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Santa Clause is coming to town!  
 His making a list, checking it twice,  
 he's going to find out who's naughty  
 or nice.....



**When: Sunday 7th December 2008**

**Where: Halladay Park**

Mitcham Road Mitcham. Melway Ref: Map 48 J7  
 (Guide Hall area, under the big Maple Tree!)

**Time: 12pm - start with BBQ**

**BYO: meat, salad, drinks, tables, chairs and sunscreen**

**Santa will arrive at approx 3pm.**

So if your been good and want Santa  
 to have a present for your children or grand children  
 please fill in the form and send it back to D.A.T.A

**by Friday 28th November 2007**

(for afternoon tea catering and buying presents for children 12 and under only)

No RSVP means ..... no presents will be supplied for your children.

Tear off and send back to \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. We would like to come and see Santa.. D.A.TA P.O. Box 165 Blackburn 3130

Members Name.....Ph no.....

No. Adults (attending).....Children Over 12 (no present).....

All Children 12 and under will receive a present from Santa.

Name.....M/F Age.....Name.....M/F Age.....

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**From the Editor.....**

**WANTED!**

**SOME INPUT FROM YOU!**

**We need your stories to help make  
Shoestring more personal.**

**I can fill the issue with stories from the latest  
websites but without stories from you it will  
be a very dry and boring read, so please help  
me out sent your story to the**

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**Looking forward to hearing from you all!**

Shoestring doesn't just come to you without some very hard work from some very special people. I would like to thank the people who do all the hard work after I send it of to the printers, Elizabeth & Frank Phelan, Elizabeth ring everyone and reminds them it is packing day, Joan Eastwood and Alan Rawson for picking up shoestring from the printer, but before that they print the envelopes then Alan posts them (and remember if you have 2009, LM OR ASS on the front of your envelope you are a financial member and will continue to get shoestring and be able to go the holiday homes but if you have 2008 or less, you are not financial, and may eventually stop receiving Shoestring etc. So please send back your overdue renewal form asap.) I haven't forgot all the others that give up their Sundays to help fold shoestring and pack the 800 or so envelopes, they are Mae and Barrie Kerr, Vicki Abbatangelo, Ros Ball, Alan & Fay Rawson, Peter Wilson, Kassia Hatzimichalis (under sufferance but she does it for a little while then gets bored and starts to watch TV) and when they are well enough Geoff (and sometimes Jan) Fletcher and Nick Hatzimichalis!

We have a wonderful day, there is lots of talking, laughing and cups of tea with some beautiful home made slice that Joan makes for afternoon tea.

So as you can read it is a great day packing shoestring so why not give the office a ring and I can pass on your number to Elizabeth and she can ring you when we are about to pack so you can lend a helping hand! It doesn't have to be every time we pack, so there is no big commitment but the more hands we have the faster the job gets done and the more cake and tea we can have!

**Many hands make light work  
Regards Sue Hatzimichalis, Editor.**

# President's Report 2008

Hi Everyone,

This will be a very short report this year because since taking over as president last year, I haven't been a very hands on President but I have been kept in the loop by some wonderful people from the committee. My absence is due to the sickness of my husband Nick, who has been in hospital since June 5th but is doing better now, he is now in Rehab at the Caulfield Hospital waiting to come home, but we need to put in place some things around the home to help him cope ... so to say we have had a bad year personally is an understatement.

So I have nothing very much to report on, except to thank the committee for their very hard work to keep D.A.T.A running, for you the members. A big thank you to Fay Rawson, our secretary, and Lloyd Samuel, our treasurer, for all their hard work in the office and on the finances, we wouldn't be able to find anything in the office, or be so transparent in our financially reporting if it wasn't for these two people and their team of helpers, thank you .

One of our proudest moments this year was when our fantastic Home Secretary Alan Rawson, was awarded an "Angel Award" from Kidney Health. As part of their celebrations of turning 40 this year they awarded 40 awards across Australia to people who have made an outstanding contribution to Renal patients. Alan received an Angel award for his many years of hard work and dedication to D.A.T.A. running the holiday homes and serving on the committee. We all agree that Alan is a worthy person to receive this award and are very proud of him. He was certainly pleased to get this recognition.

