

On April 5, 2009 Richard Brown competed at Ironman Australia as a member of Team Maclean and by doing so directly supported their aim to raise funds for young Australians in need.

Richard thanks his clients and friends for their generosity in helping him support Brodie Baker and his family. Richard is pleased to announce that together they raised just over \$3,000 which is fantastic help towards the purchase of the new vehicle. Brodie's grandparents were simply overwhelmed at the support.



Six-year-old Brodie Baker lives in Lakes Entrance in the Gippsland region of Victoria with his grandparents who are in their 60' and 70's and do a tremendous job. Brodie has cerebral palsy, which was caused by abuse when he was less than a year old. Brodie has minimal physical control but is able to roll around and sit without support. He is able to speak in short phrases and is able to sing parts of songs! For day-to-day mobility Brodie uses a wheelchair and a Hart Walker and regularly undergoes botox treatments at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. As Brodie grows, his needs become more complex and his grandparents are finding more and more difficult to transport Brodie and are in desperate need of a wheelchair accessible vehicle. At 74, Brodie's grandfather Andy is having great difficulty getting Brodie in and out of their current vehicle. A wheelchair accessible vehicle with full fit-out costs in excess of \$60,000.

Richard completed the Ironman Australia held on Port Macquarie, NSW comprising of a 3.8 Kilometre Swim, a 180 Kilometre Bike and a 42,2 Kilometre run leg in aid of the John Maclean Foundation (JMF), which provides

financial assistance and inspiration to young Australians under the age of 18 who use wheelchairs. Through the provision of items such as new wheelchairs, medical assistance, vehicle and house modifications, computers and financial assistance JMF is helping to turn little Aussie lives around and improve the quality of life for Australian families. The John Maclean Foundation is a registered charity (CFN Registration 11169) and all donations to the foundation in excess of \$2.00 are fully tax-deductible.

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Once again, thank you for your contribution.

Regards

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