Gippsland Trades and Labour Council held its annual Labour Day Dinner - speakers on the night were: Lily D’Ambrosio Shadow Minister for Energy and Resources, Shadow Minister for the Cost of Living, Shadow Minister for the Suburbs, - Johan Scheffer MP Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria - John Parker Secretary Gippsland Trades and Labour Council - a great night had by all.
Mr Cook : 1 was actually on radio directly after you this morning, and 1 think that’s what you had to say. There was a victorious rumour started floating around yesterday afternoon that works on Telstra remediation were ceasing immediately. What it turned out to be was that the asbestos monitoring was ceasing. The agency that was put in place to monitor the remediation works has seen enough, they are happy with what they are seeing and they are ceasing. So obviously here everything is hunky dory right? Wrong!

http://forums.whirlpool.net.au/archive/2128871

Asbestos warnings for more than a thousand homes issued by ACT Government - Emma Macdonald SENIOR REPORTER FOR THE CANBERRA TIMES - February 18, 2014

The owners of 1049 Canberra homes that were exposed to Mr Fluffy asbestos in the 1970s will be urged by the ACT Government to have their homes professionally inspected for remnants of the potentially lethal insulation. This is despite these residences being part of a $100 million clean-up program that took place between 1998 and 1999 and targeted rooftop cavities of houses with Mr Fluffy in them.


Asbestos debris left on verge for months in Middle Swan - Date February 14, 2014 - Rachelle Predvukh - WA today.com.au

The Swan shire has come under fire for leaving a pile of asbestos on a verge in Middle Swan for around two months, without covering it or putting on any signage to warn people of the health hazard. The debris was created when a resident on the corner of Bishop Road and Brown Street pulled down the fence and dumped it in the yard of the house next door - before she erected a new fence.


Asbestos found in primary school in Thornbury - Date February 14, 2014 - Allison Wallace - The Age

Asbestos has been discovered in classrooms used by Prep students at a school in Melbourne’s north.

Renovations were conducted in the Prep and art classrooms of the Wales Street Primary School in Thornbury over the recent holidays, 3AW Fairfax Radio News reported. While the area was cleaned following the works, tests conducted on dust samples taken from revealed traces of asbestos. Both the Departments of Education and Health say that while students and staff used the classrooms during the first week of school the risk to them is low. The principal of the school, Christopher Sexton, has been moved to a regional office while the Department of Education investigates the matter with Worksafe.


Asbestos scare at Wales Street Primary School - Date February 26, 2014 12:00 AM

PARENTS at a Thornbury primary school want an explanation from the Department about how their children were exposed to asbestos. When Northcote Leader visited Wales St Primary School last week and spoke to half a dozen parents, they said a management meeting the last Wednesday raised more questions than it provided answers and did little to reassure them about their children’s safety.


Asbestos Origin's Australia Pacific LNG back to work

- March 19, 2014 11:05 AM - Finance News Network

Origin Energy Limited (ASX:ORC) says drilling operations are beginning to restart at its Australia Pacific LNG Project in central Queensland.

The news comes after the energy giant suspended coal seam gas drilling at 12 rig sites due to an asbestos scare last week.

One of the company’s suppliers, owned by Imex Limited (ASX:IMD), identified asbestos in drilling fluid and has since withdrawn the product from market.


TWELVE Origin drilling rigs that were temporarily shut down due to an asbestos contamination will be progressively brought back online in the next few days.

On March 13, the energy company called a temporary halt to projects across 12 south-west Queensland sites after drilling fluids being used were found to contain asbestos.

The fluid was supplied by Australian Mud Company and Origin said all stocks of the affected material had been “quarantined and accounted for”.

An Origin spokesman said the product which was found to contain asbestos was called Nutplug (and is included in another product called Stopleak).

It is used during drilling to help seal the hole, and prevent drilling fluids from going inside.


