## Strategic Marketing

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#### Introduction

- B2B targeting
- B2B marketing and branding
- What strategic marketing works?
- How does that fit into your strategy?







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#### **Creative Development**

- •Web Design
- eCommerce
- •SEO
- Direct Mail
- Digital Advertising
- Product Design





## Why is "Marketing" so important?

# "The Aim of marketing is to make selling superfluous"

Peter F. Drucker

"Management Guru"

Management: Tasks, Responsibilities, Practices Wiley New York, 1973 pp 64-65



## **Quick Marketing Facts**

- Marketing isn't just advertising and junk mail.
- ▶ 16,000+ users of LinkedIn 15,000+ users of Facebook are Australian Sys Admins, IT Managers, Directors, CIOs
  - (cost to reach them is ~50c per click)
  - (not everyone reads BRW any more)



## **Quick Marketing Facts**

- > 9000+ searches online for "Managed IT Services"
- <1000 searches for "IT Systems Integrator"</p>
- < 73 for "IT Solution Provider"</p>
  - (the customer uses different language to the provider)
- On Amazon eBooks outsold traditional books last year.
  - Largest category = Tutorials 66,000 books



### Key B2B steps

- Which markets are the most lucrative?
- Who are your competitors? (across markets)
- Who are is the key purchaser(s)/decision makers?
- What do you know about them
  - How to engage their trust
- What is your message
  - What problem are you solving for the customer
  - What complete solution can you offer them?
- How to reach the target cost-effectively
- How to repeat and reinforce the message
- How to encourage them to take action



### **B2B Targetting**

- Use Facebook and LinkedIn advertising platforms
  - (to find the right targets, people, places)
- Use Google Keyword Tool
  - (to see how many searches there are and what the cost of marketing to them is)
- Look for company lists, Dunn and Bradstreet, Listbank.com.au
  - (to compare industry sizes)



## Who and what do you know?

- Customer profiling (name, age, sex, likes dislikes, family, footy team?)
- What do they read, where do they read?
- Where do they live, where do they work?
- Alexa and Compete.com list websites people visit together.
- Google has a demographic targeting tool.



### What is your message

- How does (how do you want) your prospect describe the product/service?
- What does (what do you want) your image and your product conjure up in the prospect's mind?
- What "job" does your product do, and how does that benefit your clients directly?
  - Avoid technical language and "BizSpeak"
- Use Google Keyword tool to find out what people are searching for.



## B2B marketing process

- Branding
  - Anchoring in emotion, creating personality
  - Building a profile in the market
  - Building an identity
  - Being top of mind
- Differentiation
  - Case Studies = Industry Framework
  - Using T&Cs to differentiate
  - Using expertise/experience
  - Testimonials



### **B2B Marketing Process**

- Reinforcement/Repetition
- Product/Service Placement
- Call to action
- Above the line Advertising, visible marketing
- Below the line PR, Word of Mouth,



#### **B2B** Above the line

- SEO
  - Using the keywords you have identified
  - H1, Title Tag, Description
  - Links from authority pages
- Building/participating in a community
  - Forums, seminars, Q+A
- Advertising
  - Google, Facebook, LinkedIn
  - Industry Mags (with caution/more than just an ad.)



#### **B2B** Above the line

- Sponsorship
  - Local sports teams with a big following
    - (Gladesville Hornsby Football Association has 50 clubs x 30 teams x 15 parents = >22500 people)
  - Corporate events
- Joint Marketing initiatives
  - Allied business partners (vertical and horizontal)
  - Using your customer
  - Testimonials (video or written)



#### B2B Above the line

- Direct Marketing
  - Individual, Targeted
  - Original, Creative
  - Solution focussed
  - Cost effective









#### B2B below the line

- Events (self managed and trade shows)
  - Become an industry leader
  - Educate your market
  - Online Webinars
  - Seminars
  - Breakfast sessions



#### B2B below the line

- Articles/white papers
  - Write about trends
  - Answer questions
  - Build a community
  - Offer specialist expert advice
- Videos
  - Easy to make, cheap, good for web traffic and branding
- Word of Mouth
  - The ultimate goal of good marketing



### Conversions + Analysis

- Easy conversion measurement:
  - Separate 1300/1800 number (for web or marketing)
  - Web contact form
  - Specific white paper
  - Specific discount/free consultation worth \$xxx
- Analysis
  - Google analytics, Page views(Clicks) / Contact
  - New customer Calls/total cost of marketing
  - New customers/Old business
  - Total lifetime gross profitability of a customer



#### Integrated Marketing Flow Chart



