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## **MEDIA ALERT: Juliette Wright, GIVIT Founder & Director, visits Cloncurry and Julia Creek, Feb 25 and 26**

GIVIT's Founder and Director Juliette Wright, OAM, will visit the flood-devastated areas of Cloncurry and Julia Creek on Monday, Feb 25, and Tues, Feb 26, to update residents, charities and government agencies on GIVIT's recovery efforts.

Mrs Wright will meet representatives from McKinlay and Cloncurry shire councils, graziers and GIVIT's charity and community recovery partners.

**Mrs Wright will be available for media interviews to discuss GIVIT's current and ongoing donation coordination across the region.**

GIVIT is delivering urgently needed support to Queenslanders devastated by unprecedented flooding in the state's north and far west. Already, GIVIT has provided \$5000 in vouchers for residents to buy urgently needed supplies. The vouchers will allow residents to purchase what they need from their local traders and businesses to support the recovery of the district.

"The generosity from around Australia, including corporates and individuals, has been truly inspiring – Australians really rally behind our communities when help is needed," Mrs Wright said.

"The scenes of mass stock losses have been truly heartbreaking and all Australia wants to help our graziers and their communities."

GIVIT is working in partnership with the Queensland Government and affected regional councils to manage donated funds and all offers of goods and services following the severe floods.

Donations made via [givit.org.au](http://givit.org.au) provide critical and immediate support to residents impacted as well as providing longer recovery support to re-establish homes and help communities recover.

"GIVIT works directly with outreach teams, local charities, community groups and councils in the impacted regions. These outreach groups identify exactly what is needed and GIVIT provides the assistance to get affected people exactly what they need, when they need it most," Mrs Wright said.

One hundred per cent of donated funds received are used to purchase essential items. To help stimulate local economies affected by a disaster, wherever possible, GIVIT purchases items from local providers to support the business community as it also recovers.

Visit [givit.org.au](http://givit.org.au) to see what is urgently needed or donate at [givit.org.au/gldfloods](http://givit.org.au/gldfloods)

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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 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 most recently ensured that 14,000 items made their way to people in need after the 2018 Queensland fires. After 2017's Tropical Cyclone Debbie, GIVIT coordinated the donation of 92,000 items. 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.

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