

GIVIT DONATION HAS MOLONG PONY CLUB KIDS RIDING HIGH IN THE SADDLE

Online charity GIVIT is bringing some smiles to the Molong Pony Club in central west NSW where the club's young members and their families are dealing with the worst drought on record.

The national online giving platform, an official drought charity partner with the NSW Government, recently marked its sixth month of support to more than 100 local charities, schools and community service providers across drought-affected communities of the state.

GIVIT supports communities and families by providing exactly what is needed and when it is needed.

GIVIT's NSW Drought Relief Manager Scott Barrett said GIVIT was thrilled to purchase locally some much needed items for the pony club, northwest of Orange.

"The club needed a barbecue, a push lawn mower and 20 plastic chairs to help improve the pony club's grounds and facilities so the kids and their families continue to have that all-important social contact and support within their community," he said.

The Molong Pony Club has around 12 members, aged 3 to 14.

Mr Barrett will visit the Molong Pony Club on Sunday (March 3) to present GIVIT's donations to the members.

He said it was essential to support entire communities, especially the youngest members. "Kids are doing it tough in so many of the drought-ravaged regions. It is vital rural kids have an avenue of support in a social venue and that's what pony clubs like Molong do so well," Mr Barrett said.

"But with money tight in many rural communities because of the drought often kids' activities such as pony club, swim lessons and team sports are no longer a priority. GIVIT wants to ensure these essential community activities and facilities thrive and survive long after the drought."

Mr Barrett urged charities and community groups supporting rural communities to register with GIVIT to receive vital support for their clients.

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



“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 residents of the entire Central West 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. If you want to help drought-affected communities visit www.givit.org.au/drought to see what is needed and pledge items or money.

**To arrange an interview with Scott Barrett,
contact media@givit.org.au or phone 0444 503 759**

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, 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 994,800 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 is currently distributing tens of thousands of items after 2019 Queensland flooding. GIVIT distributed more than 16,000 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.