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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

You can make an online donation to our group at our home page www.gards.org

# Make a Donation



Using the secure engine of GiveNow.com.au

# MONASH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL



The ACV/GARDS team, for the 5th year, were at Monash University Medical School. We were privileged to be a part of the tutorial for the medical students. This year there were approx 100 students learning about the impact that asbestos has on the sufferers and their families.

Again this year, a new set of students learnt about the social, emotional and environmental issues that are brought about by this deadly material - asbestos.

The students had lots of questions for our team of community experts and we hope that with the experience provided by the speakers that they got a real insight into the effects that asbestos has in a community.

The ACV/GARDS team, that took part this year tried to give the students a perspective of what it is like for both the sufferer, as well as the family who have to cope with the diagnosis of asbestos disease, not only in their family environment but also with the day-to-day health issues that they must face.

GARDS would like to thank Rhonda Dunn, Marie Smith and Dorothy Roberts for sharing their stories with the students. We would also like to thank Dr Margaret Simmons for making this happen.

# **Major Sponsors**







You can find our link on the home page of the GARDS website or at facebook.com/GARDSInc

# **MONASH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING**

In September our organisation was approached to participate in an education & awareness session to the nursing students. We gladly accepted the invitation to be a part of the learning curve of these enthusiastic students who will someday be looking after our future asbestos sufferers. It was an honour to meet such a terrific bunch of students, who asked many and varied questions.

I hope into the future when they are nursing in a hospital somewhere that they will remember some of what we spoke about, to empower them to have the knowledge and confidence to support asbestos sufferers wherever they go. They will be armed with the whole picture.

Thank you to all the students, it was a pleasure to come and talk with you all and a special thanks to Dr Sonia Allen for making it happen.



# **ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY EVENT 2013**

# Venue: Centenary Rose Garden, Commercial Road, Morwell Date: Friday 29th of November 2013 Time: 11.00am

The event highlights and raises the awareness of asbestos and its effects on families and the community.

There will be an ecumenical service to remember those who are suffering and those who have succumbed to asbestos disease, Beryl Stevens - Celebrant will officiate. There will be a time set in our ceremony where families will be able to lay flowers and pay tribute to their loved ones.

#### Guest speakers will be:

- Main speaker to be advised
- Gary Blackwood MP -Member for Narracan
- **Russell Northe MP** Member for Morwell
- **Johan Scheffer MP** Member for Eastern Victoria
- Margaret Cook GARDS
   Member & wife of Graham
   Cook who succumbed to
   Mesothelioma
- John Parker GARDS
   Member, Secretary Gippsland
   Trades & Labour Council
- Vicki Hamilton GARDS CEO/Secretary

Coal Valley Male Choir accompanied by Gay Michau Newborough Primary School choir - conducted by Vice Principal Sue McLaren

The GARDS bag piper/s David Duncan & Bill Dunbar.

At the conclusion of the ceremony there will be a **FREE** BBQ lunch with the compliments of Gippsland Trades & Labour Council and all those in the community are most welcome to attend.

For further information contact Vicki Hamilton 0407274173 or the GARDS office: 5127 7744

Asbestos Awareness Day badges will be on sale for a cost of \$2 for those wishing to support us.

If you would like to purchase one before the day they can be purchased at BANKmecu - Moe, Morwell, Traralgon - Slater & Gordon - Morwell office - Maurice Blackburn - Traralgon office or the ACV/GARDS office.



# Asbestos Awareness Morning Tea 2013

Function Room - Moe RSL - Albert Street, Moe
Thursday 28th November - 10am

#### **AVAILABLE ON SITE**

- Asbestos Information from ACV/GARDS & Cancer Council Vic - booklets on health,
- Slater & Gordon Law Firm & Maurice Blackburn Law Firm will be on site to answer any questions from the general public about litigation.
- Mairin OHS&E Consulting will answer questions on sample testing & have examples of asbestos containing products on display for your viewing
- Sponsored by Moe RSL and Maurice Blackburn Law firm

**BRING ALONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS - ALL WELCOME!** 



Well it is that time of the year again, when annual fees are due. Thank you so much to all who have already paid. The management of GARDS would like to bring to the attention of its members that all annual fees are due and payable

Can you please make sure your fees are paid as soon as possible, as this money goes part way to help subsidize our mail outs and newsletters to you during the year.

The GARDS committee of Management appreciate your co-operation in this.

