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Joint Press Release: The Law Society of Western Australia and Law Access

PRO BONO LAWYERS ONCE AGAIN WALK FOR JUSTICE

The annual Law Access Walk for Justice on Tuesday, 17 May celebrates National Pro Bono Day and the generous pro bono contributions of Western Australian lawyers and law students.

The Hon. Robert French AC, former Chief Justice of the High Court launched and led the 2022 Law Access Walk for Justice. Hundreds of pro bono lawyers from community legal centres, government and the private profession, law students and legal support, gathered to promote access to justice in Western Australia and raise funds for Law Access, Western Australia's pro bono referral service.

The walkers followed the traditional foreshore route, between Point Fraser and the Bell Tower. They were "virtually" accompanied by supporters from around Australia. The "virtual" supporters were invited to tune in to the 2022 Event Playlist, which was a compilation of the Event Ambassador's favourite songs to walk to!

The W4J22 Event Playlist can be listened to here:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4jZJ8fHYPvfXUnE5bvliPx?si=68627641836d422a&pt=72c6db1ed68ab3fdeb2c95736560a9c4>

"Virtual" and in-person walkers have been sharing their pictures on social media, using #W4J22.

Event participants raised \$76,705. Combined with the McCusker Charitable Foundation matching donations up to \$50,000 and our generous corporate sponsors, a total of \$145,205 was raised to help sustain Law Access, Western Australia's pro bono legal referral service.

Law Society President Rebecca Lee said: *"It was fantastic to see such a great turn out this morning at the annual Walk for Justice fundraiser. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all who donated to an important cause."*

Law Access CEO Alana Dowley said: *“The support for the Walk for Justice this year was amazing: a record number of registered walkers, a new fundraising milestone and all in challenging times. Thank you to all participants for making this event a huge success.”*

This year the prominent Event Ambassadors joining us included members of the judiciary, legal profession, University professors and students. A full list of Ambassadors can be found here: <https://www.mycause.com.au/events/lawaccesswalkforjustice2022/ambassadors>

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