



Campaign for Samuel Incorporated

Building a Better Future

ABN: 88 636 920 376

Newsletter Update

2020/12/17 #12

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

TRIVIA AND AUCTION NIGHT 2021

The date is set **Friday 8th October 2021**—mark it in your diary NOW! Campaign For Samuel Inc. is planning for a few changes in 2021. The venue will be Meadowbrook Golf Club's Function Bistro room, with the option of eating a meal before the Trivia Night commences. There is a bar in the function room which will operate throughout the evening. Please watch this space, the [Facebook](#) page and the [Campaign for Samuel website](#) for more 2021 updates.

SUPPORT FOR SPINAL INJURY RESEARCH

At the 2020 AGM Campaign for Samuel Inc. approved a donation of \$2000 to support the Perry Cross Foundation Spinal Research [Intensive Rehabilitation Trial](#) as part of the Clem Jones Centre for Neurobiology and Stem Cell Research - Spinal Injury Project. This donation is in line with the objectives of the association to support research into treatment for spinal cord injury.

EDUCATION

Samuel has worked well in all of his subjects. His efforts in his studies are reflected in his results. At the recent 2020 Annual School Awards Ceremony, Samuel received an Academic Excellence Award, the Year 9 Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences Awards and 2020 Junior School Dux! Samuel had set a goal of gaining Dux this year and he worked towards this with every assessment. (This goal would have nothing to do with a competition with his sister Amelia, who also achieved Junior Dux.)

His subjects for 2021 will include Year 10 English, Maths and History, Year 11 Legal Studies and Certificate 3 in Aviation (Remote Pilot) - drone flying / remote pilot license. The school has continued to work with Samuel and give him the options he needs to make the learning relative to his needs. How wonderful not to have to complete another semester of Health and Physical Education practical component! Not doing this subject will allow him a little extra time to complete work for his subjects, that typically takes longer than his peers to complete.



NDIS

Home Modification discussions have commenced with the specialised Occupational Therapist. It'll be a long process, but at least it has begun. How wonderful to have the Trivia Night funds from the last two years to contribute towards this area for Samuel to access. The aim is to convert the back area of the house into an accessible and welcoming area for use by Samuel.



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HEALTH

Despite the COVID Pandemic, Samuel has maintained good health. He had a recent surgery and overnight admission for a check on his tracheostomy stoma and also a bronchoscopy. Great news that the stoma was looking good and his lungs are looking very healthy. What a blessing!

Every week Samuel has physiotherapy at home on the cycling machine with functional electrode stimulation (FES) on his leg muscles or standing on the tilt table. Bone density strength is vital and load bearing is perfect to help this. Samuel has reached the limits of the tilt table which has been a goal for 3 years! Now he'll work on extending the time he is standing at this level. Awesome!



International Day of People with Disability

Samuel was invited by Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association to join them at Parliament House, where he met Minister Mick DeBrenni and Education Minister Grace Grace, and helped advocate with Sporting Wheelies & Disabled Association for inclusive Paralympic sports to be played in all schools. He was interviewed for his thoughts for an ABC on line article: [Could Paralympic sports be included in the Queensland school curriculum?](#)



BOCCIA

Club Boccia has been busy preparing for the QLD Boccia Battle, but it's good a break is happening now as the venue is not airconditioned and is therefore not ideal for Samuel with his inability to regulate his temperature. It was fun to be back at Boccia weekly from mid September.



Boccia Australia National Titles 2021 are to be held in Hobart.

Queensland Boccia Battle was held on 12 /13 December at The Sports Centre, Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Boondall. (Continued next page)

(Boccia photos by [Joep Buijs Photography](#) and found on [Joep's Facebook Page.](#))



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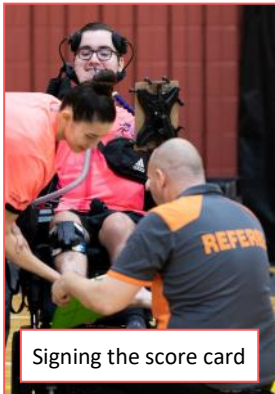
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Queensland Boccia Battle (continued)



Signing the score card

Day 1 was the Individual Competition. Samuel played against three club BC3 team mates in this competition and won each game. He won every end in the competition including the semi final and final. It was impressive to see some of the techniques/skills he used in his games. Samuel's ramp assistant Liz has learnt how to operate in this position, learn the rules and follow all the directions Samuel gives her for the shots he's playing.

Day 2 was the pairs/team competition. Samuel and his team mate Lochie won their three games to come away with the BC3 winners' trophy.



Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association is to be commended for the competition actually happening in this COVID year and of course it was a COVID-safe activity.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the donations received through GiveNow and the Samuel Thorne Fund (Direct to bank account) 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 the GiveNow fund at www.givenow.com.au/samueltorne.

Thank you again for your continued support of Samuel through Campaign for Samuel Inc.



For more information please email, 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 06/11/2021

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Season's Greetings!



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