports over 3,200 charities across Australia.

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About GIVIT

GIVIT is the smart way to give. Through [GIVIT.org.au](https://givit.org.au), we channel generosity where it is needed to support vulnerable people and communities in Australia.

Working with more than 3,200 support organisations, we ensure people get what they need when they need it most – whether recovering from a disaster event, or experiencing hardship due to circumstances such as drought, domestic and family violence, homelessness, disability, and mental health.

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

100% of donated funds received by GIVIT to support people in need are used to purchase essential items. We buy locally, wherever possible, to support local businesses. GIVIT's operational costs are covered by government contracts and our amazing corporate partners.

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