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Fire-fighters continue to battle blaze at derelict asbestos factory - Manchester Evening News - Jan 31, 2014 08:22 By Pete Barnbridge

Around 35 fire-fighters are tackling flames which gutted the former Turner Industrial Products site in Rochdale

http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/firefighters-continue-battle-rochdale-blaze-6651431

Asbestos's legacy featured in new science publication - Date published: 19 March 2014 - Rochdale online

A new international science publication called Mosaic has just published an in-depth investigation into asbestos. It features many of the issues published by Rochdale Online in many articles over the past 10 years - in particular the knowledge and cover-up of the health hazards of asbestos - cancer in particular.


Piperrill fined for floating asbestos regs - Construction News - Mon March 31st 2014 - published 30/01/2014

Fit-out and refurbishment specialist Piperrill Construction Ltd has been fined £8,000 for stripping out asbestos without a licence.

http://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/news/view/piperrill-find-for-floating-asbestos-regs

Guilt Plea Entered by Malone Landlord and Maintenance Supervisor in Asbestos Case - Rick Kornak provides sharp news and insightful articles for the Mesothelioma Cancer Alliance

The two men were indicted in March, 2012, for illegally removing and disposing of more than 260 of asbestos-containing pipe wrap from two locations, both of which are owned by Mills. Allen was employed as a maintenance supervisor.


Hotel has significant asbestos

Hotel has significant asbestos - By KELLI BALLARD kballard@portervillerecorder.com

Not a threat to the public, says officials - Concerns and demolition have actually made the situation worse.

http://www.recorderonline.com/news/2014/02/hotel-has-significant-asbestos/article_4df75d56-8add-11e3-9578-0017a43b2370.html

Banned across the world, asbestos continues to plague Pakistan - International - The News -our correspondent - Sunday, February 02, 2014 - From Print Edition -

Seven years ago, Fareed Ahmed died of tongue cancer at the age of 55. He was working as an engineer at a building and construction factory. Doctors said his death was due to asbestos poisoning.


Washington Co. approves contract for demolition, asbestos work - Herald Mail Media - Posted Sunday, February 2, 2014 6:10 pm - Posted on Feb 2, 2014 by CJ Lovelace

Making way for several projects, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a $1,101,700 contract last week to clean up asbestos and demolish a handful of old buildings. The commissioners on Jan. 28 voted 5-0 to approve the low bid from contractor Allegany Workplaces, LLC. Salvage of Hagerstown in support of the county’s projects, which include the road-widening improvements along Robinwood Drive and Eastern Boulevard north.


Asbestos testing could be coming to Beckenham High Street - News Shopper UK

2:42pm Monday 3rd February 2014 in News By Joshua Barrie

ASBESTOS testing could be coming to Beckenham High Street.

Case sheds light on the murky world of asbestos litigation

Kora News - BY MICHAEL POMSIC Originally published on Tue February 4, 2014 7:00 pm

This is a case about a bankrupt company, legal shenanigans, and a rare type of cancer.

You may have seen TV commercials about mesothelioma, mainly caused by inhaling asbestos – minerals many companies once used in insulation and other products.

According to a 2011 report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office, companies have set aside more than $30 billion for mesothelioma victims since the 1980s. Asbestos lawsuits have played a role in about 100 companies going bankrupt.

One of those is a gasket manufacturer called Garlock. Its parent company, EnPro Industries, is based in Charlotte, N.C. As part of Garlock’s $1 billion bankruptcy case, a judge has slashed what the manufacturer owes asbestos victims after finding that the victim’s law firm abused the system.


Surrey firm in court after asbestos find at school

February 4, 2014 - H & V News - editor Dennis Flower

A building contractor has been fined for ignoring asbestos safety rules after the potentially deadly material was discovered in a basement area at the independent Woldingham girls’ school in Caterham.


Sealed Air to pay the settlement.

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http://www.asbestoslitigation.com/2014/02/03/sealed-air-to-pay-the-settlement/

ASBESTOS in school

The local authority has been told to remove asbestos.

