



Press Release

MiWay Wally Hayward Marathon 2021

Although the MiWay Wally Hayward Marathon 2020 had to be cancelled owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain hopeful that this year's marathon will still go ahead, albeit possibly in a different form. Traditionally, entries for this marathon open on 1 January but this date has been put back given the current uncertainty relating to mass-participation events.

Francois Jordaan, MiWay Wally Hayward Marathon Race Director, says that his team is hard at work developing plans to enable the event to go ahead despite the pandemic. "We are monitoring both local and international developments and working on several scenarios that will allow us to host the MiWay Wally Hayward Marathon in 2021 in some form," he says. "We will keep the running community informed through our regular communication channels as our planning takes shape."

Mitigating the risk for participants, officials and spectators is a key feature of the planning for the proposed 2021 event. Jordaan says that although the 2020 marathon had to be cancelled, the race organisers were still able to donate R100 000 to the five selected charities:

- Pink Drive
- Tshwane SPCA
- Rainbows and Smiles
- Wetnose
- Amadea

"We could only do this thanks to the many participants who donated money during the entry process and those who donated their entry fees, T-shirts, etc. when we had to cancel the 2020 event," he says. "The members of the organising committee extend our sincere gratitude to MiWay, which supported us all the way during a very difficult time. We are very thankful that they continue to stand by us in 2021."

"This pandemic will eventually pass, and we will run again. The organisers of the MiWay Wally Hayward Marathon are very grateful for everybody's understanding and continued support," concludes Jordaan. "Stay safe and keep on training."

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