



Media Release

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GIVIT raises over \$315,000 in one week for NSW flood victims

- Almost 1,000 household items and more than \$315,000 donated
- Not-for-profit GIVIT partnered with ABC Radio Sydney for a seven-day appeal
- GIVIT have begun using donated funds to assist people still in need
- Thousands of people across NSW lost homes and livelihoods in severe storms and flooding in March

The people of New South Wales demonstrated their generosity last week, donating almost 1,000 household items and more than \$315,000 to help people affected by severe storms and flooding across New South Wales in March. A seven-day appeal ran on ABC Radio Sydney and across New South Wales to assist people facing a long-term recovery from this disaster.

GIVIT partnered with the New South Wales Government to manage donations for the recovery and has been on the ground since day one, working with local charities in affected areas to utilise donations and help people get back on their feet.

GIVIT CEO Sarah Tennant said the organisation is grateful for the support of ABC New South Wales listeners.

“We had people contacting us to donate the last \$10 in their bank account, or their pension money. We even had a lady who had just had heart surgery and she expected to be out of pocket significantly, and when she discovered that she wasn’t, she donated the money to this appeal.”

“We’re now working closely with our partners in all of these regions to match donations directly to the people that need it. 100% of donated money GIVIT receives will be used to purchase essential items and services needed by people and communities impacted. To support local businesses and the economic recovery of affected communities we always try to purchase items locally.”

Donations from the ABC Flood Appeal have already been put to good use, with one elderly widow in Taree currently living in emergency accommodation receiving immediate assistance.

“We’ve been able to use some funds to purchase doors and locks to secure her property, which was causing her significant stress,” GIVIT NSW Manager Scott Barrett said.

“Fantastic Furniture donated a mattress and we’ve used funds to purchase her a base and some bedding. We’ve also arranged a group of volunteers to source an electrician who donated their time to rewire her house. This lady is one step closer to returning home thanks to the generosity of people who gave to this appeal.”

To donate or learn more about GIVIT’s Severe Storms and Flooding Appeal, visit GIVIT.org.au/severe-storms-and-flooding.



New South Wales charities, services and community groups supporting people impacted are encouraged to register with GIVIT for free to access thousands of donations offered by generous individuals and corporates. Register via [GIVIT.org.au/need-help/organisations](https://givit.org.au/need-help/organisations).

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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 4,000 support organisations, we ensure people get what they need when they need it most – whether recovering from an emergency 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 unrequested donations, saving valuable resources. 100% of donated money received by GIVIT to support people in need are used to purchase essential items and services. We buy locally, wherever possible, to support local businesses and the economic recovery of affected communities. GIVIT's operational costs are covered by government contracts and corporate partners.