We have had a couple of very successful social events, the annual New Members BBQ was well attended even though it was on one of the hottest days in February, everyone moved into the house for dessert but the BBQ was held outside under our beautiful trees! Our Carer's nights have been great, we had one down in Frankston in April and one at the house just last week and I'm sure, all who attended would have had a great time letting off steam and chatting to everyone about what problems they have with their spouses and finding out that they are not alone and some ideas to help overcome them, and to talk to someone that goes through the same things as you do is a wonderful release!

In July we had a great turnout for our annual Xmas in July event, we had the best numbers ever, close to 50, I think and the pre dinner games were fantastic and got everyone in the mood for the trivia and the other mind games that we had to do. Thank you to everyone on the social committee who were involved in the organisation of these nights and days, if it wasn't for these dedicated committee members we wouldn't be able to put these on for you.

Just one last thing, I would encourage you to put some thought into coming and joining us on the committee, we don't ask you to do too much, but we do need your help to keep D.A.T.A. going! Please come and join us, we don't bite!

Thank you  
Sue Hatzimichalis



## Holiday Homes Report 2007-2008.

**This years bookings Yarrowonga 48 weeks Rosebud 45 weeks .**

**Rosebud** Dialysis 24 wks T/Plants 21wks Cancelled 7

**Yarrowonga** Dialysis 29 wks T/plnts 18 wks Cancelled 5

### **Rosebud**

Bookings for 07-08 were very good, 45 weeks, 24 weeks taken up by Dialysis members who either dialyzed at the Rosebud Hospital or at the house. This is the best we have had. Bookings in the winter months have never been popular, but this financial year we were very successful due to the \$50.00 a week winter rent, which we have again this year. This year with the Rosebud Hospital increasing to 8 chairs we had a lot more members able to book the house and be able to dialyze at the Hospital. Our thanks again to Dorothy Kurle who is such a great help and also a great friend to Fay and me. This is my last report on Rosebud, after 14 years, Ros Ball will be taking over the running of the Rosebud House. I have enjoyed meeting all the members who use the house. Its been years of talking to regulars but never meeting face to face.... I have really enjoyed it. I wish Ros all the best; I know you will give her plenty of support.

### **Yarrowonga**

This year has been another good year, 29 weeks booked by members on Dialysis. But with more locals needing to dialyze and the area growing at a rapid pace, the hospital has 1 machine left for holiday dialysis, due to the difficult job the hospital has in getting staff they are only able to dialyze on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We thank Melissa and the other renal nurses at the dialysis unit at the Yarrowonga Hospital for the job they do for the D.A.T.A members who dialyze at the hospital.

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## **BLACKBURN HOUSE REPORT 2007– 2008**

The house has been used quite considerably this year for members this including new members from country areas, that we have joined up because they have had transplants. The carers and patients staying after transplants for ongoing tests until the hospitals are satisfied that the transplants are working fine or they stay overnight if they come from the country, when they hospital appointments or tests for their transplants.

Quite a few members have also used the house for holidays and have arranged their dialysis with their hospitals and we had 1 member do peritoneal dialysis at the house and all supplies were delivered to the house for them, all they had to do was arrange it that way. We have had some more tree pruning done, this will be an ongoing commitment and because they enhance the property we will not get them removed.

We bought 2 heater, this years as the central heater failed in the middle of winter and the house was occupied, and we bought a cooling fan for summer, even though the house is double brick the up stairs bedrooms get quite hot and with no air conditioning, the fan helped a lot!

This is a beautiful and valuable house and the members should make the most of it, especially country members, why not come to the city for pleasure and stay at Blackburn for a small rent. So remember.....

If you are coming to Melbourne stay at Blackburn D A T A House. Whether it is for a holiday or for medical treatment, Blackburn is available. If it is for a hospital appointment VPTAS will cover cost of stay if you live more than 100 kms from Melbourne for you and a carer You are more than welcome to use the Blackburn house for overnight or holiday. Cost is \$35 per night, plus \$15 for each extra person.

By using this facility you help with our costs of running these facilities All you need to bring is linen (single bed sheets) towels ,toiletries and food provisions.

The house is being occupied quite well at the moment, which is good to see!

