

Labour Day Dinner 2014

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.

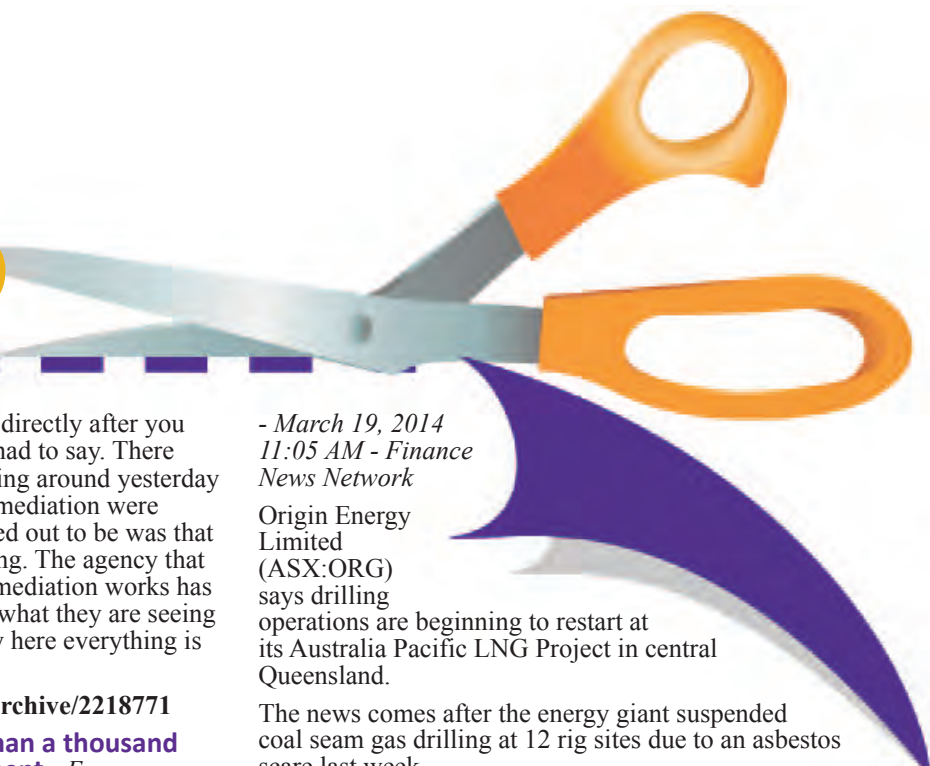


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Asbestos Snippets



IN AUSTRALIA

BREAKING NEWS: Collapsed roof causes Electrolux to shut down factory - By NICOLE KUTER - *Central West Daily* - Feb. 4, 2014, 10:32 a.m

AN ASBESTOS-RIDDEN roof has collapsed at Orange's Electrolux factory, causing the plant to shut down operations indefinitely.

At about 1am on Tuesday the roof of the building which houses an electrical substation collapsed, causing power to be cut to most of the plant.

<http://www.centralwesterndaily.com.au/story/2065007/breaking-news-collapsed-roof-causes-electrolux-to-shut-down-factory/?cs=12>

Removal of damaged asbestos from a residential or commercial investment property as a tax deduction - *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency* - Tuesday, 10 December 2013

If you are the owner of a residential or commercial investment property you may be able to claim a deduction for the removal of asbestos from the property. Depending on your circumstances, the removal of damaged asbestos from an investment property may be classified as an environmental protection activity under section 40.755 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth). Further advice on your eligibility to claim a deduction for the removal of asbestos from investment properties can be obtained from the Australian Tax Office on 13 28 61 or through a qualified financial advisor.

<http://asbestossafety.gov.au/article/removal-damaged-asbestos-residential-or-commercial-investment-property-tax-deduction>

Asbestos related illnesses continue to take a toll on the Aboriginal community of Baryulgil - Posted Thu 30 Jan 2014, 8:17am AEDT

New cases of asbestos-related illnesses continue to be diagnosed in a remote north coast Aboriginal community decades after a James Hardie mine closed.

The mine at Baryulgil north west of Grafton operated from the 1940's until the late 1970's, and employed dozens of local Aboriginal workers.

Doctors working in the area are diagnosing new cases of asbestos-related illnesses regularly.

Grafton-based GP Dr Ray Jones said only a handful are still alive, but the impact of the asbestos mine on the community is still being felt.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-01-30/asbestos-related-illnesses-continue-to-take-a-toll-on-the-abori/5226908>

Asbestos carpet underlay By *Asbestos Check 03 February 2014* - Info link - *Australia Architecture Building and Design Directory*

Recent reports indicate that carpet underlays may be contaminated with asbestos. The source of the asbestos carpet underlay is from recycling of hessian bags used to transport material from Wittenoom to Perth in the 1960s and 70s. When is it dangerous? Asbestos underlay is considered dangerous only when disturbed. So walking on a carpet with hessian asbestos carpet underlay is reasonably safe. So what should I do if I suspect asbestos carpet underlay is present in my property?

