

## **1. What is the Giving Tree Christmas Appeal?**

The City of Wollongong Giving Tree is an annual Christmas initiative supporting local families in need across the Illawarra. Gifts donated are distributed by Anglicare and St Vincent de Paul to more than 500 families, helping ensure every child experiences the joy of Christmas.

## **2. Who runs the Giving Tree Appeal?**

The appeal is run in partnership with the Lord Mayor and Wollongong City Council, the Annual Bikers Toy Run, and local charities Anglicare and St Vincent de Paul.

## **3. What types of gifts can I donate?**

We welcome new toys, books, clothing, bikes, and gift cards suitable for children and young people aged birth to 16 years.

Gift cards are especially appreciated for our older children and teens, who are often the hardest to buy for.

## **4. Can I donate pre-loved or second-hand items?**

Unfortunately, we can't accept second-hand or pre-loved items for the Giving Tree.

If you have quality pre-loved items to donate, please drop them at one of our local op shops.

## **5. Should gifts be wrapped?**

We prefer all gifts to be unwrapped, this helps to easily match presents to children of different ages and needs.

## **6. Where can I drop off my donation?**

Donations can be placed in Giving Tree Basket located at the Concierge Desk in the Shopping Centre. Monday - Friday 9:30 - 4:00

## **7. What is the deadline for donations?**

The final date for donations is Sunday 14th December.

This allows enough time for the gifts to be sorted and distributed to families before Christmas.

## **8. What is the Bikers Toy Run?**

The Annual Bikers Toy Run has proudly supported Illawarra charities for the past 36 years.

This year, it will be held on Saturday 6th December, from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at Wollongong Central

Come along to see hundreds of bikers dressed in festive costumes with bikes decked out for Christmas!

You can also bring along a gift to donate on the day and enjoy the community entertainment. Please scan the QR code on basket for more information

### **9. How are the gifts distributed?**

Anglicare and St Vincent de Paul collect and distribute all donations.

They also redistribute gifts to smaller charities and community services across the Illawarra, ensuring that support reaches as many families as possible.

### **10. Where can I find more information?**

Scan the QR code on our basket/posters or visit the City of Wollongong website for more details about the Giving Tree Appeal and the Bikers Toy Run event.