**Thanks Geoff Fletcher 9894 2348**

**or D A T A 9894 0377**

# Annual Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Once again we met at Anglican Church in Queen Street Blackburn to hear reports of the activities of Dialysis & Transplant Association. The day was fine and warm there were forty one people attending. Sue Hatzimichalis presided over the meeting as Chairperson, Fay Rawson as Secretary and Lloyd Samuel as Treasurer.

All reports were presented to the meeting. They are reproduced in this Shoestring.

We were sad to hear that Fay Rawson is resigning from the Committee after 16 years of very fine work. Fay leaves the office in 'ship-shape' condition and the task of keeping it that way is rather daunting. We have been very fortunate in having such a good worker on our Committee. Thank you Fay, for your time and effort. DATA certainly will miss you. Sorry to loose Vicki Abbatangelo. Vicki leaves for health reasons. Hope all goes well with you Vicki and thank you for your time and contribution to the work of the DATA Committee.

We then moved on to the election of the Committee: **President:** Roz Ball **Vice President:** Alan Rawson **Secretary:** Sue Hatzimichalis **Treasurer:** Lloyd Samuel **Assistant Treasurer:** Geoff Fletcher **Minute Secretary:** Angela Lindsey **Shoe String Editor:** Joan Eastwood **Holiday Homes.....Blackburn:** Geoff Fletcher **Rosebud:** Roz Ball **Yarrowonga:** Alan Rawson **General Committee:** Ken Smith, Nick Hatzimichalis, Mae Kerr and Barrie Kerr

We welcome Mae and Barry Kerr as new members to the Committee, Mae and Barry have been involved over a considerable period of time usually packing Shoestring so its good to see them on the Committee. Anyone else who would like to join us please feel free to ring the Office and leave a message or Sue (Secretary) for more information. Please remember we are volunteers and don't into the office every day, so please a message and we will back to you a.s.a.p.

We continued our meeting with the presentation of the Ron Jones Educational Awards, we welcome with pleasure Elvie Jones (wife Ron Jones, who the awards were names after) to present the awards to those who won them. Our congratulations go to Emma Tew for Excellence and Scholastic Ability and Becky Johns, April Engellenner, Malin Abeyratne who received an award for Encouragement of future academic achievement.

Our guest speaker was once again Mr Bernie Farrell. Bernie was our guest speaker last year and we were delighted to welcome him back. He has a wealth of information about what's happening in the Government in relation to Kidney disease. This is because he serves on several committees one of them being Renal Health Clinical Network. You can read a copy of his speech on pg 8.

We also presented life membership to Angela Lindsey. Angela joined the committee, approx 9 years ago, when Sue and Nick went to visit her at the Caulfield Hospital, to show her their little girl Kassia, as Angela had been Nick 's dialysis nurse before he had his transplant, and they invited her to join the committee as we need committee members and she said "yes". Through her time with the committee, Angela has been a dedicated member, at all our New Members BBQ, she gives a talk about the different types of dialysis or how it has changed over the years, she also is one of the many people who works very hard to make sure all the social events are organised and catered for. Angela has been our minute secretary for the last couple of years as well, without her we wouldn't get our minutes!!

Then came the drawing of the raffle: 1st Prize a \$500 Myer Voucher was won by Wayne Marshall, 2nd Prize of \$250 JB Hi Fi Voucher was won by Ivana Guic and 3rd Prize of a Kmart Voucher was won by Cheryl Smith, thank you all for selling/buying these tickets, sorry you didn't win but maybe next year!

Finally afternoon tea was served, thanks to all those who contributed to afternoon tea, specially Carol and Martin Drewes That sponge was terrific it had Passion fruit icing.... the passion fruit were home grown and freshly laid eggs! You can come again!  
Thanks to all that came. Joan Eastwood.



Angela Lindsey with Sue Hatzimichalis receiving her Life Membership.

**D.A.T.A.'s TREASURER'S REPORT 2008**

This is a very different report that I would have written one month ago as far as a Budget for 2009 for DATA. The world financial crisis means that "steady as she goes" and "hang in there" is the order of business.

You should have before you an audited report for the past financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June last. The Financial figures are based on what accountants call "accrual" bases. That means that although we may make an investment in a Fixed Deposit for 12 months from October 2007 to October 2008 in the accrual financial statements INTEREST is recorded from October 2007 for 8 months to June 30<sup>th</sup>. However, as you probably know DATA only receives the cash interest at the end of the Fixed Term in October 2008. So at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 the interest is recorded as a profit but we have no cash yet. Also, accrual statements take into account depreciation of assets.

