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Winter eNewsletter

Welcome to our first OARA Ltd eNewsletter for 2013.

If you know of anyone who is not signed up to our website, please forward this email so they can follow the links to join up and receive future OARA news.

The national OARA has had a great start to 2013 with some exciting progress in getting awareness and support right around Australia. There are now OARA state representatives in NSW, TAS, Perth, SA and QLD, as well as continuing our support in Victoria, through RCH Melbourne. The representatives are doing a fantastic job in contacting their major children's hospitals and forming an ongoing relationship for TOF OA awareness and support. We would like to thank each one of you for putting in your time and effort to such a valuable project.

For more information on our state representatives, you can go to our website oara.org.au and click on the map of Australia.



'Evening with the Team' - Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

You're invited to attend an information evening on Oesophageal Atresia and Tracheo-oesophageal fistula in Sydney. There will be guest speakers from specialists including a gastroenterologist, ENT, respiratory, speech/dietetics, social worker and guest speaker TOF OA mum and OARA representative, Katy Moylan. The details are as follows:

Date: Monday 17th June

Time: 5:30pm-8pm

Venue: Sydney Children's Hospital

Lecture Theatre, Level one

High St, Randwick

For more information and to RSVP, please contact

Cathy Clarkson 02 93821632 or cathy.clarkson@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

OARA member conference

This year OARA will be combining the family morning tea and adult gathering with a full one day conference in Melbourne. This event will be open to all OARA members and will be a great chance to catch up with other TOF OA families and adults. There will be guest speakers from a medical and nursing team and more. Details are yet to be confirmed, so keep an eye out for more information on our website and facebook page.



In the NEWS!

Perth representative, Erin Carver is reaching out to the TOF OA families in WA. She recently met with the Joondalup newspaper to tell the story of her daughter Abbey and to ask for any families who are after support to contact her through OARA.

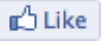
If you have any stories that you would like to share with the OARA community please email mail@oara.org.au



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SOCIAL MEDIA

The [tof2tof forum](#) has been buzzing with chatter recently, so don't forget to head on over there to chat with our TOF OA community.

OARA now has an official facebook page that will update you on events and stories. So please 'Like' our page and 'share' with all your friends. 



DONATIONS

It's coming up to tax time, so if you would like to make a tax deductible donation to OARA, it can now be done online through paypal or direct debit OR you can post a cheque. More details can be found if you click on the 'donation' tab above.



TOARA Bear

The TOARA Bear is a fantastic initiative started by Emily McClellan (TOF OA mum). The TOARA Bear is a teddy bear that travels around Australia bringing awareness to TOF OA, as well as giving the kids a chance to feel special. TOARA comes with a journal, so that you can read about her adventures and add your own travels. The only cost is for postage to send her on to another family. For more information you can go to our [website](#).

Crop-a-thon Fundraiser

There is less than 5 weeks til our annual crop-a-thon!! If you are interested in scrapbooking and live in the SE suburbs of Melbourne, you'll love this fundraiser! Please tell your friends about it as well. The details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 6th July

Time: 10am-10pm

Cost: \$45

This includes a showbag, drink bottle and tea and coffee all day.

Venue: St. Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield

There will be scrapbooking stalls, raffles, scrapbooking challenges and a 'hand made' silent auction. If you know of anyone or businesses that would like to donate prizes for the day, please email. To register email croption@oara.org.au

EAT has been launched!

EAT is a European federation of family support groups which focus on sharing experiences, disseminating information and raising awareness of the EA condition. EAT was established at the first international conference in 2010 at Lille and OARA is an association member of EAT. They have recently launched their website, which is a wonderful resource for anyone affected by TOF OA, including medical practitioners. You can check it out [here](#).



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