





# Special People and Organisations

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## ■ GJ Crosby Contractors, Irene Elliott in Memory of Doug

We would like to take this opportunity to thank individuals who have donated to us in different ways over the last few months:

■ Nell Ruiter & Wendy Bright in Memory of Bob Ruiter husband and father ■ Dawn Hall in Memory of Ray her husband ■ Dorothy Grace ■ Joyce Crane ■ Ray Watson ■ Ray and Marion Harris ■ Rhonda Dunn ■ Shirley Fletcher ■ Irene Hood ■ Stan & Ivy Brown ■ Jessie & Duncan Fergus ■ Robert Dunn ■ Janet Hodson ■ Graham McMahon ■ Barry Fanning ■ Ivy Fanning ■ Sister Joy Hanrahan ■ Russ Evans ■ Jim Pearless ■ Bernie & Lorna Doran ■ Paul & Ingrid Linsin

## Donations made in Memory of Ken Jackson

DM & C Graham, Roy Kilmartin,  
P Enzinger, Anonymous \$10,  
Anonymous \$20

The GARDS  
organisation  
would like to  
thank so very  
much Reichstein  
Foundation

for helping GARDS with a grant to send some of our committee to the PGARD launch in Canberra. The support we have had from Reichstein over the years just cannot be understated. We value their encouragement & the trust they have had in us. Thank you Christa & all the Reichstein Board.



THANK  
YOU!

## Families who have made equipment donations to GARDS in the last six months

Your donations will go to help other families and sufferers and are greatly appreciated - all equipment donated to us is tagged with the name of those who have donated the equipment where possible. Our thanks goes to Penny Jackson & family, Sue Callow, Donald Robinson, Heather Stirling, Robyn de Lange, your kindness is inspiring.

## The GARDS Xmas party raffle raised a total of \$127.00

GARDS would like to thank those who donated prizes to the raffle: Dorothy Roberts x 2, Marie Smith, Jessie Fergus, Alison Parker and Robert & Cynthia Rawlings

## Home Taste Restaurant Newborough

The GARDS committee would like to thank Pinky and Tony Lau for supporting GARDS. We appreciate your friendship and generosity.



## THANK YOU SO MUCH

The GARDS organisation would like to acknowledge the support that we get from Bob & Val 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.

## Annual General Meeting

Date:

Saturday 28th January 2012

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: 41 Monash Road, Newborough

Election of Positions falling vacant:

■ President

■ Treasurer

■ Committee Member

■ Election of Auditor for  
2012/13

Returning Officer: Graeme Hamilton - Nomination forms can be collected from the GARDS office, down loaded from the GARDS web site or forwarded by post on request to GARDS Secretary

Completed nomination forms need to be received by the Returning Officer no later than 7 days prior to the election to PO Box 111, Moe, Vic. 3825 or handed in at the GARDS office.

## Closing Dates for GARDS OFFICE over Christmas/Holiday time

The GARDS office will be closed over the holiday period.  
Our office will close on:

Wednesday the 21st of December 2011 at 4.00pm and we will resume operations on the 18th of January 2012.

ANY URGENT ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO VICKI HAMILTON VIA THE GARDS PHONE 5127 7744

From all of us here at gards we wish each and everyone of you a Merry and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

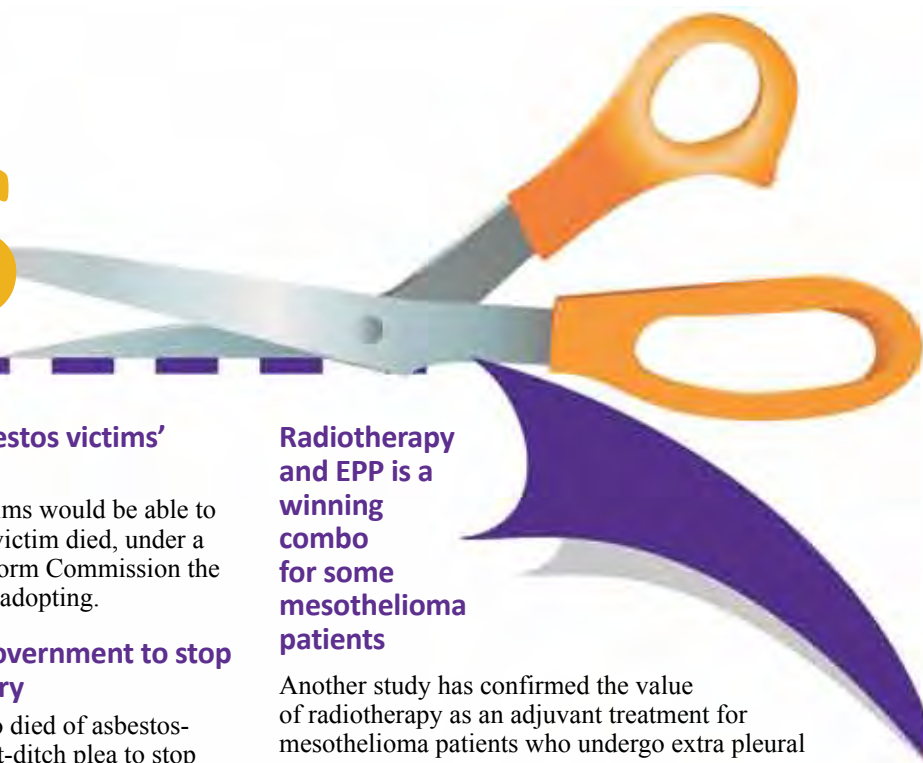
We look forward to seeing you in 2012  
Thank you for supporting  
GARDS in 2011