For budgeting purposes it is cash in our bank account that counts. So, depreciation is also not counted in a cash budget. I have reworked the accounts to reflect our cash position from last year and the expected receipts and payments for next year.

We did quite well last year as the interest rate was about 8%. As you will see from our Assets, we have a little more than \$500,000 in cash (invested in two banks) and our 3 properties are valued over \$1,000,000 in today's market. So we are relatively well off.

However, we need to run DATA from our interest and donations to keep us viable into the future and not dip into cash assets.

I have prepared the following cash budget based on last year's figures. Some non re-occurring items have been omitted.

**DATA BUDGET 08/09 on a cash basis**

	Last Year 2007-08	Next Year 2008-09	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations Rec	13,236	12,000	
Fundraising & Grants	8,573	8,500	
Member Subscriptions	5,181	5,000	
Interest Received	30,000	20,000	See note (1) below
Rental Income	18,444	13,000	expected drop due increase cost petrol and living ex-
	<u>75,434</u>	<u>58,500</u>	penses
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administration</b>			
Office & Internet		2,791	3,000
Computing & Copy		407	400
Banking		707	700
Postage		767	850
Printing & Stationary		640	650
Subscriptions		636	640
Telephone		2,098	2,200
Travel		2,911	3,000
Account'g/Consults		17,536	10,000
<b>Houses</b>			
Rates & Taxes		3,574	3,600
Repairs & Maintenance		8,033	5,000
Insurance		5,200	5,500
Utilities		4,041	4,500
Fundraising & Functions		2,235	2,300
Donations/ Ron Jones		2,200	2,200
Social Welfare		1,355	3,000
Shoestring/post		5,985	6,300
		61,116	49,740
<b>SURPLUS</b>		<b>14,318</b>	<b>8,760</b>

Note (1)

Interest received

Interest received during the accounting period was actually just over \$44,000. However, some \$15000 was reinvested with the Fixed Deposits and therefore was not available to be used to pay bills.

Another \$15,000 interest did go into our cheque account together with another \$15,000 from Fixed Deposits that matured after 30/6/07 from last year's Fixed Deposits.

For budget purposes I have only recorded the \$30,000 actually in our cheque account

**THIS YEAR** I am retaining \$20,000 in the cheque account and reinvesting the rest to make up for some of the expected lower interest rate in the market.

Hence, I have budgeted for a surplus of between \$8000 and \$9000.

Some in the DATA committee (including me) had been thinking of looking for a paid administrator for the office. This would have meant engaging a professional fundraiser/grant getter as, although we have good reserves, they would not be sufficient to engage professionals. **HOWEVER**, in view of the global financial collapse, our current thinking is, except for chasing grants, just to manage as best we can. Money, especially donations, will be hard to get and now is the time to consolidate not to expand. Those plans have been put on hold for the time being unless the lack of qualified volunteers for the office threatens to jeopardize DATA's function ability.

Fay Rawson, our office manager and secretary, is leaving. This will leave a serious vacancy for an office manager. Some members may volunteer to work in the office but without a co-ordinator we could quickly lose the transparency and efficiency required by our Auditor, something we have just paid thousands to correct. We need volunteers with experience in administration and such people are almost impossible to find in our organisation. This is not a criticism of the DATA membership but rather an acknowledgement that the world has changed and people don't have the time to volunteer as much as in years past. This is going to be a challenge for DATA and members may have to realise that all their demands simply cannot be met. I wish to make a sincere "thank you" to Fay Rawson who has been my right hand person through 4 years as President and the last 3 years as Treasurer. Her intelligent and capable advice, assistance and handling of the office has been absolutely invaluable and I'll find it difficult without her guidance and ability working with me.

I also want to thank John Hulskamp, who, although paid for his bookkeeping, work puts more into it through his interest in our organisation – above and beyond the call. I would also like to thank Carl Sherman for the effort he puts into running the banking area which must be done according to the Auditor's instructions to ensure transparency.

