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## **PPG TAUBMANS continues to support ongoing rebuilding of communities affected by drought, fire and floods.**

\$960,000 worth of paint and donations has been distributed to Australian communities as part of *Taubmans In It Together* initiative since 2019. This has been achieved through funds donated to not-for-profit donation platform [GIVIT](#), paint donations and community collaborations with Bunnings.

Taubmans have been supporting the Australian community for 125 years - as a strong Australian paint brand Taubmans continues to provide high quality products to customers whilst helping the community where it's needed most.

This year Taubmans continues its commitment to supporting the community with sales from selected Taubmans products made over the Easter period contributing to a target of \$180,000 for GIVIT, who direct funds to projects in areas of most need.

Over the last three years, funds from In It Together's annual Easter campaign have been donated to over 70 GIVIT community projects nationally.

These donations have gone to communities right across Australia, to support the purchase of items like paint, lawnmowers, bedding, washing machines, local business vouchers and more. Donations of everyday items have a huge impact on families recovering and rebuilding for a better future.

"If the last couple of years has taught us anything it's that taking care of our local communities and the places we live is what truly matters to supporting a safe and prosperous way of life," said David Nicholls PPG Commercial Director, Australia.

"Making sure communities affected by traumatic natural disasters are given the opportunity to access support is how we can help and helping is part of what we do here at Taubmans and PPG. With the support of our valued customers who are choosing to paint with Taubmans, we all play our part in making a difference." Nicholls said.

Not-for-profit donation platform [GIVIT](#) works with more than 4,300 support organisations across Australia to ensure people get what they need, when they need it.

"Requests for assistance have doubled on the GIVIT platform since the beginning of the pandemic," said GIVIT CEO Sarah Tennant. "Australian communities are now forced to deal with the impact of natural disasters on top of the challenges of COVID-19, making the recovery process more complex."

"We're grateful to Taubmans for supporting our work in community recovery projects and look forward to another successful Easter campaign."

There are so many stories of resilience and hope after a tough couple of years. This year, Taubmans will be sharing some stories of how donations are continuing to support local communities. Here are some of those stories:

- Glen and the RSL Cobargo Sub-Branch with the support of GIVIT and Taubmans are working on the re-development of their RSL Memorial Hall, originally built in 1949, this is one of only a few places in town to meet and is a cornerstone of the community.
- Tania has lived in Cobargo for 30 years, and after the bushfires in late 2019 her and her fellow community members assembled the Cobargo Green Recovery Group with plans to apply for funding and support to refresh central community and youth spaces including the skate park, where plans are in place for a new basketball court and recreation facilities.
- The Bangladeshi Centre in NSW is a community owned and run facility. Asad and his fellow organisers of the project bought the land to build the centre, with their collective vision being that the legacy from this project will help maintain the Bengali cultural traditions for generations to come. The centre was heavily impacted by the March 2021 floods, adding setbacks to the group. They are now in the later stages of repairing the centre, and their group is now able to come together again for their regular meetings and celebrations.

Find out about Taubmans' *In It Together* initiative and read all the community stories [here](#).

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

Working with more than 4,300 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.