KINGSTON, Jamaica – The Port Royal Fire Station was reopened after rehabilitation work to replace the roof, which was said to have contained asbestos.

Local Government state minister with direct responsibility for the Jamaica Fire Brigade, Colin Fagan, gave the main address at the re dedication ceremony.

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/latestnews/Port-Royal-fire-station-reopened-after-asbestos-roof-replaced

Deep Wood Elementary tests positive for asbestos - by KVUE News khou.com Posted on February 5, 2014 at 11:22 PM

ROUND ROCK, Texas – Round Rock ISD says a elementary school is testing positive for asbestos. An inspection uncovered 2 to 3 percent asbestos in the walls of Deep Wood Elementary.


Hospital has a supporting role - Belper News UK

Ilkeston Community Hospital will continue to play a role in supporting displaced patients as the future of nearby Heanor Memorial Hospital is decided.

The Heanor health facility is facing a crisis after asbestos was found in the building on Ilkeston Road.

The initial discovery was made in the boiler room last September, which forced some services, including a blood clinic, to be transferred to Ilkeston hospital on Heanor Road.

But since then more asbestos has been found.

http://www.belpernews.co.uk/news/local/hospital-has-a-supporting-role-1.6423727

Man died 50 years after working with asbestos - 11:20am Friday 7th February 2014 in NewsBy Stroud Street News & Journal Reporter

- Friday, February 07, 2014 Garden Grove, CA, - by KVUE News khou.com Posted on February 6, 2014 | 12:31 PM

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Too - By Rachel Nuver - studentianmag.com - April 3, 2014

In millennia past, asbestos has also been used to make stronger pottery and flame-proof napkins. Late 19th century architects were by no means the first to discover the building and fire-proofing wonders of asbestos (although they were the first to discover its cancer-causing propensities). As it turns out, artistic monks working in the 1100s also favoured the material for making wall paintings, LiveScience reports.

http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/236076/questions-over-asbestos-disposal

Asbestos and damage: Engineers examine historic GAA ground storm - NICOLA ANDERSON – PUBLISHED 13 FEBRUARY 2014 01:53 PM Independent.ie

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http://www.asbestos-council.org/issue/1-2591483

More Asbestos Found at La Habra Heights City Hall - Friday, February 07, 2014 Garden Grove, CA, February 7th, 2014 - Web Wire

http://www.asbestos-council.org/issue/1-2591483

Port Royal fire station reopened after asbestos roof replaced - Thursday, February 06, 2014 | 12:51 PM - Jamaica Observer


Questions over asbestos disposal - Updated - 11:28 am on 13 February 2014 - Radio New Zealand News


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We have also been aware of the need to train workers in the Aged Care Homes within the Valley; wishing to honour our two late leaders Angela Dempsey/ Bernadette Carstein we have set up a Scholarship in their names.

Last year we paid for 11 Aged Care personnel, this year we have 16 doing the course of “Palliative Care - A Short Course” at Monash University, Churchill.

To discuss how we can assist with the comfort of your loved one and make it a little easier for you.

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The Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraising Association “provides financial assistance to patients and their families” by paying for equipment hire needed in the patient’s home “to help them be more comfortable and make it easier for their carer if necessary, we can assist with financial help for medication and oxygen.

http://wwwDEPENDENT.ie/-irish-news/asbestos-and-damage-engineers-examine-historic-gaa-ground-storm-30007269.html

Quake asbestos heading south - LOUISE BERRICK - The Southland Times

Toxic waste containing asbestos from Churchisthrub demolition sites could soon be transported to the coast of Southland. Southland company AB Lime, which has a landfill site near Browns, was approached by a consultant in Christchurch several weeks ago to see whether it would be willing to take toxic rubble from condemned buildings in Churchisthumb. AB Lime general manager Steve Smith said no deals had been made and the firm was waiting to hear back from the consultant.