If the members want, I intend to stand for the Treasurer position again but have had many months of ill health this year and keeping up the position has been difficult at times. I cannot be "hands on" but do the thinking, budgeting, investing and reporting. I understand that a committee member will be standing for a new position of Assistant Treasurer. This will be welcome to do some of the hands on work and have someone else up to speed if illness intervenes.

I commend the Treasurer's Report to the DATA members.

Lloyd Samuel

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**Letters to the Editor.....**

Dear Sue,

My husband (Norman Young) had a fistula inserted in his left arm at the elbow joint at the R.H.M. last November. Since then he has had trouble with his hands, they get very cold, numb and he loses the feeling in his hands. He finds it hard to hold a knife and fork or a biro to write. He tries to get them warm to carry on. I was wondering if you have heard of any other person with the same complaint?

Thank you for publishing the "Itch" cream, we got it made up and are now on our second jar, we have been battling for five years, it is good to know you are not the only one.

Yours Faithfully, Phemie and Norm Young.

*Thanks Phemie, my husband Nick has a fistula at the elbow due to the fact that they could find any good veins and arteries below it due to his "Diabetes". His hand goes icy cold during winter and refreshingly cold (for me, when he puts his hand on my neck) in summer. He get a sore shoulder from keeping his arm straight for 4—5 hours at a time on dialysis! Maybe Norm can give Nick a call and they can talk about how to heat their "Hands" up! Regards Sue.*

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## ***DHS Renal Health Clinical Network consumer representative report!***

The Department of Human Services has replaced the Maintenance Dialysis Advisory Committee with the Renal Health Clinical Network (RHCN). The RHCN has been established to better plan and deliver more responsive, effective and efficient services across Victoria by drawing on the knowledge, wisdom and experience of clinicians and other stakeholders, including consumers.

The RHCN has recently established an executive committee and three sub-committees. The RHCN leadership group will set the priorities and direction for the network. The sub-committees will undertake specific projects in priority areas and the executive committee will provide day to day administrative support.

All of the committees have Consumer Representatives.

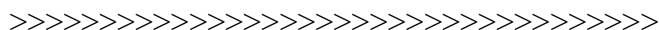
Bernie Farrell is on the Executive and RHCN committees. (Bernie was the consumer representative on the Maintenance Dialysis Committee and is the Chair of Kidney Health Australia’s National Consumer Participation Council.)

Kenneth Alsop is on the CKD Sub-committee. (Kenneth has extensive knowledge and experience of kidney disease treatment in the Geelong district)

Roslyn Ball is on the Dialysis sub-committee. (Roslyn is on the Dialysis and Transplant Association committee and the Kidney Health Australia Victorian Consumer Participation Committee.)

Alan Baskett is on the Transplantation Sub-committee. (Alan is the Public Relations officer, and a founding member, of the Bendigo Regional Kidney Support Group.)

The Department recognises that listening to the consumer voice is integral to effective health policy implementation. Consumer Representatives are the conduit between the DHS committees and people with kidney disease and their families/carers. You will be able to read reports of the activities of the committees in future editions of DATA’s Shoestring newsletter and your local support groups newsletters ( where they exist) and are strongly urged to communicate any concerns or observations to the Department via your Consumer Representatives. It is vital that a truly comprehensive consumer voice is contributing to the agenda and influencing future planning of kidney disease management and treatment. You can also see what is happening at the Renal Network at [www.health.vic.gov.au/clinicalnetworks](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/clinicalnetworks).



The Department of Human Services funding model has made provision for a home dialysis patient payment. The Department expects the hospitals to develop local processes to ensure that their home dialysis patients receive the following payments during or at the completion of the financial years:

2007-2008 (second half only)

Home haemodialysis patients – (\$1,134 per annum) \$567

Peritoneal dialysis patients – (\$432 per annum) \$216

2008-2009

Home haemodialysis patients - \$1,200 per annum

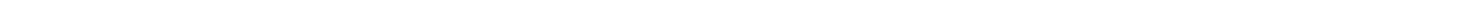
Peritoneal dialysis patients - \$456 per annum

If you are a home dialysis patient and you have not received payments you need to contact your Nephrologist / dialysis co-ordinator for further information.

Bernie Farrell

(Consumer Representative DHS Renal Health Clinical Network)

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# Keep laughing- it's the Best Medicine.....