Pictured here is Lawyer Steve Plunkett presenting a sponsorship cheque to CEO of GARDS Vicki Hamilton

The GARDS organisation would like to thank so very much Slater & Gordon law firm for supporting GARDS with sponsorship for the up and coming year in 2012. It is wonderful to have support for the work we do in the community with asbestos sufferers, their families and the advocacy that we so passionately embrace.

# Asbestos Snippets



## Inhaling chemotherapy drugs may reduce harmful effects for patients with Lung Cancer, Mesothelioma

Scientists in Scotland are developing a new treatment option that would allow patients to receive chemotherapy drugs in vaporized form.

## Asbestos scandal in the region

Hundreds of unsuspecting ACT businesses could contact deadly asbestos because the buildings were “outside the scope” of a \$100 million clean-up funded by the Federal Government in the late 1980s.

## NSW Police exposed to asbestos

The New South Wales Police Association says officers have been exposed to asbestos in homes and police stations for years because a report into the problem was buried.

## Stop silent killer ruining more lives

An argument has erupted in South Australia between industry stakeholders and the State Government about whether legislation before Parliament for harmonisation of workplace health and safety laws around Australia will put a new wave of maintenance workers, builders and DIY-ers at increased risk of exposure to asbestos.

## ‘Vital evidence’ discounted in Hardie disclosure trial

The NSW Court of Appeal might have underplayed evidence “of the highest importance” when exonerating seven James Hardie directors last year over their disclosure about asbestos compensation, a High Court judge said.

## Comfort and Support for Asbestos Victims in Tasmania

The Tasmanian Minister for Workplace Relations, David O’Byrne, officially launched Tasmania’s first asbestos compensation scheme on 26 October 2011.

## Asbestos victim to fight any appeal

A James Hardie asbestos victim awarded \$2 million on Wednesday 26 October 2011 may seek further damages if the company appeals against the compensation decision.

## New hope for cancer patients

There is new hope for Queensland sufferers of Mesothelioma with the introduction of cutting edge technology at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital.

## Therapy hope for asbestos disease

The Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia is researching a way to boost an individual’s immune system to tackle the fatal asbestos disease, Mesothelioma.

## Trail of deceit as emails expose asbestos scandal

An internal email chain has exposed key police personnel who deliberately kept thousands of officers and their families in the dark about asbestos and other poisonous hazards in stations and houses across NSW.

## Canada under fire over asbestos exports

A Canadian health expert has described his government as a “purveyor of death” for continuing to export asbestos to India, ABC’s Foreign Correspondent has reported.

## Reality renovators exposed to deadly disease

Reality TV shows such as The Block and The Renovators are putting DIY home renovators at risk because they don’t warn about asbestos dangers, a federal politician says.

## Move to ease rules for asbestos victims’ families welcomed

The families of dust disease victims would be able to start legal proceedings after the victim died, under a recommendation of the Law Reform Commission the Attorney-General is considering adopting.

## Workers’ families call for government to stop supporting asbestos industry

Families of Ontario workers who died of asbestos-related diseases are making a last-ditch plea to stop a project that would revive one of Canada’s only remaining asbestos mines.

## James Hardie Builds on stability

Building products maker James Hardie has returned to profitability and a few weeks ago confirmed its full-year earnings guidance.

## Electronic “Nose” appears to detect Mesothelioma

Research scientists from Italy and The Netherlands report they have developed a device they’ve called an “electronic nose”, which can tell if an individual has malignant pleural mesothelioma by simply sampling their breath.

## Mesothelioma prognosis accuracy improves with PET/CT

More research has confirmed the value of FDG-PET/CT technology for predicting treatment response in mesothelioma, especially when the scan is conducted in two phases.

## Upper house passes motion urging government to get Canada to stop producing and exporting the harmful mineral

The Australian Senate passed a motion condemning Canada for the country’s continuing exporting of asbestos to developing countries in Asia.

## Climate change adds urgency to asbestos removal

Australia may no longer be able to consider ‘bonded asbestos’ safe due to the increase in natural disasters causing asbestos fibres to be released, a scientific conference of cancer experts in Perth was told.

## Company appealing asbestos payout

A mesothelioma sufferer awarded more than \$2 million compensation after contracting the disease from playing in asbestos waste as a child is “very disappointed” the company deemed responsible has decided to appeal the ruling.

