



# **Events Speed Session: RSPCA Million Paws Walk**

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MPW 2021 SA promo video





## **MPW - Recent Years**

- 2020 'Walk this May' virtual model
- 2021 only SA & NT held physical events, virtual in other states
- 2022 NSW, VIC, ACT, NT & TAS both physical and virtual, QLD & WA virtual only SA – virtual focus, plus last minute collab event with Botanic Gardens









## **Key Lessons**

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- 1. Events are back (*BUT ... back to basics?*)
- 2. Collaboration is key
- 3. Create a community









## Lesson #1: Events are back (BUT ... Back to basics?)

- Crowded virtual P2P market
- Appetite from public for physical events
- Be clear on purpose, know true ROI
- Provide an experience & demonstrate impact
- Take it back to grassroots ditch bells and whistles









## Lesson #2: Collaboration is key

- Co-hosting with external partner = share workload & resources, maximise reach, build partnerships
- Adds unique incentive to attend
- Possibility of 'satellite' events partner with local councils / AEDA







## Lesson #3: Create a community

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- Crucial for virtual, carry over into physical
- Facebook groups as a useful tool can be largely self-servicing
- Your supporters become your brand champions





### Thursday, 7 Apr • 9:41 am

Welcome to the Million Paws Walk SA "pack", Gemma! We are so grateful you are walking to fight animal cruelty this May. Join our exclusive SA Facebook group for local challenges, giveaways and of course, cute dog pics: <u>bit.ly/FB-MPW</u> Gemma & Harry at RSPCA (Rather not get texts? Send STOP to <u>0488826729</u>)







Welcome to our newest members! We'd love for you to introduce yourself, share a pic of you (and your animals) walking and why you're taking part in Million Paws Walk 💗

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out on the way home though! 🗞 💙

I'm Rex, I'm almost 5 months old, my mummy loves to support the rspca, and my bunny-brother is an adoptee from the rspca



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SPCA South Australia replied · 1 reply

Meet Bella 1 year old Blenheim and Rose 3 year old Ruby - my beauti They are very loved and thoroughly spoilt 😜. Looking forward to hel fortunate ones.



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### 👯 GIVEAWAY - \$24 IN 24 HOURS 👯

Raise \$24 in the next 24 hours on your Million Paws Walk fundraising page and receive a KONG toy for your favourite fur friend 🐁

Don't miss out! Thank you for supporting animals in need 🔵





Willow was very excited to receive her new toy today 💙 🧡



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### Did someone say giveaway?! 🐪

To say thank you to everyone who's signed up so far we're offering a small giveaway for you and your pupper. Simply share an update on how your walkies are going (or anything really!) for your chance to win. We'll pick 5 people (at random) tomorrow at 11am (08/04/22).

Prize must be collected from our Head Office (16 Nelsonst Stepney) or our Lonsdale shelter (25 Meyer Road Lonsdale) 🙂





## Looking forward

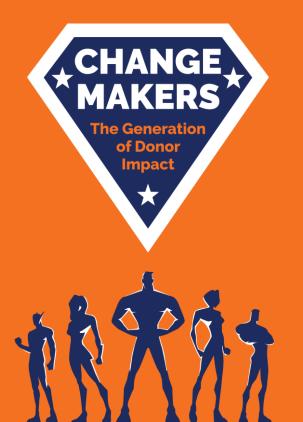
- 2023 all states re-focusing on physical events (same date nationally)
- SA more modest and unique offering, partnering with Botanic Gardens
- Clear, concise proposition with strong
  cause link
- Build community locally around event











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