One needs to be careful at the time of replacing the old carpet. It is important to use the services of professionals to pull up the potential asbestos underlay.

<http://www.infolink.com.au/c/asbestos-check/asbestos-carpet-underlay-n2504764#1m7qhMQIMdbjG42b.99>

NBN Asbestos Issues Continue! Whirlpool Industry News - posted 6th Feb 2014

As provided to the Senate Estimates committee and I quote! Senator CONROY: You are pretty close to the ground here in Tasmania—that is the impression I get. I have heard rumours yesterday, and others have talked about them today on radio, about more asbestos issues coming to the fore. Can you tell us anything at all at this stage?

Mr Cook : I was actually on radio directly after you this morning so I heard what you had to say. There was a vicious 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/2218771>

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 1988 and 1993 and targeted roof cavities of houses with Mr Fluffy insulation in them.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/asbestos-warnings-for-more-than-a-thousand-homes-issued-by-act-government-20140217-32wmd.html#ixzz2xWni5kjc>

Asbestos debris left on verge for months in Middle Swan - Date February 14, 2014 - Rashelle Predovnik - *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.

<http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/asbestos-debris-left-on-verge-for-months-in-middle-swan-20140213-32msp.html#ixzz2yFq7EkNK>

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 and craft 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

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/asbestos-found-in-primary-school-in-thornbury-20140214-32qsl.html#ixzz2yFrb1E9R>

Thornbury parents demand answers over asbestos scare at Wales Street Primary School - JULIA IRWIN - NORTHCOTE LEADER - FEBRUARY 26, 2014 12:00AM

PARENTS at a Thornbury primary school want an explanation from the Education 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 meeting with the department last Wednesday raised more questions than it provided answers and did little to reassure them about their children's safety.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/north-thornbury-parents-demand-answers-over-asbestos-scare-at-wales-street-primary-school/story-fnglenug-1226836772557>

Origin's Australia Pacific LNG back to work

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

Origin Energy Limited (ASX:ORG) 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 Imdex Limited (ASX:IMD), identified asbestos in drilling fluids it was using and has since withdrawn the product from market.

http://www.finnewsnetwork.com.au/archives/finance_news_network76241.html

Origin drilling rigs back online after asbestos scare - 20th Mar 2014 7:27 AM - *Noosa News*

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 moving sideways

<http://www.noosanews.com.au/news/stopped-rigs-back-on-line/2204309/>

Broken Hill Local News - *Local News for 26/03/14 - 26/03/2014, 10:10 AM by Gavin Coote - ABC*

A Broken Hill contractor is urging renovators to be aware of asbestos in their homes, after concerns a spike in diseases caused by the material is on the horizon

<http://blogs.abc.net.au/sa/2014/03/local-news-for-260314.html>

Qld unveils plan to streamline asbestos management - Adam Davies - 3rd Apr 2014 1:50 PM - *Caboolture News*

A NEW Queensland asbestos strategy will aim to streamline the management of the deadly material under one clear and concise plan across the state.

Currently four different government departments, 73 local councils as well as numerous other government agencies administer the handling of asbestos complaints and issues in the state.

<http://www.caboolturenews.com.au/news/qld-unveils-plan-streamline-asbestos-management/2219124/>

Asbestos risk lingers as more Mr Fluffy home owners consider legal action - April 14th 2014 Meredith Clisby *Canberra Domain Editor*

Checks reveal Mr Fluffy asbestos still in Canberra homes - Dire warning on Mr Fluffy asbestos

The ACT government could face legal action from Mr Fluffy home owners and tradesman who contract deadly mesothelioma from residual loose-fill asbestos in the properties

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/asbestos-risk-lingers-as-more-mr-fluffy-home-owners-consider-legal-action-20140413-36lqu.html#ixzz2z2QlrajY>

Push to close WA's asbestos compensation loophole - April 14, 2014 - *Leanne Nicholson - WA Today.com.au*

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It is a cruel irony that for a state with one of the highest rates of people dying from asbestos-related diseases worldwide, Western Australia has some of the weakest laws protecting its victims. Now a private members bill to bring the state in line with the rest of Australia and allow West Australians to claim further compensation for asbestos-related diseases is fighting for its own survival.

