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AUTUMN OARAcle

Welcome to our Autumn edition of the OARA enewsletter, The OARAcle. It has been just over 12 months since OARA became a national not-for-profit organisation and our community is steadily growing. We have had many new members signing up to the website in the last few months, so we welcome those new families. If you think that someone you know may benefit from the support of OARA and information from our enewsletter, please share and encourage them to sign up to the website on the 'join us' link at the top of this newsletter.

There are many new initiatives that OARA is working on to improve the support of our OA TOF community. To ensure that we are meeting the needs of our members, we invite you to take a few minutes to complete the survey below. OARA thank you for your time, feedback and comments.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY](#)



JOIN THE OARA TEAM

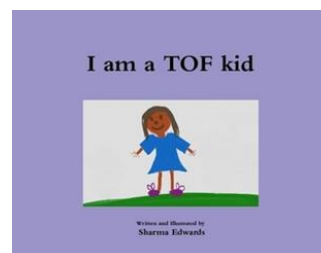
We are seeking motivated and energetic volunteers to join the OARA team in the roles of Fundraising Co-ordinator and Marketing and Public Relations Co-ordinator. Although we are headquartered in Melbourne, these roles can be performed from anywhere around Australia (via email and phone). For more information and position descriptions go to the [OARA website](#). Applications close Friday 17 April 2014. For any queries, contact secretary@oara.org.au.



Have you ever wanted to raise money for OARA? The first step is to read



Did you know? You can donate to OARA just through buying your weekly groceries! You can nominate OARA as a



HOT OFF THE PRESS!
OARA are very excited to announce a new children's TOF OA book written by one of our members, Sharma Edwards. She has done an amazing job



PEOPLE'S CHOICE LOTTERY

Are you interested in fundraising for OARA through selling/buying raffle tickets? OARA will receive 100% of all tickets

through and complete our fundraising pack available on the [OARA website!](#)

charity and AFD will donate 2% of your weekly groceries to OARA.

informing children about the condition. For every book sold, Sharma will be donating \$3 to OARA!! Click [HERE](#) to get your copy.

sold. You can learn more about the people's choice lottery [HERE](#). For expressions of interest please email mail@oara.org.au

TOF2TOF

TOF2TOF community

There is an online community waiting for your conversation. TOF2TOF offers a private place to chat, share stories, milestones and ask questions. The forum is set out so that everything is archived and easy to find. You can register [HERE](#).



We are on FACEBOOK!!!

OARA Ltd. has a Facebook page! A place where we can inform our members of events, research, and stories. Come and LIKE us so you can keep informed!



TOARA Bear

Is waiting for her next adventure, if you would like her to visit please see the details on the [OARA website](#).



NEW! Brochures

Are available on our website. If you would like a printed copy sent to you please email mail@oara.org.au

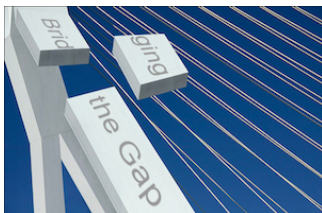


WA Christmas Party

The WA group met at Kings Park for morning tea in december last year. We marked out our place on the grass under the trees next to the playground with blue and white balloons (the OARA colours) and the kids each took home a balloon home at the end of the picnic. There were 5 families that came along and everyone brought their own food and bubbles were handed out to keep the kids amused between playing and eating.

The WA group usually catchup on the first Monday of every month, taking turns at each others houses. We'll be having a big weekend catchup on the 2nd weekend of April on South Perth foreshore.

For more information please contact Erin Carver (WA State Rep) ph: 0400 313 038 or perth@oara.org.au



2014 International Conference

The third international oesophageal atresia conference will be held October 2-3, 2014, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

OARA have found these conferences invaluable and a great way to keep members up to date with the latest on world's best practice in treatment of the condition and networking with other support groups from around the world. For more information about the conference, click [HERE](#).

Share your OA TOF journey

In the past, our newsletters have featured a story about a TOF OA adult or child and have always been very well received. If you would like your story and photos to be

published on our website and linked to our newsletter, please email
mail@oara.org.au



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