On Friday 13th November community and members of ACV/GARDS joined together at the ACV/GARDS office with Specialists comprised of Asbestos Litigation lawyers, Environmental Hygienists, Latrobe City Education Officer and Environmental Health Officer – those who attended were able to ask questions of our specialists while eating scones, jam and cream and partaking of tea and coffee which was sponsored by: Maurice Blackburn Law Firm.

All in all a very pleasant morning with lots of conversation and many asbestos items to view.

On the 8th of September the ACV/GARDS organisation were asked to come and give an informative talk about our organisation and what we do in the community and the issues we face.

It was great meeting the LV Palliative Care fundraising team and getting to meet the members. The comments from the members was that they did not know anything about the issues ACV/GARDS faces and how much disease and ongoing exposure there still was in the community. It was a very good meeting & the team from ACV/GARDS enjoyed themselves immensely. LV Palliative Care fundraising team are a great bunch of volunteers!! – Our organisation was also thrilled to receive a donation from the group to support the work we do in the community – what a wonderful surprise and we were very honoured to be recognised in this manner by the members.
ACV/GARDS ON THE MOVE...
Tour of Latrobe City Landfill and Recycling Facilities

Tuesday September 29th the bus left the ACV/GARDS office to travel to Latrobe City Landfill for a session about rubbish collection, how much rubbish is collected in Latrobe City and the tip liners that now line landfill sites so there is no leakage into the environment.

We also travelled to Pinegro Products, Dasma recycling and the Morwell transfer station for a very informative tour of how the transfer station deals with waste collected. Our members had a wonderful time and even enjoyed buying some goods in the recycle shop at the Morwell Transfer station. A big thank you to Peter Collins for arranging our visits to the sites and giving us the big picture on all things recycled.

It was a privilege and honour to be able to meet and interact with the social science students at Monash University Caulfield campus.

The students were all very engaged with the talk and asked many and varied questions. From our surveys which we gave the students to fill out we found out that they appreciated the content of the session, and found it interesting and useful and were amazed that asbestos was still an issue in a country where asbestos has been banned since Dec 2003. We would also like to thank the Lecturers who asked us to come in and talk with the students to give them some knowledge of where they might find asbestos in their everyday work and home environment. We enjoyed meeting them and their questions to us were thoughtful, and they stimulated a lot of conversation in the classes.
On Wednesday October 28th the bus left the ACV/GARDS office – to take a trip to Walhalla historical gold mining town in the mountains outside Moe. The members had time to take a train ride on one of the vintage trains “Spirit of Yallourn” from Walhalla to Thomson Bridge and return. They then were bussed to the Wally Pub for a terrific lunch and great service – we thank the proprietor very much for making us feel very welcome. The weather was great, the company was terrific and the scenery was just perfect. As one of our members said to me at lunch “it was the best day he had ever had”. What a lovely thing to say. It was pretty special I must admit, and the company was special too!