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**Your story**

result we lost a whole week of work, we came home to having lost everything in our fridge and freezer due to no power, the water came in the shed and we lost many of our daughters baby things, toys, tools, a dishwasher and a freezer. Our home remained safe. In the second flood, we were given no warning, we woke up to our home being cut off with water up to car doors in the streets surrounding us. We again, lost out on work for 2 days. We watched on Facebook as our friends only a few streets away had to be brought out by sea and had water come into their homes for a second time. We had no communication during both floods so it was almost impossible to check on family and friends and we spent hours and days waiting to know everyone we loved was safe. Food was scarce and we had to buy far more expensive things than we normally would to get by. When the first flood ended and my brother could get home, I entered his home to find everything they had worked so hard for, destroyed. We got stuck in and spent weeks cleaning out and ripping out pieces of their dream home. We found children's toys washed into his backyard, destroyed and cried tears for these unknown children. We watched our friends do the same and now, we still just sit and think broken heartedly about what our community is going through. I saw a post asking for assistance for a group of elderly people living in units in Ballina who had been left to fend for themselves during the first flood and none of them had any food left, some couldn't remember that last time they ate. I took everything I could find in my home and headed straight over. Seeing their grateful faces broke my heart further. I still see posts every day on Facebook from our community members needing help and not receiving it. I am so thankful everyday that our community is so loving, kind and generous because it is all of us that has got us through.

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