

## **Archbishop Makarios of Australia led the 47th Walkathon for charity**



The 47th Walkathon of the Greek Welfare Centre, an annual activity which involves walking a certain distance for charity and whose purpose is to raise money for the needs of the implementation of the programs of the charity organisation of the Holy Archdiocese of Australia, took place with great success.

The event, which was hosted this year at the Parish of Saint Spyridon, in Kingsford, Sydney, began with the customary walk, led by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia. Also taking part were, among others, Their Graces, Bishop Iakovos of Miletoupolis and Bishop Christodoulos of Magnesia, clergy of the Holy Archdiocese, the Consul General of Greece in Sydney, Mr. Yannis Mallikourtis, the Mayor of Randwick, Ms. Philipa Veitch, the Director of the Greek Welfare Centre Mr. Steve Magdalopoulos and the President of the Parish of Saint Spyridon, Mr. Elia Economou.

After the completion of the walk, a festive program followed, which included a presentation of Greek traditional dances, as well as the awarding of honorary

diplomas to the children who participated in this year's preschool care program of the Greek Welfare Centre. At the end of the festivities, the drawing for the Walkathon raffle took place, through which great prizes were distributed to the participants.



His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, during the warm greeting he addressed to the participants, congratulated the administration, staff and volunteers of the Greek Welfare Centre for the multidimensional work they carry out helping our fellow human beings, without discrimination or exclusion. Archbishop Makarios also thanked the supporters of this year's successful organisation of the Walkathon, through which the sum of \$75,000.00 was collected, and in closing wished everyone God's blessing in their lives and families.









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