



Campaign for Samuel Incorporated

Building a Better Future

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Newsletter Update

2018/04/30/03

Dear Supporters

Welcome to our first association newsletter for the year.

GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATION & TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL



“For the attainments achieved in the face of adversity” is the citation accompanying the Doyle-Pearn Medal Samuel was presented late last year by the Principal of the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital School, Michelle Bond (pictured left). These gold medals have been struck to recognise outstanding achievements of young people who have shown amazing tenacity and spirit despite the difficulties they face and are named after two iconic Queenslanders - Sr Angela Mary Doyle and Professor John Pearn.



Following on to him being awarded the 2017 Maths Academic Award for outstanding achievement in all academic pursuits in maths at his primary school graduation, Samuel’s start to secondary school has been positive with really good academic results and great effort all round. Staff are very supportive and looking for opportunities for Samuel. He is already badged as a Student Representative and moves are afoot for him to support the rowing squad. Yes, the rowing squad – and he may also become the first interstate member of the Balmain Para Rowing Club.... Stay tuned!

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

Looming very large on our radar is the roll out of the NDIS and how it will be able to support Samuel. After much reading, investigation and information sessions, we have drafted an initial plan in preparation for our NDIS meeting and are slowly getting our heads around the implications for how Campaign for Samuel Inc. can dovetail with this national funding support.

Generally at NDIS planning meetings (we are told), the plan will be developed after discussing need and then funded according to the guidelines. We have decided to try to list as much as possible in our draft plan in terms of what will be truly “Building a Better Future” for Samuel. What the NDIS doesn’t choose to fund should then constitute the bulk of the focus for association fundraising. Sounds simple? Happy to elaborate more with you if you’re interested.

TRIVIA AND AUCTION NIGHT 2018 - 12 October

Work in the background has already begun for this year’s Trivia & Auction Night booked for Friday 12 October 2018. Momentum will gather very quickly for this. We will be looking for a number of “big ticket” items to promote in the auction along with all of the other great donations for the auction and cent sale. Any



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assistance with sourcing donations (big or small) would be greatly appreciated - please just keep us informed so we can keep track of what's happening. Offers of assistance: contact@campaignforsamuel.org.au.

This year, funds will be needed to complete an area at the rear of the house where Samuel can pursue other life interests and hobbies (as alternates to X-Box!) and also to securely/safely store the tilt table, FES machine and other equipment. No quotes have yet been sourced but it could be between \$30K - \$50K required.

BOCCIA

Samuel continues to enjoy the challenge of improving in the skills of bocchia and has been attending fortnightly training and games sessions at Moreton Bay Bocchia Club (at Deception Bay). The design and manufacture of a better ball release mechanism is the next challenge for Russell Maxwell ([MaxwellPro](#)) as the hard plastic suction tubing wrapped in a face washer and bound with surgical tape to his foot (pictured) just isn't cutting it any more. Russell is configuring a device that is easy to connect and will help Samuel keep a consistency of ball release to help his game improve.



HOUSE MODIFICATIONS



Front yard landscaping has been the focus during the last few months. Fence posts are up and the retaining wall to maximise level ground area is all but finished. We will need to pave and concrete some areas to allow for pedestrian access from the footpath and have the fence panels installed. We should be ready then to introduce a canine to Samuel's world.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

If any of our Australian taxpayer supporters are looking to reduce their taxable income this financial year, the Samuel Thorne Fund is registered as a deductible gift recipient with the Australian Tax Office. This fund is established as a public fund (under ATO rules) and as such, the association must actively invite the public to contribute. Please consider this as our active invitation to the public to contribute! GiveNow (a donation portal available only to Australian Charities) offers a quick and easy way to make one-off or regular donations to directly support Samuel through the Samuel Thorne Fund at: www.givenow.com.au/samueltorne.

Thank you for helping us to build a better future!

Craig (Secretary)

AGM Date Claimer—10 November 2018. Please contact me secretary@campaignforsamuel.org.au for more details.



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