# PRICELINE PHARMACY MOE - DONATION

Recently our organisation was very privileged to receive a life giving donation of an oxygen conserving device for our bank of medical equipment.

We want to thank Pray and all the staff at Priceline Moe for supporting us in this manner.

These pieces of medical equipment are always in high demand by our sufferers and this makes their lives much more comfortable to be able to access them through us free of charge.

Prav heard about our plight of having to renew and replace our equipment as the old equipment wears out and we appreciate the kind gesture to help us keep our equipment up to date.

Pictured here from far left is Ray
Watson GARDS member with
pharmacists and some of the
pharmacy staff from Priceline Moe.
Thank you so much!!!



# ACV/GARDS ON THE MOVE... DARNUM MUSICAL VILLAGE

Our organisation has booked a bus & organised a little interlude at the Darnum Musical Village for Tuesday the 29th of October.

If you would like to come on this tour we will be away for approx 5 hours. We will be leaving the ACV/GARDS office at 10.00am to head to Darnum.

The cost of the bus is being paid by

ACV/GARDS - the admission and lunch to our members is \$25 per head. We will arrive back at the GARDS office at approx 2.30pm.

If you would like to stay for afternoon tea when we return to the office please bring a plate to share as usual and we will keep it in our kitchen till we return. Please advise Vicki by mid October at the latest to book your seat on the bus for a day of melody & entertainment that will be memorable.

We look forward to seeing you and having a wonderful day with plenty of photos to remember the moment.



Well it is that time of the year again where we all get together for a bit of merriment and mirth.

This year's Annual Xmas party and lunch will take place at Moe RSL, Function Room, Albert Street, Moe. The menu this year for lunch is a trio of meats (Turkey, Beef & Pork) served with Roast Potatoes/pumpkin, Cauliflower au gratin, Carrots & Peas, Gravy & all the trimmings with plum pudding and warm brandy custard or Fruit Salad & fresh cream if you so desire.

The lunch is free to financial members. Those wishing to bring a partner who is not a member will be required to pay \$20. Santa will be in attendance to see who has been naughty or nice and we will have a GARDS Xmas raffle on the day and lucky door prizes to give away.

We hope to see all of our members on this special day so that we can share the joy of Xmas together.

If you would like to join us, here are all the details: Venue: Moe RSL, Function room, Albert Street, Moe

Date: Saturday 7th December 2013

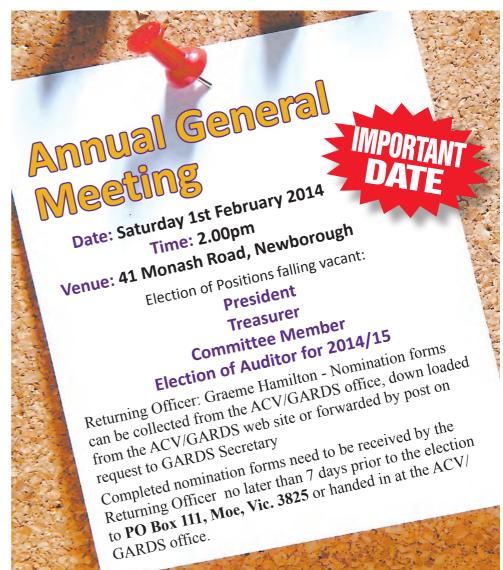
Time: 12 noon

**Free to Financial Members of GARDS** 

Non members \$20 per person

Alcohol available at bar prices

For catering purposes please contact Vicki or the ACV/GARDS office RSVP by the 29th November 2013.





# **Special People and Organisations**

Regular donation made to us by this generous company from

### **GJ Crosby Contractors**

thank you to Judi, Kerri and all the family

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

- Jenny Jackeulen,
- Margaret James,
- Anonymous Altona,
- Robert Dunn,
- Janet Hodson,
- Joe Marschalek x 2,
- Ken & Lorrie Rowlinson,
- Jane McDermott,
- Gerald & Pat Moore,
- Carole Arbuckle

## **Donations made** in Memory of -Aartie Van Den Dolder

EnergyAustralia- Yallourn, Michael Hutchinson

## **AIRLIQUIDE** HEALTHCARE PTY LTD

Our organisation would like to thank Abdul from Air Liquide for helping us with a discount to replace an urgent recall on some faulty oxygen conserving devices. We were lucky enough to get a 50% Discount on 2 x conserving devices that needed to be replaced.