## Deaf and Dumb.

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach such a delicate subject, he called the family doctor.

The Doctor told him there was a simple test the husband could do himself, to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing lost.

The doctor advised the husband to stand about 40 feet behind his wife, and in normal conversation tones, say something and see if she hears him. If not, the doctor said to move to 30 feet away and call her again, if she still does not hear, move to 20 feet and so on, until he received a response.

That evening his wife was in the kitchen preparing dinner, so the husband thought it was a good opportunity to carry out the hearing test. From about 40 feet away at the front door, he asked: "Honey, what's for dinner?"

No Response.

So he moved 10 feet closer and asked again: "Honey what's for dinner??"

Still no response.

So he moved to the kitchen door which was about 10 feet away and repeated the question but still no response.

By now convinced that his wife was becoming quite deaf, he walked right up behind her and said almost in her ear: "Honey, what's for dinner"?

She threw down the potato peeler in disgust, turned around and exclaimed:

"Ralph for the fifth #\$@\*ing time, Chicken!"

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## Keep the Change!

A man walks into a restaurant with an ostrich under his arm. The waitress asks for his order and he says:

"I'll have a burger, fries and a Coke thanks."

The waitress then asks the ostrich: "What's yours?"

"I'll have the same," answers the ostrich.

When the waitress returns with the order she says: "That'll be \$15.30 thanks." she is impressed when the man reaches into his pocket and straight away hands her the exact amount.

The next day the man and the ostrich came into the restaurant again, and the man order a steak sandwich, fries and a coke.

"I'll have the same," says the ostrich.

When the waitress returns with the order she tells him it comes to \$16.20. Again the man reaches into his pocket and produces the exact same amount. This becomes routine through the week, and on Friday night the man comes in again. "The usual!?" asked the waitress.

"Not tonight," says the man, "Tonight I'll have a T-bone, baked potato, salad and beer."

"Same," says the ostrich.

"\$36.60 thanks," says the waitress then she brings the meals.

Again the man straight away pulls out the exact amount. The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer.

"Excuse me sir," she asks, "How do you manage to always come up with the exact amount of money every time?"

"Well," begins the man. "I was cleaning up in the attic a few years ago and I came across an old lamp. When I rubbed it to clean the dust off a genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, all I had to do was just put my hand in my pocket and the exact amount of money would always be there."

"That was clever," says the waitress. "You can never run out of money as long as you live."

"That right," says the man. "Whether it's a bottle of milk or a Rolls Royce, the right money will always be there."

"But sir," continues the waitress, eyeing of the ostrich. "Why do you go everywhere with that bird?"

The mans sighs, pauses and then answers quite slowly:

"My second wish was for a long-legged chick who agrees with everything I say."

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1. These Awards are to be known as the Rom Jones Educational Awards. They are to honour the memory of a founder and long time dedicated worker for DATA, Mr Ronald N Jones AOM.
2. The purpose of these Awards is to Encourage scholastic achievement.
3. The Awards will be judged on scholastic ability exclusively assessed by a panel of judges accepted by D.A.T.A. **No correspondence will be entered into.**
4. An Application must be a financial Member of D.A.T.A. with renal failure or a child of a parent who has or did have renal failure.
5. Applications who have **completed** years 7 to 11 may apply for an Award by the end of May of the following year for presentation in October of that year.
6. Assessment will be judged on an Applicant's previous year's school reports together with a 300 -word hand written essay on the topic of " My Chosen Career" .
7. The amount to be expended each year will be \$2000.00 and any amount not expended in any one year will not be for use in subsequent years.

Provided there are sufficient Applicants with merit, there will be:

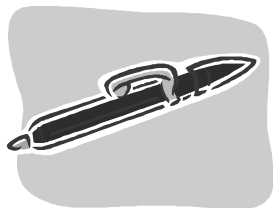
- a) One (1) Award of \$800.00 based on demonstrated excellence and scholastic ability.
- b) Three (3) Awards of \$400.00 each for encouragement of future academic achievement.

If, in any one year, no Applicant demonstrates a sufficient degree of excellence, the judges may, in their discretion, withhold the Award of \$800.00 based on excellence and scholastic ability. However, irrespective of the standard of Applications and provided that there are sufficient candidates, the judges must award three (3) encouragement Awards.