## Asbestos victims deserve better: NSW Labor

Compensation should be given to asbestos victims’ families if they die before their case is finalised, NSW shadow Attorney General Paul Lynch has said.

## Italy asbestos trial verdict expected in February 2012

A massive class action lawsuit in Italy against a Swiss billionaire and a Belgian baron over 3,000 allegedly asbestos-related illnesses and deaths ended this week and a verdict is expected in February.

## Blood platelets have key role in signalling malignant cancer cells to spread

Researchers have been trying to gain a better understanding of the processes that permit cancer cells to break away from the original tumours and spread. New research sheds light on the active role played by blood platelets.

## Radiotherapy and EPP is a winning combo for some mesothelioma patients

Another study has confirmed the value of radiotherapy as an adjuvant treatment for mesothelioma patients who undergo extra pleural pneumonectomies.

## Mesothelioma, Erionite warning issued by NIOSH

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) called for more protective measures on job sites for workers who may be exposed to Erionite, a mineral similar to asbestos. NIOSH warned that Erionite is America’s next mineral danger.

## India deal won’t study asbestos: Analysts

Canadian exports of asbestos to India won’t be examined as part of an environmental assessment recently launched in connection with the Canada-India free trade talks, say experts – and that has some calling on the government to widen its scope.

## Canada’s asbestos industry suspends work for first time in 130 years

Canada’s once-mighty asbestos sector has ground to a halt for the first time in 130 years, as production of the controversial fibre has stalled in both of the country’s mines.

## Thalidomide ineffective in Mesothelioma patients

A research study in the Netherlands has found that the drug Thalidomide does not slow the progression of malignant pleural mesothelioma nor does it improve the survival rate of those suffering from the disease.

## No Govt asbestos fees in South East

The Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, says there are no Government charges being applied in NSW south east for the disposal of asbestos.

## Aussie acting veteran Harold Hopkins dies

Australian actor Harold Hopkins has died in a Sydney hospital from the asbestos-related cancer **mesothelioma**. Hopkins, who had major roles in several classic Australian movies including Gallipoli, Don’s Party and The Club, died at Neringah Private Hospital

## Rudd to move proposal on banning asbestos

Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd wants the Labor government to lead the world in securing a global treaty to ban asbestos use and trade.

## White asbestos found on beaches sparks warning

The Northern Territory Environment Department has erected warning signs after the discovery of pieces of white asbestos on some of Darwin’s northern beaches.

## Legislation due on asbestos-related pleural plaques

People suffering from the asbestos-related lung condition pleural plaques will be able to seek compensation from next week due to new legislation in the United Kingdom.



## Committee of Management

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## GARDS Fees

Joining Fee: .....\$5.00  
Annual Fees:  
Pensioner/Concession  
Unemployed .....\$3.00  
Employed persons.....\$11.00

## Meetings

**SUPPORT:**  
Last Tuesday of month,  
1.30pm - 3.30pm  
**EVENINGS:**  
3rd Tuesday of month,  
7.30pm - 8.30pm

## Office Hours

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

**CALL IN**  
**FOR A CHAT AND**  
**CUPPA**

# GARDS Inc. Membership Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... 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 the GARDS Inc. second the nomination of the Applicant  
for Membership of the Association

Signature of Proposer: ..... Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## G.A.R.D.S. SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2012

**1.30PM – 3.30PM**

Meetings are held at –

**GARDS Premises**  
**41 Monash Road,**  
**Newborough**

- Tuesday 28th February
- Tuesday 27th March
- Tuesday 24th April
- Tuesday 29th May
- Tuesday 26th June
- Tuesday 31st July
- Tuesday 28th August
- Tuesday 25th September
- Tuesday 30th October
- Friday 30th November – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell
- Christmas Break-up to be advised

## G.A.R.D.S. NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2012

**7.30PM – 9.30PM**

Meetings are held at –

**GARDS Premises**  
**41 Monash Road,**  
**Newborough**

- Tuesday 21st February
- Tuesday 20th March
- Tuesday 17th April
- Tuesday 15th May
- Tuesday 19th June
- Tuesday 17th July
- Tuesday 21st August
- Tuesday 18th September
- Tuesday 16th October
- Tuesday 20th November
- Christmas Break-up to be advised

## Up and Coming Events

**Saturday 28th January**  
**GARDS AGM 2pm**  
GARDS office 41 Monash  
Road, Newborough

**Tuesday 28th February**  
**Tour of Latrobe Valley**  
**Enterprises 9.30am**  
Morwell

**Tuesday 27th March**  
**Bill Lawler - Project Officer**  
**Rural Access 1.30pm**  
Latrobe City Council

**Friday 27th April**  
**International Workers’**  
**Memorial Day Event**



We are situated at:

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Victoria. 3825**

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On line donations

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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 in the information 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 Meetings

**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.

## GARDS Inc. would like to thank these sponsors and supporters



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