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THE STAR AND GIVIT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TAKES ON FIRST NATIONS FOCUS

The Star Entertainment Group has marked NAIDOC Week 2021 by announcing a national First Nations community support program in partnership with online charity connector GIVIT - a not-for-profit organisation matching generosity with genuine need.

Managing Director and CEO Matt Bekier said The Star Entertainment Group will contribute funds directly to GIVIT's already well-established indigenous support program aimed at assisting, empowering and elevating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and communities.

"We are proud to be kick-starting our partnership in such an important week on the reconciliation calendar," he said. "In backing GIVIT's program, which has done the heavy lifting to identify and bolster indigenous initiatives, we can fast-track ways to help champion cultural awareness and respect."

The Kurbingui Youth and Family Development organisation based in Zillmere in Brisbane's north will be the first recipient of the ongoing partnership.

"The Star's contribution will help purchase tools and building supplies as part of the organisation's *Yeaca Dhargo Refurbishment* project to upgrade an existing building, including disabled access, for its community support workers."

"We are also hoping to be hands-on with Star employees able to volunteer their time to work on the project," Mr Bekier said.

GIVIT is The Star's National Community Partner, so this increased partnership adds to the work undertaken together during the 2019 bushfires and across some of the charity's other priorities.

"We can't thank Star Entertainment Group enough for partnering with GIVIT, sharing our passion to make a real difference for the 794 Indigenous charities and communities we support across the country," said Sarah Tennant, GIVIT CEO.

"From the sea and freshwater country to rainforests, mountains and desert country, GIVIT is a vital source of donated items for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Since 2019 we have provided more than 570,000 essential items under GIVIT's indigenous program and with the ongoing support of The Star we can continue to provide life-changing support."

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