



Campaign for Samuel Incorporated

Building a Better Future

ABN: 88 636 920 376

Newsletter Update

2022/04/29 #17

Dear Supporters - Welcome to the first association newsletter for 2022.

GOLD!

YOUR SUPPORT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR SAMUEL TO COMPETE IN HIS FIRST INTERSTATE BOCCIA COMPETITION.



NSW Boccia State Titles 2022 were held in Penrith 22-24 April. Samuel was accompanied by support worker Matt (his Ramp Operator), and support workers Drew and Ralph for this expedition flying to Sydney then driving on to Penrith to compete. Craig and Jane also flew with the group. We are very thankful to *Campaign for Samuel Inc.* for supporting this competition through financial assistance to have Amelia and Blair provide transport for Samuel's medical equipment and sporting equipment to Penrith and back.

This is perhaps an excellent example of why the association exists. The costs associated with transporting Samuel's sporting equipment (as well as his other medical and assistance equipment) would be seen as "unreasonable" (and perhaps even "unnecessary") by the NDIS and as such won't be funded. It would be extremely prohibitive for us personally



to be able to afford the expense involved with this.

The work that you have been doing - supporting and donating in whatever way you have - made it possible for Samuel to compete in Sydney.

Thank you.



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OR
via www.givenow.com.au/samueltorne

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MORE BOCCIA

Club Boccia - 2022 started in February and the club is well attended as usual. Flooding saw Samuel miss a session—we didn't want to risk getting stuck in traffic when there's a ventilator battery to consider for life support. The annual **Tri Series** competition has three tentative dates set from July to September but nothing definite at this stage. The **QLD Boccia Battle**



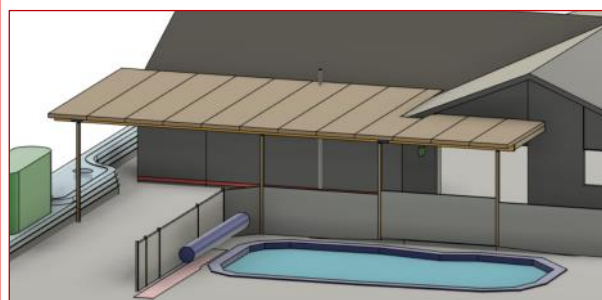
State Championship is scheduled for 11th and 12th September. The **National Boccia Competition** will be held in NSW this year in early November. The venue for the event will be Penrith as the sporting complex was great. Another trip to NSW! That's a good number of competitions set locally and away for Boccia this year.

TRIVIA AND AUCTION NIGHT 2022

Planning for the 2022 Trivia and Auction Night kicks off next month. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the event or donate an item for the auction, please contact jane.thorne@bigpond.com

Save the date for Trivia and Auction fun - Friday 7th October 2022

Venue - Meadowbrook Golf Club's, 'The Meadowbrook Room'.



OUTDOOR HOME MODIFICATIONS

The last two Trivia and Auction Nights were fundraising to provide a better, safer outdoors area for Samuel to access at his home. We are pleased to advise that a contract has been signed with Apollo Patios who have begun all of the necessary paperwork/council approvals etc. We are hopeful of an on-site start to the works around June/July. Hopefully it may be even sooner.

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:

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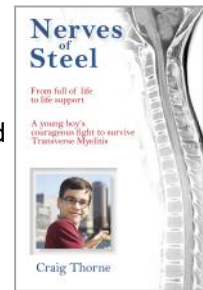
NDIS

The final transition from CHQ at Home to NDIS provider Drake Medox is still a work in progress. We believe the Department of Health may be going to assist in the process, so Samuel is supported each day by the NDIS support workers at home *and* at school. Recruiting staff is a continual process when you need 29/7 support. Engaging staff and keeping them is proving a challenge when they leave to pursue their profession at the completion of university, which for their sake we are very happy to see them follow their dreams. We are hoping there may be more 'Career' support workers join Samuel's team.

NERVES OF STEEL

Craig's book "Nerves of Steel" was published through Echo Books in September 2021 and continues to be available for purchase. To find stockists please go to:

<https://echobooks.com.au/our-books/nerves-of-steel/>



THANK YOU

Thank you for the donations received through GiveNow and the *Samuel Thorne Fund* (Direct to bank account). These donations whether they are one-off or a regular donation are greatly appreciated and contribute towards building a better future for Samuel.

Thank you also to supporters who fundraise through Facebook/Paypal for Campaign for Samuel Inc.

If you would like to become a regular monthly donor, please visit the GiveNow fund at

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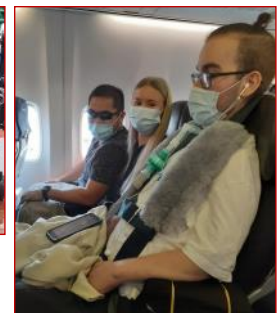
Thank you again for your continued support of Samuel through Campaign for Samuel Inc.

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 05/11/2022

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