<http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/push-to-close-was-asbestos-compensation-loophole-20140411-36i8h.html>

Asbestos scare after building waste falls off truck at Old Guildford in Sydney's west - Mon 14 Apr 2014, 9:58am AEST

Fire crews have spent the night clearing up two tonnes of building material containing asbestos that fell off the back of a truck at Old Guildford in Sydney's west. It was first thought the building waste had been dumped in the middle of Springfield Street, but police now believe it was an accident.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/world/a/22625277/firefighters-respond-to-asbestos-scare-after-building-waste-falls-off-truck-at-old-guildford-in-sydneys-west/>

Homes with Mr Fluffy asbestos insulation should be demolished, says safety chief - Emma Macdonald - SENIOR REPORTER FOR THE CANBERRA TIMES - April 11, 2014

The head of Australia's federal Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, Peter Tighe, said he would not allow his family to live in a home affected by Mr Fluffy asbestos insulation and that Canberra's 1050 Mr Fluffy homes should be "demolished".

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/homes-with-mr-fluffy-asbestos-insulation-should-be-demolished-says-safety-chief-20140410-36gpe.html#ixzz2z2UOKDFF>

Read more:<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/homes-with-mr-fluffy-asbestos-insulation-should-be-demolished-says-safety-chief-20140410-36gpe.html#ixzz2z2Tfzzn1>

Former James Hardie boss thought asbestos health concern was 'a beat-up' - Louise Hall Court Reporter - April 8, 2014 - The Sydney Morning Herald

The man credited with deciding in 1978 to eliminate asbestos from James Hardie products said he thought at the time that widespread health concern about its use in building materials was a "media beat-up"

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/former-james-hardie-boss-thought-asbestos-health-concern-was-a-beatup-20140408-36aoq.html>

New asbestos hotline for Queenslanders - April 3, 2014 - aap - Seven News

Queenslanders will be able to find out about asbestos in their homes before it's too late with a new hotline. The state government has launched the hotline and a website to help people find out if there's asbestos in the homes and what they should do about it before they start renovating.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/a/22343565/new-asbestos-hotline-for-queenslanders/>

Rail company play down asbestos risk on coal wagons - By IAN KIRKWOOD - March 24, 2014, 10 p.m. - Newcastle Herald

ASBESTOS found in Chinese-built coal wagons posed a "negligible" risk to employees and the public, coal train company Pacific National said yesterday.

But railway insiders are not so sure, saying Pacific National workers have been told to wear face masks while inspecting the trains, which run on Hunter suburban lines.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/2172512/rail-company-play-down-asbestos-risk-on-coal-wagons/?cs=391>

INTERNATIONAL

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

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>

Rochdale's asbestos 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.

There is also mention of Rochdale's Nellie Kershaw, the first person to be diagnosed with asbestosis after her early death in 1924.

<http://www.rochdaleonline.co.uk/news-features/2/news-headlines/86042/rochdales-asbestos-legacy-featured-in-new-science-publication>

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

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

<http://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/news/view/piperhill-find-for-flouting-asbestos-regs>

Guilty 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.

<http://www.mesothelioma.com/news/2014/01/guilty-plea-entered-by-malone-landlord-and-maintenance-supervisor-in-asbestos-case.htm>

Hotel has significant asbestos - Posted: Saturday, February 1, 2014 6:00 am - By KELLI BALLARD kballard@portervillerecorder.com

Not a threat to the public, says officials - Concerns surrounding the amount of asbestos in the Porterville Hotel were prominent before the fire that destroyed the historical building on Dec. 26, 2013; however, the fire and demolition have actually made the situation worse.

http://www.recorderonline.com/news/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.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-4-229989-Banned-across-the-world-asbestos-continues-to-plague-Pakistan>

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 \$111,700 contract last week to abate asbestos and demolish a handful of old buildings. The commissioners on Jan. 28 voted 5-0 to approve the low bid from contractor Allegany Wrecking and Salvage of Hagerstown in support of the county's projects, which include the road-widening improvements along Robinwood Drive and Eastern Boulevard north.

http://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/local/washington-co-approves-contract-for-demolition-asbestos-work/article_3edbcba8-8c5f-11e3-8781-0017a43b2370.html

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 after a planning application was lodged to change a building's usage. Bromley Council has confirmed a submission has been received for a property on the road and is set for assessment. A resident wrote in to the News Shopper with concerns that an asbestos testing plant may be constructed in a built-up and densely populated area. The council said nothing has been decided and stated: "We can confirm that we have received a planning application for the refurbishment and extension of a property 182a High Street, Beckenham which includes a change of use.

http://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/10983241.Asbestos_testing_could_be_coming_to_Beckenham_High_Street/

Case Sheds Light On The Murky World Of Asbestos Litigation - Kera News - BY MICHAEL TOMSIC 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 lawyers abused the system. Some call Garlock's bankruptcy case a watershed moment.

<http://keranews.org/post/case-sheds-light-murky-world-asbestos-litigation>

Surrey firm in court after asbestos find at school - 5 February 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.

