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Braeden Jones and his sister Amelia meet Woody from *Toy Story* during a visit to Disneyland.

Website opens up a world of possibility

WHEELCHAIR WON'T PUT BRAKES ON TRAVEL

JUST because you are in a wheelchair, does not mean you cannot achieve your goals and it certainly does not mean you have to stay at home, says Epping resident Julie Jones.

She knows what it is like to deal with disabled individuals as her 17-year-old son Braeden was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at five months of age.

Now she is helping families with a disabled member to travel.

She and her supportive family, including Braeden's younger sister Amelia, have

launched a website tackling misconceptions people in wheelchairs face over their ability to travel.

The website lists events for disabled people and offers a host of travel tips, based on the Jones' experiences. She lists accessible cafes, playgrounds, attractions and highlights preferred holiday destinations.

Mrs Jones "encourages families in a similar situation to get out and give things a go".

The Jones toured around the US in the past two years and while it was not always

smooth sailing, the trips were highly successful.

Mrs Jones said the website was "particularly good for families in the early stages of having a child with a disability".

"I wanted to give them the confidence to get out and give things a go. A wheelchair certainly means more planning is required, but it is possible."

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