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# Walk in the Spirit 2026
# What a walk. What a difference.

## Together, we turned compassion into action.

On 5 October 2026, Everald Compton celebrated his 95th birthday in a remarkable way: leading an 11 km walk around Uluru alongside fellow WITS Walkers, with Helen Compton by his side. Across Australia, local communities joined the movement, proving that when people come together for a common cause, every step can make a meaningful difference.

What began with a goal to raise $100,000 for Dorcas ACTS became something truly extraordinary. Thanks to the generosity, enthusiasm and support of our incredible community, the inaugural **Walk in the Spirit (WITS) 2026** exceeded not one, but two fundraising targets and raised more than **$130,000** to support Australians experiencing crisis.

## A look back at WITS 2026

- **$100,000** our original fundraising goal
- **$125,000** our increased fundraising goal after the first target was surpassed
- **More than $130,000 raised** thanks to the generosity of our community
- **36 walkers** completed the 11 km Uluru walk
- **Four local walks with 44 walkers** brought communities together across Australia, including Aspley/Chermside, Compton Gardens, Hawksbury and Shepparton

From the walkers who took on the Uluru circuit to the local teams who organised community walks, every participant helped bring the spirit of WITS to life.

## Thank you for making it possible

To every WITS Walker, Local Walk Team Leader, volunteer, donor, sponsor and supporter, **thank you**. Whether you walked, donated, helped behind the scenes or encouraged someone else to take part, you played a valuable role in this achievement.

Your generosity helps Dorcas ACTS provide emergency financial assistance to individuals and families facing crisis across Australia. As a 100% volunteer-run charity, Dorcas ACTS is committed to ensuring donations directly support people in need.

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WITS Walk 26 | Everald Walk
This charity event is held on Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Country.
Dorcas ACTS provides rapid financial support to those in crisis. The proceeds from this event plus 100% of donations go directly to those in need.
Dorcas ACTS is a mission of the congregation of the Aspley Uniting Church.
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Walk at Uluru or in your local community: 11, 5, or 3 Km
Walk on 5 October 2026
Sign up to be a Walker or a Volunteer at:
spiritwalker.org.au

## Relive the moments

From Everald's inspiring walk around Uluru to the community spirit of our local walks, there were so many special moments that made WITS 2026 unforgettable.

**Head to our website to explore the event photo gallery and video highlights**, revisit some of the memorable moments, and see the incredible community that came together to support Dorcas ACTS.
Whether you joined us at Uluru, participated in a local walk or supported the event from afar, we invite you to look back on what we achieved together.

Explore the photos and videos

## Recognising our major sponsors

We extend our sincere thanks to the major sponsors whose generosity and commitment helped make the inaugural event possible.

Nauru Airlines
Airline of the Central Pacific

A very special thank you to Nauru Airlines for its generous $10,000 per year commitment for three years. This significant contribution provides valuable ongoing support for WITS and the work of Dorcas ACTS. We are incredibly grateful for your commitment to making a difference.

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A heartfelt thank you to Morgans, our Major Uluru Sponsor, for your generous support. We are especially grateful to Marcia and John from Morgans for travelling to Uluru and joining us on the walk around the Rock, helping to bring the vision of Walk in the Spirit to life.

**Our other sponsors**
Thank you for standing alongside Dorcas ACTS and helping turn generosity into practical support for people experiencing crisis.

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Councillor for McDowall Ward

## The journey continues: Future WITS events

The inaugural Walk in the Spirit has laid the foundations for an ongoing movement of community, compassion and action. We're excited to continue building on this momentum, with a program of future walks planned.

### 2027 — Local Walks:

Communities across Australia will come together to walk, connect and fundraise.

### 2028 — Blue Mountains Walk + Local Walks:

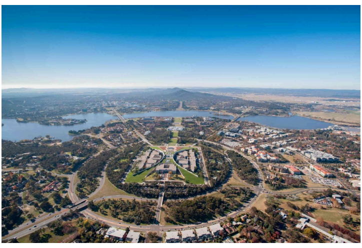
A special destination walk in the beautiful Blue Mountains, alongside local community walks.

### 2029 — Local Walks:

Continuing to grow the WITS community nationwide.

### 2030 — Bunya Mountains + Local Walks:

Bringing walkers together for another event in Queensland.



### 2031 — Canberra Walk + Local Walks:

A very special celebration as Everald Compton turns 100.

## Be part of the next chapter

Whether you join a destination walk, take part in a local walk, become a Team Leader or support a walker through a donation, there is a place for you in the WITS community.

Thank you for being part of our inaugural journey. We look forward to walking alongside you again as we continue to grow this movement and make a difference, one step at a time.

**Stay connected and find out more about future events:**

**Visit the Walk in the Spirit website**

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