8. Notice of the awards will be advertised in at least three subsequent editions of ShoeString starting in the November edition each year.
  9. Application forms will be printed in ShoeString and should be forwarded to the D.A.T.A. Office by the end of May. Late Applications will not be Accepted.
  10. **Schedule Of Deadlines for Applications and Judging.**

<u>Close of Application:</u>	End of May.
<u>Applications to Judges:</u>	1st week of June.
<u>Results from Judges:</u>	Second week in September.
<u>Advising Award Winners:</u>	3 weeks before AGM.
<u>Presentation of Awards:</u>	At the AGM in October
  11. An **Award winner cannot apply** for another Award for another two (2) years. An **unsuccessful** Applicant **can apply** in subsequent years.
  12. Awards will be presented to the successful Applicants at the AGM each year. Parents will be invited to bring the Award Winner to the AGM to receive a Certificate of Achievement or a Certificate of Encouragement.
  13. The Awards will presented by Mrs Elvie Jones or the President of D.AT.A.
  14. **Privacy:** No personal information given in an Application will be available to anyone. The only exception to this rule will be that an Applicant's age, school reports (with the Applicant's name and School obliterated) and the essay will be available to the Members of the Judging Panel. Further, this exception will apply to a Sub-Committee specifically nominated each year by the D.A.T.A. Committee to process the Award Applications. Those nominated persons will work in accordance with all Privacy Laws applicable in Victoria. Applications forwarded to the Judges will have a code of identification known only to the nominated Sub-Committee.
  15. **Amendment:** These Rules may be amended by a majority decision at any validly constituted D.A.T.A. Committee meeting provided that the Members of the Committee have been given at least 7 days notice of the proposed changes.
  16. **Commencement:** These rules will come into operation in the 2006 school year.
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# APPLICATION FORM FOR THE RON JONES EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.



Applicants are requested to complete this form and forward it to  
The Secretary  
D.A.T.A. Vic Inc.  
P.O. Box 165, Blackburn 3130.  
Applications must be received no later than the 31st May 2008  
Winners will receive awards at the A.G.M in October.

**Applications are to be accompanied by a 300 word hand written essay on “MY CHOSEN CAREER” and all the previous Year’s School Reports.**

Please use Block Letters or Type.

SURNAME.....GIVEN NAMES.....

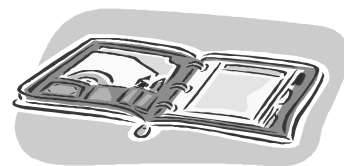
ADDRESS.....

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HOME PHONE.....MOBILE NO.....

PARENTS / MEMBERS PARTICULARS

(IF APPLICANT MEMBER IS UNDER 18 OR A CHILD OF A MEMBER)



SURNAME.....GIVEN NAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

POST CODE.....PHONE.....MOBILE.....

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT.....

SIGNATURE OF PARENT.....

Financial Member of D.A.T.A      YES     NO

MY ESSAY ON “MY CHOSEN CAREER AND SCHOOL REPORTS FOR THE LAST YEAR ARE ENCLOSED .    YES       NO

SCHOOL PARTICULARS: PRESENT YEAR OF STUDIES.....

SUBJECTS STUDIES.....

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# Dates to Remember



## Up and Coming Events

**Christmas Party, Sunday 7th December 2008,**  
12noon, Santa to arrive around 3pm.

Guide Hall, under the big Elm tree at Halliday  
Park

Mitcham Rd Mitcham Melway Ref 46 J7

BBQ will be there for your use so bring BYO Meat

## Annual Events:

### New Members BBQ 2009

14 Queens Street Blackburn 12noon

Date to be confirmed

Christmas Dinner in July 6.30pm  
at 14 Queen Street Blackburn.

### Carer's Nights/ Days

April and October

Dates to be advised

### Annual General Meeting of Dialysis & Transplant

Association Date: Sunday in October 2009 2pm

At 14 Queen Street Blackburn (Date to be  
confirmed).

Christmas Party Sunday 6th December 2009

Venue to be advised.

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We would like to hear your story please write and tell  
us how you deal with kidney failure.

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**Deadline for the January 2009 Shoe String is Wednesday 10th December 2008 by 5pm  
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