



WALK IN THE SPIRIT SPONSOR PACK

Inspired to Care, Moved to Act

October 2026



This is more than a walk.
It is a national act of compassion.
By sponsoring Walk In The Spirit, your
organisation helps bring people together
around a powerful story of reflection,
endurance, community service and practical
help for people facing crisis.

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WHAT IS WALK IN THE SPIRIT

Walk in the Spirit (WITS), also known as the Everalld Walk, is much more than a charity fundraising event. It is an opportunity to reflect on the values of compassion, generosity, hope, and service to others while taking part in a shared journey of purpose.

Led by philanthropists Everalld Compton and Helen Compton in celebration of Everalld's 95th birthday, the flagship event will feature an 11-kilometre walk around the base of Uluru, alongside local community walks taking place throughout Australia.

The goal is to unite more than 1,000 walkers and raise \$100,000 to support Australians facing hardship.

The 2026 Walk in the Spirit event will be held at the iconic and spiritually significant landscape of Uluru, bringing together people from across Australia for a memorable and meaningful experience. Participants will walk not only for their own wellbeing and reflection, but also to raise funds for Dorcas ACTS, a volunteer-run charity that provides emergency financial assistance to Australians experiencing crisis situations such as natural disasters, domestic violence, drought, and other hardships.

WHO DORCAS ACTS HELPS

Dorcas ACTS provides rapid, compassionate financial support to Australians facing some of life's most difficult circumstances.

The charity assists individuals and families affected by natural disasters such as floods, bushfires and droughts, as well as those experiencing personal crises including domestic violence, hunger, elder abuse, serious accidents, and medical emergencies.

Working through trusted community organisations, church leaders and support agencies, Dorcas ACTS provides practical, immediate assistance when it is needed most, helping people cover essential costs such as food, accommodation, utilities and other urgent expenses. As a 100% volunteer-run organisation, every donated dollar goes directly to supporting people in crisis, offering not only financial relief but also hope, dignity and a pathway towards stability and recovery.

ABOUT EVERALD COMPTON AO

Everalld Compton AO is one of Australia's most respected community leaders, philanthropists, authors, and advocates. Born in rural Queensland in 1931, he has dedicated more than seven decades to serving the Australian community through charitable work, social advocacy, and leadership.

Over his lifetime, Everalld has founded or helped establish a number of significant Australian organisations and initiatives, including National Seniors Australia, the concept that became Australia's Inland Rail project, and numerous charitable and community programs. He is also a long-serving Elder in the Uniting Church in Australia and has spent much of his life promoting the values of compassion, service, and social justice.

The 2026 Walk in the Spirit event at Uluru marks both a celebration of Everalld's 95th birthday and a reflection of the values that have guided his life: faith, generosity, service to others, and the belief that every person can make a positive difference in the world.

WHY THIS EVENT MATTERS

Walk in the Spirit is more than a fundraising event - it is a practical expression of spirituality/faith, compassion, and service.

This event is open for all people, from 5 to 105 years old, people of any faith or no faith. It is for people who wish to make a difference, who are inspired to care and are moved to act.

The name Dorcas comes from the New Testament disciple known for her kindness, generosity, and dedication to helping those in need. Her example continues to inspire the charity's mission today. As a volunteer-run organisation, Dorcas ACTS seeks to help in practical ways, offering assistance with dignity, compassion, and without judgment.

Walk in the Spirit reflects these same values. Each step taken is a reminder that faith is not only something we believe, but something we live out through our actions. By walking together, participants become part of a community united by a desire to make a difference, support those facing hardship, and bring hope where it is needed most.

The 2026 walk is especially significant as it celebrates Everal Compton's 95th birthday and brings participants to Uluru, one of Australia's most iconic and spiritually significant places. Whether walking at Uluru or in local communities around the country, every participant is helping to transform compassion into action.

Together, through generosity, and a shared commitment to serving others, we can help ensure that people experiencing crisis are not left to face their challenges alone. Every step matters. Every donation matters. Every act of kindness matters. And together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of Australians in need.

THE ULURU WALK

There could be no more fitting location for Walk in the Spirit than Uluru - often described as the spiritual heart of Australia. For tens of thousands of years, this extraordinary landscape has been a place of deep cultural, spiritual, and human significance.

The Walk in the Spirit Uluru experience begins on the evening of Sunday, 4 October 2026, when participants gather beneath the vast Central Australian sky for a special welcome dinner. It is a chance to meet fellow walkers, hear stories about the significance of Uluru, and prepare for the journey ahead.