Insurers urged to fund research into asbestos cancer - 13 April 2014 - BBC News Health

Writing for the BBC News website, Dr John Moore-Gillan of the British Lung Foundation says this would aid research - and cut future insurance payouts.

Symptoms of mesothelioma take decades to develop after exposure to asbestos fibres, but it can then kill quickly.

An insurance industry spokesman said discussions were set to take place shortly with the BLF on the issue.


Byzantine Monks Built Walls With Asbestos, Too - By Rachel Nuver - studentianmag.com - April 3, 2014

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Congratulations to our new Committee

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held - Saturday 1st Feb 2014 at 2.00pm at our office 41 Monash Road, Newborough We would like to congratulate the following people were elected to the committee of management for a 2 year period in position of President, Treasurer and Committee member. The six members of the committee will have a busy year and we wish them a very successful 2014/15 year. Below is a short bio on the 3 newly elected committee for the next 2 years.

Committee Member
Colin Ross
I was the President of Gippsland Trades & Labour Council for 7 years, I am a current Cardinia Shire Councillor 6+ years, I was the Chair of Metro Waste Management Group 2012/13- (30 member council), I am a Board Member of the Vic Local Governance Assoc, Executive Member Australian Christian Lobby 2006, Finalist ACTU union delegate of the year 2001, Won Federal 2001& State 2012, Awarded for outstanding service to Australasian Meat Employees Union.

Treasurer
David Fairbairn
I am 28 years old and have lived in Latrobe Valley for over a year. I have been on the committee of ACV/ GARDS for the last 2 years. I attended school in Traralgon until I was in grade 4 and my family moved to Endeavour Hills. I completed VCE at Eumemmerring Secondary College, Hallam and then went on to finish my double Diplomas in both Microbiological and Aseptic techniques as well as Industrial and Environmental laboratory techniques in 2006. I have worked in several laboratories around Melbourne & currently work in a laboratory in Sale. I have an interest in computers and new technology in general.

President
Dorothy Roberts
I am a widow of an asbestos sufferer, I have firsthand knowledge of what it is like to care for someone with asbestos disease and understand only too well the heart break that comes with this condition. I have been with the organisation for 14 years. I started as committee member of ACV/ GARDS for 7 years & then became Vice President in 2008 and now have been elected as President of ACV/GARDS in 2014. I have a great deal of knowledge on asbestos issues and seen many changes in attitudes around asbestos over the years.

Online Donations
Maree Hall

Morwell Bowling Club
We would like to thank the management of the Morwell Bowling Club and a big thank you to Michelle Curtis who is helping to raise money for ACV/GARDS. Please support the club and you will be supporting us too. Thank you so much to all - it is great to have you in our corner.

Donations made in Memory EX
Work Mates
Mick Chopping

Donations made in Memory of Dorothy Graze
Jim and Shirley Connaghan

South Gippsland & East Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide
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The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to acknowledge the support that we get from Paul Cornelis South Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide and also Tony Robinson East Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide.
Both these agents fit our oxygen concentrators and conserving devices for our sufferers when ever needed - they do this for us as a donation to our organisation. You are truly wonderful people who should be commended for your good deeds.

Home Taste Chinese Restaurant
The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to thank individuals who have donated to us in different ways over the last few months:
- Ray, Ann & Craig Watson,
- Rose Netchwatal,
- Joe Marschalek x 2,
- David & Yvonne Stewart,
- George Ridley,
- Dell Blanch,
- John & Alison Parker,
- Sister Joy Hanrahan

Regular donations made to us by these generous companies
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Janet Hodson and the Dunn Family
ACV/GARDS would like to thank you all for donating a home oxygen concentrator and also a portable oxygen concentrator in Memory of Robert Dunn. Both these valued items will be in high demand and we thank you so much for thinking of us. It is a generous thing to do at a time of great sadness for you all.

