



## MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC 2018

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May Mother's Day, IDV participant **Matthew**, his mum **Sophie**, IDV support staff **Denise** and **Antonios** and IDV friend **Cara**, participated in the Mother's Day Classic; a fundraiser run/walk to support the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Matthew's participation in this event relates directly to his NDIS goals and Antonios was supporting Matthew as his 1:1 support staff.

Matthew and the group completed a 4km walk while representing IDV.

The event took place at Alexander Gardens in the city (the Tan) and one of the challenging points of the walk was the uphill part, which Matthew completed with enthusiasm and commitment.

The atmosphere was fantastic, with more than 30,000 participants. There was an abundance of positive spirit and an endless supply of energy.

Events included DJ stations at the 2km point, dancing, gift bags and gold medals; all of which made Matthew happy to complete the course at a very fast pace, with only one stop at the water station.

Matthew and the group were also excited to meet fellow runner Sarah from "Married at First Sight", who was happy to have a photo taken with Matthew and the IDV group.

*Some comments from the IDV representatives included:*

Sophie (Matthew's mum) said: "I did this course in memory of my late son Arthur who was supposed to celebrate his birthday in May".

Denise and her daughter Cara: "We participated in this fundraiser to support Matthew and in memory of our dad and mum, our grandfather and grandmother and especially our dad / grandpa who passed away recently and we missed him a lot".



Antonios: "I did the 4 km walk and the 8 km run to support Matthew, although it is a course I do every year in memory of my late mum, who passed away from bowel cancer in 2004 in Greece".

Our organisation thanks all representatives, especially Matthew, who gave us added inspiration to attend this event and for positively representing our community and IDV.

The Mother's Day Classic organisers sent a thank you email to our team as follows:

**“Thank you!**

Thank you for joining us yesterday, across the country more than 100,000 people, at 87 events, gathered to walk all over breast cancer.”

The next course, the 'Eltham Fun Run' will be in **September**, at **the** Alexander Gardens. This fundraising event is being organised by the YMCA to promote the '**Open Door**' program, which supports people with disabilities to have easier access to gym facilities.

After that will be the '**Colour Run**' fundraiser **in November in Flemington.** **(More details to follow).**

IDV is committed to its participants and supports them to achieve their goals, so we need more participants, family members and friends to create a stronger IDV team, in support of our community.

For more information, or to express your interest in the upcoming events, please call IDV on 9459 8175 and speak with the event's organiser, Antonios Kyriakopoulos.

Thank you  
Antonios Kyriakopoulos

