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## **RECORD NUMBERS FOR SPECTRUM FUN RUN**

RUNNERS and walkers of all ages turned out in force for the annual Spectrum Recreation and Health Fun Run and Walk last week.

Organizer Tom Law said there were more than 550 entrants, a record attendance for the event. “To have so many people getting involved is a great reflection of our community,” he said. “It means people enjoy physical activity, they enjoy coming together and being part of a family event.”

The event consisted of a 2km and 8km course and concluded with prizes and family activities at the Spectrum Recreation and Health headquarters at Lawnton.

The run and walk was supported by Moreton Bay Regional Council, with profits going towards assisting people with disabilities through The Spectrum Organization’s highly-regarded program of employment, training and counselling.

Spectrum CEO John Hart, who completed the 2km walk, said the run/walk was a wonderful inclusive event that kept growing every year. “There’s just a great community vibe.. for us it’s wonderful to see people with disabilities taking part and being involved in an inclusive, supportive community,” he said.

**Recording the fastest overall times in the event were:** Chevy Black (2km run) with a time of 6 mins 13 secs and Chris Rawling (8km run) in 25 mins 43 secs. Category winners were as follows: 2km race – Ske Cattell (Female Disability), Sirkka Luke (Male Disability), Hannah Weston (Female Primary School), Jacob Lawrence (Male Primary School), Chevy Black (Male High School), Jordan Renee Whitney (Female Primary School), Angela Trenerry (Female Open), Justin Durham (Male Open), Carin Timo (Female Seniors), Rob White (Male Seniors). 8km race – Lynette Parfitt-Brown (Female Disability), Bradley Ihm (Male Disability), Brianna Ruffy (Female Primary School), Jordan Marshall (Male Primary School), Rebecca Sarney (Female High School), Sebastian Betten (Male High School), Sarah Crowley (Female Open), Chris Rawling (Male Open), Tana Nikolic (Female Seniors), Jim Box (Male Seniors).

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Mr Law said he expects numbers to keep growing, with some exciting new initiatives planned for the 2009 event. “The support from sponsors has been tremendous and the community is voting with their feet,” he said. “We’re aiming for over 1000 runners and walkers next year.”

For a full list of results and event photos go to the Spectrum Fun Run Walk website at [www.spectrumfunrun.com](http://www.spectrumfunrun.com)

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