



Campaign for Samuel Incorporated

Building a Better Future

ABN: 88 636 920 376

Newsletter Update

2019/09/08 #08

Dear Supporters—Welcome to the third association newsletter for the year.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the donations received through Give Now to support the tax deductible [Samuel Thorne Fund](#). These donations whether they are one off or a regular donation are greatly appreciated and contribute towards building a better future for Samuel. Regular monthly donations last financial year totalled \$1940, a monthly average of about \$160. If you would like to become a regular monthly donor, please visit our GiveNow fund at www.givenow.com.au/samueltorne.

TRIVIA AND AUCTION NIGHT 2019

Planning is well under way and we have received many generous donations to help on the night. What we need now are **table sales** and online **raffle** ticket sales and **we need your help to spread the word please** - we are happy for you to do this in any way you prefer.

Tables of 10 are available for \$250 or individual seats for \$25. These tickets are bought through "[TryBooking](#)" or navigate to the Trivia Page at campaignforsamuel.org.au for other details.

WIN TICKETS TO ELTON JOHN WITH ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

First prize: *Two tickets to Elton John, Thursday 19 December 8.00pm, Brisbane Entertainment Centre (Diamond seating – lower circle); Accommodation for two* (19 December 2019 only) at Brisbane International, Virginia includes buffet breakfast; **Travel voucher** to the value of **\$500*** - (*\$500 Travel voucher does not have to be used for this concert).

Second prize: *Travel voucher* to the value of **\$300**.

Third prize: *Travel voucher* to the value of **\$200**.



Tickets are only \$10 each and can be purchased online (have your credit card details handy) though [RaffleTix](#), or scan the QR code on this page. (Sadly, residents in Western Australia can't take part but other states/territories can.)
Winners do not need to be present at the draw on the Trivia Night.

For more details, navigate to the Trivia Page at campaignforsamuel.org.au



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NDIS

We are gearing up for our first plan review. This involves consulting with medical and allied health professionals to consider what will be needed for the next twelve months. The planning/application writing is still a work in progress for the upgrade of the area at the back of the house with a permanent ramp for accessing this area. New vehicle modifications are also required for the new car we need to purchase. Why would we need a new car? Read on!

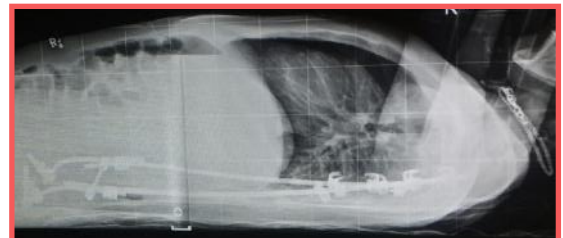


HEALTH

Samuel was under general anaesthetic for nearly seven hours on the twelfth of last month undergoing corrective spinal surgery. From a combination of factors, scoliosis was always threatening to be an issue and earlier this year it had deteriorated to the point that action needed to be taken. The surgery involved a new technique where titanium rods are hooked into the pelvis and thoracic vertebrae rather than being fused along the length of the spine.



Samuel endured severe pain controlled with considerable pain management medications and the results have been very impressive with him looking and feeling much straighter. And taller. Hence the



new car. Samuel's arm rests have been lifted by at least 6cm and if he drives in to the car as he used to, he now hits his mid forehead on the top of the back entry. Samuel needs to tilt his chair significantly to enter and travel in the car which limits visibility for him and is ultimately not sustainable.



Recovery also included some serious iPad and "Maggie" time in bed!



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BOCCIA

While Samuel was the only boccia player who attended the Sporting Wheelies Junior Development Program at Tallebudgera over the last holidays, other athletes (basketball, swimming & athletics) did experience playing boccia with Samuel. Other aspiring basketballers were surprised when Australian Paralympian basketballer Matt McShane visited and called Samuel by name in front of them. Matt who also suffered from TM



met Samuel in hospital before the Rio Olympics with team mate Tige Simmons.

Samuel, having missed one of the Tri-Series competitions because of surgery, will be competing at the last two of these soon and also the State & National titles in November at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre at Boondall.

EDUCATION

Samuel continues working well in Year 8. His change of subject to Civics has been welcomed. He has also been selected to attend the Youth Entrepreneur Summit (YES) this coming week. YES is designed for students aiming to become future scientists, innovators, engineers, technologists and entrepreneurs. Sounds interesting!

View previous newsletters [here](#) and current website photo albums [here](#).

Thank you for helping us to build a better future for Samuel!

Craig (Secretary)

2019 Trivia & Auction Night - 11 October 2019

AGM Date Claimer—10 November 2019 - Please contact me secretary@campaignforsamuel.org.au for more details.



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