Thank you once again Abdul Khaliq

## **GIPPSLAND** WATER SOCIAL CLUB INC.

Thank you to all the staff at Gippsland Water for thinking of us and supporting the work we do in the community. Each year for a number of years their social club have donated hundreds of dollars to our organisation. We are very humbled by your support - your good deeds never go unnoticed. BLESS YOU ALL. Thank you!



**Energy in** 

ACV/GARDS would like to take this opportunity to thank AGL Loy Yang for the donation they made to us recently. Loy Yang have supported us for quite a few years in one form or another and we appreciate the workers and the company consider us a worthy charity

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to support. The AGL Loy Yang employees wish us all the best with helping sufferers and their families.

On behalf of those sufferers and families we thank you very much.

### **Donations** made in Memory of -Albert Dixon

**Rod & Monica Huffer, Orana Senior Citizens Club** 

## **Donations** made in Memory of -Joyce Bértoli

Yallourn North Senior Citizens

# South Gippsland & East Gippsland **Agent for Air Liquide**

GARDS/ACV were pleased to receive a donation from The ACV/ GARDS organisation would like to acknowledge the support that we get from Paul, Val and Bob 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 again thank Pinky and Tony Lau for their continued support & friendship with our organisation.



# THANK YOU SO **MUCH MARION TAYLOR**

The GARDS organisation ACV/GARDS would like to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful donation we received from a very special member - Marion has been with our org for the past nearly 14 years -

Marion noticed that our urn was in being repaired and we were using two jugs at our support group meeting to keep up with cuppas for our members, so she decided to donate the urn that she had at home.

What a kind gesture Marion and a very useful present indeed. Thank you so much.

# On line donations

EnergyAustralia, Michael Hutchinson

### **Donations** made in Memory of -Rachel Sands

Anonymous, Louise & Rino Metlikovec

# **GIPPSLAND** MEDICINE INC.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how touched we were to be contacted out of the blue by Jason Nogic and Nicolas Smoll to make a donation to us. Jason & Nicolas, thought we were a worthy cause - and they knew of our work in the community. Thank you so much guys we were thrilled.

We wish you all the best with your medical careers keep in touch.

# **SLATER & GORDON LAW FIRM**

The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to thank so much, Slater & Gordon Morwell office for sponsoring the Home Expo show for the up and coming Expo in Feb 2014. We appreciate your support in helping to support us in getting the right information into the community.

# **Shestos Shippets**



No more than \$4M proposed for alternate road at Woodsreef asbestos mine

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-08/ no-more-than-244m-proposed-for-alternateroad-at-woodsreef-asb/4943868

By Kerrin Thomas & Catherine Clifford - Posted Sun 8 Sep 2013, 3:50am AEST | Updated Sun 8 Sep 2013, 4:33am AEST

Four options for the future of Crow Mountain Road through Barraba's derelict Woodsreef Asbestos Mine have been presented to the community.

## Department allays concerns over asbestos removal

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-06/school-asbestos/4940702

Posted Fri 6 Sep 2013, 11:22am AEST- ABC news

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is moving to allay concerns asbestos removal in the Kimberley is risking children's health.

# Former power station worker wins asbestos disease payout

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-04/ former-power-station-worker-wins-asbestosdisease-payout/4934122

Posted Wed 4 Sep 2013, 10:44am AEST | Updated Wed 4 Sep 2013, 11:14am AEST - ABC news

A court has ordered a former power station worker dying from mesothelioma be paid \$327,000 in compensation for asbestos exposure.

# Shire questions rail line plans near Wittenoom

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-27/ shire-questions-rail-line-route-near-nearwittenoom/4915658

Posted Tue 27 Aug 2013, 1:59pm AEST - ABC news

The Shire of Ashburton has taken issue with Rio Tinto's plans for a rail line to be built near Wittenoom - the asbestos mining town which closed down in the 1960s.

#### Norfolk Island reconsiders asbestos disposal

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-26/norfolk-asbestos/4911264

Robyn Herron - Posted Mon 26 Aug 2013, 6:40am AEST - ABC news

Norfolk Island's government wants to redirect its main ship to a port in Australia to dispose of 60 tonnes of asbestos.

#### Improper asbestos dumping sparks warning

http://www.abc.net.au/ news/2013-08-12/improper-asbestos-dumpingsparks-warning/4879716

Posted Mon 12 Aug 2013, 10:04am AEST - ABC news

The Rockhampton Regional Council is reminding residents to take more care after suspected asbestos was improperly dumped at a council site.

