THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND DONORS

Regular donations made to us by these generous people from GJ Crosby Contractors, Doug and Irene Elliott

GARDS would like to thank the following organisations for supporting us in recent months.

Pilotlight Foundation, Reichstein Foundation, GRICS Latrobe Regional Hospital

We would like to take this opportunity to thank individuals who have donated to us in different ways over the last few months - Daniel King, Barbara & Alex Bathgate, Ray & Marion Harris, Ben Slater, Lilan Harris, Jack Fawcett, E Baker, Mick Chopping, Dawn Hall, Jim Connaghan, Rhonda Dunn, Rick Fawcett, Sister Joy Hanrahan, Laurie & Gwen Hall, David Lehmann, J Crane, Kevin Brew, Eric & Yvonne Grant, Shirley Fletcher, Chris & Katharine Cheetham, Robert Dunn, Janet Hodson, Leslie Darvill, Kathleen Pearless, Ken Jackson, Nell Ruiter, Wendy Bright

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Anonymous donation, Ray Whittaker,

**Donation in Memory of Neville Aitken** - RF Young

**Donation in Memory of Bob Ruiter** - Nell Ruiter, Wendy Bright

News snippets - 29th October National Asbestos Management Review was announced by Senator Chris Evans the Minister for Workplace Relations. The Review will assess current activities in the area of asbestos management & research & will make recommendations to the Federal Government for the development of a national strategic plan to improve asbestos awareness, management & removal. Geoff Fary will be the Chair of the review. Congrats on the initiative. Our best wishes to Geoff & the Committee

25th November - The Australian Asbestos Network website was launched, a new and unique online resource that communicates important messages about the awareness & prevention of asbestos related diseases.

7th December - Federal Government signed a loan agreement drawn up with the NSW Government to provide $160 million to the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund - NSW Government will contribute an equal amount in funding to the AICF each time they drawn down from the Federal loan. This will ensure asbestos sufferers & their families have peace of mind & financial security they deserve. The loan agreement does not excuse James Hardie from its legal or moral obligation to contribute to the AICF. James Hardie are still expected to continue to fund the AICF as its financial position improves. The loan must be paid by June 2020.
GIPPSLAND ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES SUPPORT INC

G.A.R.D.S. SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2011
1.30PM – 3.30PM

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

Tuesday 22nd February
Tuesday 29th March
Thurs 28th April – Memorial Wreath Laying – Rose Garden, Morwell
Tuesday 24th May
Tuesday 28th June
Tuesday 26th July
Tuesday 30th August
Tuesday 27th September
Tuesday 25th October
Frid 25th Nov – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell

Christmas Break-up to be advised

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G.A.R.D.S. NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2011
7.30PM – 9.30PM

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

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

Christmas Break-up to be advised
GARDS Inc. Membership Form

Name…………………………………………………………………………………….
Address………………………………………………………………………………
P/Code………………
Telephone……………………………………………………Email……………………
Occupation………………………………………………………………………

GARDS NEW MEMBERS Joining Fee $5.00

PLUS

GARDS Annual Subscription 2011

1. Concession (Pensioner/unemployed) $3.00
2. Full Rate (employed) $11.00

Upon my admission as a Member, I agree to be bound by the rules of GARDS Inc.

Signature…………………………………………….Date…………………………

Please return to GARDS Inc. with payment, PO Box 111, MOE, Vic. 3825

Office Use Only

I………………………………., a Member of the GARDS Inc. nominate the Applicant for Membership of the Association

Signature of Proposer………………………………………………………………….Date…………

I………………………………., a member of GARDS Inc., second the nomination of the Applicant for membership of the Association.

Signature of

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GARDS INC. SUPPORT

GARDS provides support and information to asbestos sufferers, their families and carers. This includes home visits by GARDS volunteers, a telephone information/support service 24 hours, 7 days a week. GARDS has an office, which is open for sufferers, their families, carers and the general community to access at the times listed below in the “About GARDS Inc section”

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; GARDS Support is open to anyone whose lives have been affected by asbestos, their families and the general public.

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

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.

GARDS INC. EVENING MEETING

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.

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G.A.R.D.S. FEES

Joining Fee - $5.00
Annual Fees:
Pensioners/Concession/ Unemployed - $3.00
Employed persons - $11.00

MEETINGS:

Support: Last Tuesday of month, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Evening: 3rd Tuesday of month, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Our Night/Day Meetings
AGM 5th Feb - 2pm - 2011
22nd Feb - 1.30pm - Lacey Yoemans Inspirational speaker
29th March - 1.30pm - LV Express Tour of Printing Press premises
28th April - International Workers' Memorial Day - 11am - Rose Garden, Morwell

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY to THURSDAY: 10.00am – 4.00pm
FRIDAY: BY APPOINTMENT

CALL IN FOR A CHAT & CUPPA