



# Campaign for Samuel Incorporated

*Building a Better Future*

ABN: 88 636 920 376

## Newsletter Update

2020/03/15 #09

Dear Supporters - Welcome to the first association newsletter for 2020.

### 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. If you would like to become a regular monthly donor, please visit our GiveNow fund at [www.givenow.com.au/samuelthorne](http://www.givenow.com.au/samuelthorne).

### MEADOWBROOK IGA

Just a quick shout out to Sam Rizk and the team at the local IGA. For nearly four years, Sam has had a coin collection tin on the counter and never loses an opportunity to tell Samuel's story. So far, the loose change from supportive locals has exceeded \$1600. Thanks, Sam, for your ongoing support!

### TRIVIA AND AUCTION NIGHT 2019

What a fantastic evening was had on October 2019. The evening raised in excess of \$17000 which was amazing! Thank you to the supporters who helped plan the event, assisted running the event, sourced donations, worked on the night, helped clean up at the end of the night and the next day. An extra special thank you goes to those wonderful trivia players and teams and the wonderful family friends and friends of friends who purchased raffle tickets from all over Queensland.

Congratulations to the raffle winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Raelene Ticket #007- Elton John tickets, accommodation and travel voucher,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Don Ticket #318 - \$300 travel voucher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Solita Ticket #054 - \$200 travel voucher

Congratulations to winners and runners-up in the trivia competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Table 3 - "Mickey Mouse" 59.5pts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Table 8 - "Somewhat Inappropriate" 56.5pts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Table 9 - "Sorry, I don't have my glasses" 56pts

Unfortunately, Samuel didn't get to attend this night of nights as he was in hospital with a respiratory infection. He did record a video message for the players on the night to view, so he was there in spirit and was keen to hear about it after the event.



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As a result of spinal surgery, Samuel has grown straighter by approximately seven centimetres making him now too tall to drive straight into our car safely. Our new car has been ordered to cater to this new height and it should hit Australia this month. Once in Sydney it will be modified for his wheelchair, then freighted up to QLD. This car modification expense of \$38 000 has thankfully been approved to be paid for by NDIS. Once the new car is received, we hope the remaining expense will be fully covered by the sale of our current vehicle.

Samuel's NDIS plan has funding to provide support workers from outside CHQ at Home (who provide the ventilation support). This funding has allowed the family to employ support workers to assist with the daily routine cares. While this transition has taken the family a while, it is truly wonderful because as parents, we can take a step back and go back to parenting rather than being in the carer/support worker role. The new, young support workers who have become regular faces at our home have built up a great rapport with Samuel and they work well together as a team.

### HEALTH

As mentioned earlier, Samuel was admitted in October 2019 for two weeks in PICU for a respiratory infection. He then spent another week recovering at home before heading back to his normal routines. We pray the Corona Virus does not enter our home (nor yours).

### EDUCATION

Samuel's 2019 school year saw him receive Academic Awards at the School Awards evening. He received the Humanities Award and English Award for Year 8.

Samuel was chosen to be Junior School Vice-Captain for 2020. He has embraced the leadership required for this position and is enjoying working with the leadership team on how to make improvements at the school.

Samuel's 2020 subjects include Year 10 Justice Studies and Year 10 Science as well as his Year 9 subjects. A couple of the subject lines did not have subjects which were relevant to Samuel, so he had the choice of studying suitable alternatives via distance education or from the school identifying options that would be suitable from Year 10 and also fit with his timetable. Samuel is fortunate to attend a school where they are happy to consider solutions from outside the box.



**Make a Donation**



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### BOCCIA

#### Tri series Competition

Samuel missed the 1<sup>st</sup> Tri Series competition as he was recovering from spinal rodding surgery. He placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the second Tri Series competition receiving a gold medal and he missed the third Tri Series as he was unwell and in hospital.

#### Boccia Australia National Titles

Thankfully Samuel was well by November and competed in his first National event. In 2019, the annual state competition "Queensland Boccia Battle" was held at the same time as the Boccia Australia National Titles at Boondall.

Individually, Samuel played well in the Boccia Battle becoming Queensland State Champion for the BC3 classification. He received a nice trophy to recognise his success.



In the National Pairs Competition, Samuel captained the pair and played with clubmate Nathan. They placed with the bronze medal for the National Pairs BC3 classification beaten only by two New South Wales teams made up from the top four Australian BC3 players.

It was a great weekend with a lot of learning that took place watching and playing with some very experienced players. It was special for Samuel to have some family members able to come along and support him in his games. This gave us all a good chance for learning more about the game. We were all very proud of his efforts!

Boccia Australia National Titles will be held in Hobart this year in November. We have commenced looking into the details on how to get to Hobart in what is sure to be an expensive but exciting outing.

Samuel's 2019 Boccia Club year wrapped up with Samuel receiving the "Best and Fairest Player 2019" and Samuel & his teammate Ryan sharing the "Players' Player of 2019 Award" as voted by club mates. We are looking forward to the 2020 Boccia year. What a great club Moreton Bay Boccia Club is!



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As a BC3 ramp player, Samuel requires a ramp assistant. You can see in the Queensland / National competition photo, Craig has been Samuel's ramp assistant since Samuel commenced playing Boccia. Craig has taken a step back from this position this year and Samuel is in the process with Craig's help of training a new ramp assistant. Samuel's ramp assistant is paid by NDIS which is fantastic.

Samuel thanking his coach, Emily, after receiving his award .



The biggest Boccia and most recent news would have to be Samuel's attendance at the Annual Awards Dinner for the Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We are proud to share that Samuel was named the Junior Male Athlete for 2019. What an amazing achievement!

"2019 Junior Male Athlete of the Year"



### END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

With end of the financial year fast approaching, if any of our Australian taxpayer supporters are looking to reduce their taxable income this financial year, or if you know of someone else who is looking for a charity to support, 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/samuelthorne](http://www.givenow.com.au/samuelthorne).

For more information please email, [contact@campaignforsamuel.org.au](mailto:contact@campaignforsamuel.org.au)

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

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

**"The Thorne Family"**

**AGM Date Claimer:** Saturday 07/11/2020 - Please contact me [secretary@campaignforsamuel.org.au](mailto:secretary@campaignforsamuel.org.au) for more details.



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