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Media Release

Huge crowds take part in 2019 Sunshine Coast Memory Walk & Jog

More than 400 people turned out today for the annual Sunshine Coast Memory Walk & Jog event at Kawana Surf Club.

Dementia Australia CEO Maree McCabe said it was a wonderful event and extended her thanks to everyone who participated, raised funds or donated.

"We are thrilled with the fantastic turn out and enormous levels of support and community spirit demonstrated at today's Memory Walk & Jog event," Ms McCabe said.

"It was inspiring to see more than 400 people out walking and running in support of people with dementia."

Ms McCabe also acknowledged everyone who volunteered at the event.

"I would like to thank our MC Jamie Milne for generously giving up his time to host the event, along with the local Sunshine Coast community and our many volunteers for ensuring the event ran safely and smoothly," Ms McCabe said.

"It simply would not have been possible to host this Memory Walk & Jog event without their support.

"I would also like to thank those who raised funds and those who donated to such a great cause. It is wonderful to see so many people support us in this way and we are very grateful for their generosity."

The event saw attendees take part in either a 2.5km, 5km or 9km and walk, jog or run raising more than \$26,000 to support the work of Dementia Australia, which provides invaluable support, education and resources for people living with dementia in Australia, their carers, families and friends.

For those who missed out, there is still time to show your support by making a donation at www.memorywalk.com.au

***Dementia Australia** is the national peak body and charity for people, of all ages, living with all forms of dementia, their families and carers. It provides advocacy, support services, education and information. An estimated 438,000 people have dementia in Australia. This number is projected to reach almost 1.1 million by 2058. Dementia Australia is the new voice of Alzheimer's Australia. Dementia Australia's services are supported by the Australian Government.*

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