Gippsland Trades Union
Combined Picnic
ACV/GARDS committee and members would like to thank & recognise the great support the Gippsland Trades Union Combined Picnic give to us. They have made a donation of $2000 to our org.
We are very lucky to have such great support with an annual donation like this. Thank so much to the organisers Tom Malone, Toby Thornton and Kevin Hills along with all the union members and their families. It is a wonderful gift.

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Margaret Cook
A big thank you to Margaret for selling Asbestos Awareness Badges for us she did a mammoth job. You are a star!!!

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GARDS NEW MEMBERS Joining Fee $5.00

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1. Concession (Pensioner/unemployed) ................................. $3.00
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Upon my admission as a Member, I agree to be bound by the rules of GARDS Inc.

Signature: .......................................................... Date: __/__/____

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Meetings

SUPPORT:
Last Tuesday of month, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

EVENINGS:
3rd Tuesday of month, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
10am - 4pm
Friday - By appointment

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ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2014

1.30PM – 3.30PM

Meetings are held at –
ACV/GARDS Premises
41 Monash Road, Newborough

Tuesday 25th February
Tuesday 25th March
Tuesday 29th April
Tuesday 27th May
Tuesday 24th June
Tuesday 28th July
Tuesday 27th August
Tuesday 30th September
Tuesday 20th October
Friday 28th November – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell
Christmas Break-Up TBA

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ACV/GARDS NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2014

7.30PM – 9.30PM

Meetings are held at –
ACV/GARDS Premises
41 Monash Road, Newborough

Tuesday 18th February
Tuesday 18th March
Tuesday 15th April
Tuesday 20th May
Tuesday 17th June
Tuesday 15th July
Tuesday 19th August
Tuesday 16th September
Tuesday 21st October
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UP COMING EVENTS

Our Night/Day Meetings

SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesday 29 April 2014
Peter Collins
Sustainability Education Officer - Latrobe City
27 May 2014
Hugh Falls
CFA Officer
24 June 2014
Suzanne Tennant
Mental Health Nurse

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

Friday 2 May 2014
At 11AM
Centenary Rose Garden
Morwell

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ASBESTOS COUNCIL OF VICTORIA (ACV) AND GIPPSPLAND ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES SUPPORT INC (GARDS)
ACV/GARDS provides support and information to asbestos sufferers, their families and carers. This includes home visits by ACV/GARDS volunteers, a telephone information/support service 24 hours, 7 days a week. ACV/GARDS has an office, which is open for sufferers, their families, carers and the general community to access at the times listed in the information section.

ACV/GARDS INC. Support also conducts a monthly meeting (1.30pm – 3.30pm) on the last Tuesday of the month) where guest presenters are invited to provide information about support services of all kinds and any other topics of interest that the members might find of relevance. The meetings also provide a gathering place for experiences; ACV/GARDS Support is open to anyone whose lives have been affected by asbestos, their families and the general public.

ACV/GARDS loans out free of charge to asbestos sufferers - oxygen bottle regulators, conserving devices, oxygen home concentrators, wheel chairs, oxygen bottle carriers, nebuliser, walking frames & walking sticks.

We also have an extensive library of books, DVDs and CDs on asbestos issues, health, social and environmental that we loan free of charge to those wishing to improve their knowledge.

ACV/GARDS can provide professional counselling with a qualified psychologist free of charge for those who have been diagnosed with asbestos related disease and also their family members. If preferred telephone counselling can be arranged.

ACV/GARDS INC. EVENING MEETING

ACV/GARDS has an organisational, activities and advocating arm. Interested financial members can come along to evening meetings, which are, conducted 7.30pm – 9.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

These meetings provide a focal point for information sharing and problem identification. The aim of this group is to focus on improving health and support services and any other issues deemed relevant to improving overall outcomes to asbestos sufferers, their families and the general public. Thus ensuring asbestos-related issues are kept in the public eye and trying to rid our environment of asbestos products.