Before dawn the following morning, walkers will come together at the base of Uluru as the first light of day begins to illuminate Australia's spiritual heart. Led by Everal and Helen Compton, participants will embark on an 11-kilometre walk around this iconic landmark, taking in its beauty, reflecting on life's blessings, and sharing the experience with others united by a common purpose.

Together, walkers will create lasting memories while helping bring hope and practical support to Australians in need.

LOCAL WALKS

Not everyone can make the journey to Uluru, but everyone can be part of Walk in the Spirit. Throughout Australia, supporters are encouraged to participate in local walks within their own communities on 5 October 2026.

Whether it's a walk around your neighbourhood, local park, beach, or favourite walking trail, every step helps raise funds and awareness for the work of Dorcas ACTS.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

Walk in the Spirit 2026 offers a unique opportunity for businesses, organisations, churches, and individuals to align with a meaningful cause that is making a tangible difference in the lives of Australians facing hardship.

We are seeking a small number of valued sponsors to help bring this special event to life and support the ongoing crisis relief work of Dorcas ACTS.

A range of sponsorship opportunities are available, from major campaign partnerships through to practical event support such as sponsorship of the dinner or shirts.

Sponsors will be recognised as important partners in an event that brings together community, generosity, and service. Most importantly, your support will help ensure that more Australians receive timely assistance, hope, and compassion when they need it most.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss sponsorship packages and tailor a partnership that aligns with your organisation's values and goals.

SPONSOR BENEFITS

Sponsors of Walk in the Spirit 2026 will be recognised as valued partners in helping deliver the event and support the important work of Dorcas ACTS. Recognition will include "Sponsored by" acknowledgement associated with the specific item, activity, or initiative being supported, along with logo placement on relevant event materials where practical.

Sponsors will also receive recognition on the Walk in the Spirit website, acknowledgement through social media thank-you posts, and inclusion in post-event communications to donors and supporters. Above all, sponsors will have the opportunity to align their organisation with a meaningful cause that is making a tangible difference in the lives of Australians experiencing crisis and hardship.

The Walk In The Spirit event is a Dorcas ACTS charity event. Dorcas ACTS is a mission of the congregation of The Aspley Uniting Church, QLD.

Dorcas ACTS is a registered charity with DGR status. We can discuss the appropriate receipting or sponsorship invoice arrangements for your organisation.

HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE USED

Funds raised through Walk in the Spirit 2026 will support the crisis relief and community assistance programs of Dorcas ACTS, including the provision of rapid financial support to individuals in crisis. Through practical, compassionate assistance, Dorcas ACTS helps Australians facing hardship and disadvantage during some of life's most challenging circumstances.

This includes providing meals and practical support for people experiencing homelessness, unemployment, and social isolation; assisting individuals and families in financial crisis, and families in crisis due to domestic violence; older Australians, and people living with disability; supporting refugees and asylum seekers as they establish new lives in Australia; and helping rural and regional communities recover from floods, droughts, bushfires, and other severe weather events.

Funds will also help provide educational opportunities for young Australians by partially funding scholarships for promising Year 11 and 12 students from remote communities to attend senior schooling in regional centres. These scholarships are provided in partnership with QATSIF.

In addition, support is directed towards assisting people affected by domestic and family violence, elder abuse, and other personal crises, ensuring practical help can be delivered when it is needed most.

Through these initiatives, Dorcas ACTS seeks to provide hope, dignity, opportunity, and practical assistance to Australians during times of need.



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Instagram: instagram.com/dorcasactscharity/

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Major Sponsorships	
Principal Partner	\$15,000
Major Partner	\$7,500
Practical Sponsorships	
Pre-Event Spirit of Uluru Dinner Sponsor	\$5,000
Post-Event Celebratory Lunch Sponsor	\$4,000
Signage and Banner Sponsor	\$5,000
Digital and IT Sponsor	\$4,000
PR and Communications Sponsor	\$4,000
Marketing / Artwork Sponsor	\$4,000
Walker Shirt Sponsor	\$5,000
Volunteer Shirt Sponsor	\$2,000
Transport Sponsor	\$2,000
Sun Safety Sponsor	\$1,500
Walker Bib Sponsor	\$1,500
First Aid / Paramedic Sponsor	\$1,000
Hydration Sponsor	\$750
Certificate Sponsor	\$500
Local Sponsorships	
Local Walk Partner	\$1,500
Local Walk Banner Sponsor	\$500
Local Walk Supporting Sponsor	\$250