# Lawyer warns more asbestos legal action possible

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-07/lawyer-warns-more-asbestos-legal-action-possible/4871148

Posted Wed 7 Aug 2013, 1:41pm AEST | Updated Wed 7 Aug 2013, 2:00pm AEST - ABC news

A lawyer specialising in asbestos cases says authorities can expect legal action if they do not act immediately to reduce the risk of exposure in Aboriginal communities.

# Federal Govt to fund Jezzine Barracks asbestos clean-up

http://www.abc.net.au/ news/2013-08-02/federal-govt-to-fund-jezzinebarracks-asbestos/4860620

By Allyson Horn - Posted Fri 2 Aug 2013, 11:49am AEST - ABC news

The Federal Government has promised about \$350,000 to help remove asbestos from the Jezzine Barracks redevelopment site in Townsville.

#### Bat colonies slow Woodsreef rehab plans http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-26/batcolonies-slow-woodsreef-rehab-plans/4847418

By Kerrin Thomas - Posted Fri 26 Jul 2013, 9:49pm AEST - ABC news

The Taskforce overseeing the rehabilitation of Barraba's derelict Woodsreef asbestos mine has prepared a Species Impact Statement for public exhibition.

# Call to remove asbestos buildings in Kimberley

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-26/kimberley-asbestos/4845278

By Gail Liston - Posted Fri 26 Jul 2013, 9:19am AEST - ABC news

Residents, community leaders and politicians are demanding urgent action to remove asbestos-ridden buildings in the Kimberley.

#### **CFMEU** calls for commercial asbestos audit

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-26/cfmeu-calls-for-asbestos-audit/4845152

Posted Fri 26 Jul 2013, 8:37am AEST | Updated Fri 26 Jul 2013, 8:38am AEST - ABC news

The construction union is calling for commercial buildings in Canberra built before the late 1980s to be checked for asbestos.

#### Insurance issues delay asbestos clean-up

http://www.abc.net.au/ news/2013-07-18/asbestos-problems-lingerafter-explosion/4828150

Posted Thu 18 Jul 2013, 11:45am AEST - ABC news

Great Lakes Council says it is not responsible for the cleanup of houses near the site of an explosion in June which destroyed a house, killed the occupant and scattered asbestos across the neighbourhood.

# Library still closed as asbestos removal continues

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-15/library-asbestos-removal-continues/4820938

Posted Mon 15 Jul 2013, 1:42pm AEST - By Robert Herrick -ABC news

The Alice Springs Library will not reopen until the end this week, at the earliest.

#### Asbestos fears aired for Beagle Bay kids

http://www.abc.net.au/ news/2013-07-09/asbestos-fears-aired-forbeagle-bay-kids/4808596

Posted Tue 9 Jul 2013, 1:57pm AEST - ABC news

Residents of the Beagle Bay community are concerned children are playing inside a decaying building containing asbestos.

#### **Asbestos scare closes Alice library**

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-08/asbestos-scare-closes-alice-library/4806020

By Gail Liston - Posted Mon 8 Jul 2013, 1:44pm AEST - ABC news

The Alice Springs Library has been closed after an asbestos scare.

#### **Asbestos monitored in NBN rollout**

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-05/close-watch-for-asbestos-in-nbn-rollout/4802052

Posted Fri 5 Jul 2013, 12:57pm AEST - ABC news

Close watch on NBN rollout after previous asbestos scare

#### Coonabarabran rebuild

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-05/coonabaran-rebuild/4801040

Robyn Herron - Posted Fri 5 Jul 2013, 8:06am AEST - ABC news

Six months after dozens of homes were devastated by fire at Coonabarabran, asbestos materials have been disposed of and residents are preparing to rebuild

#### Asbestos dumped on Sydney motorway

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-04/asbestos-dumped-on-m4/4799304

Posted Thu 4 Jul 2013, 1:07pm AEST | Updated Thu 4 Jul 2013, 1:11pm AEST - ABC news

Police and road authorities are trying to track down a driver who dumped a large trailer load of asbestos next to Sydney's M4 motorway.

#### Queanbeyan still left with asbestos mess

By Robert Herrick - Posted Wed 3 Jul 2013, 4:50pm AEST - ABC news

More than 10 years after a \$100 million cleanup of asbestos was completed in the ACT, it is still an issue in Queanbeyan.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-03/adecade-on-queanbeyan-still-left-with-asbestos-mess/4797704