<http://www.hvnplus.co.uk/news/surrey-firm-in-court-after-asbestos-find-at-school/8658556.article>

Elmwood Park's Sealed Air pays \$930 million in cash to asbestos trust - FEBRUARY 4, 2014, 4:51 PM BY KATHLEEN LYNN - STAFF WRITER - THE RECORD

Sealed Air Corp., the Elmwood Park maker of Bubble Wrap, has paid \$930 million in cash into a trust for asbestos victims, the company said Tuesday. The payment settles a claim that arose after Sealed Air bought a business from W.R. Grace & Co., which filed for bankruptcy after facing millions of dollars in asbestos claims. W.R. Grace emerged from bankruptcy Monday, after almost 13 years, which cleared the way for Sealed Air to pay the settlement.

<http://www.northjersey.com/news/elmwood-park-s-sealed-air-pays-930-million-in-cash-to-asbestos-trust-1.670634>

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Port Royal fire station reopened after asbestos roof replaced - Thursday, February 06, 2014 | 12:31 PM - Jamaica Observer

KINGSTON, Jamaica -- The Port Royal Fire Station was reopened Wednesday 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 rededication 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.

<http://www.khou.com/news/texas-news?fld=243884511&fPath=/news/local/&fDomain=10232>

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 News & Journal Reporter

A STONEHOUSE man's work at a notorious asbestos 'hot spot' caused his death 50 years later, an inquest heard yesterday, Thursday.

Gordon Bennett worked at Fibrecrete in Chalford Hill from 1958 to 1962. Almost half a century after he finished that employment Mr Bennett, of Woodcock Lane, Stonehouse, was diagnosed with malignant mesothelioma, a fatal cancer that's invariably caused by asbestos exposure.

<http://www.stroudnewsandjournal.co.uk/news/10995096>

Man died 50 years after working with asbestos/

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

Last month, the Whittier Daily News reported that a renovation project at the La Habra Heights City Hall has had to be changed after more asbestos was found on the building's roof. According to the article, asbestos had already been found in some parts of the building, but the latest discovery was found in a fabric

membrane on the roof that had not previously been tested.

http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?aId=185260#.U0Oqfn_Dmc

Lift firms fined for asbestos negligence - Construction News Tue April 8th 2014

West Yorkshire firm Express Elevators Ltd was contracted by Anchor Trust to replace the lift at St Paul's Court sheltered housing scheme in Alnwick in November 2012. PC Lifts, of London, was subcontracted to remove the existing lift ahead of the new one being installed.

The lift shaft contained asbestos boards, which PC Lifts removed without putting any measures in place to prevent the spread of asbestos fibres.

<http://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/news/view/lift-firms-fined-for-asbestos-negligence>

Housing trust and two firms fined for potential asbestos risk - 11 February 2014 - H&V News - Dennis Flower

A trust providing housing and care for the elderly and two firms hired to carry out refurbishment work at its premises in Alnwick have been fined after staff and residents were put at risk of exposure to asbestos. West Yorkshire firm Express Elevators, of Otley Road, Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, was contracted by Anchor Trust, of Bedford Street, London, to replace the lift at St Paul's Court sheltered housing scheme in November 2012

<http://www.hvnplus.co.uk/news/housing-trust-and-two-firms-fined-for-potential-asbestos-risk/8658794.article>

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

New Zealand First wants answers from the Government about potential plans to transport asbestos-contaminated material from Christchurch to Southland. At the moment, the contaminated material is taken to Kate Valley, a landfill north of Christchurch, in specific containers and disposed of in designated areas. Christchurch earthquake issues spokesperson Denis O'Rourke said he's heard about plans to change that arrangement from sources in the transport industry and wants to discuss them with Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee

<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

Engineers are surveying damage at Nowlan Park - the home of Kilkenny hurling - after yesterday's severe storm which is said to be the worst in over 50 years.

O'Loughlin road where the stadium is situated and surrounding areas are strewn with chunks of hazardous asbestos that blew off the roof of an old stand. Two houses nearby had windows broken by flying pieces, while the roof of another house was damaged. Many elderly people in the area have now been taken out of their homes by relatives while the cleanup operation gets underway.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/asbestos-and-damage-engineers-examine-historic-gaa-ground-storm-30007269.html>

Quake asbestos heading south - LOUISE BERWICK - The Southland Times

Toxic waste containing asbestos from Christchurch demolition sites could soon be transported to 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 Christchurch. AB Lime general manager Steve Smith said no deals had been made and the firm was waiting to hear back from the consultant.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/9720032/Quake-asbestos-heading-south>

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

Writing for the BBC News website, Dr John Moore-Gillon 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.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-26986115>

Byzantine Monks Built Walls With Asbestos, Too - By Rachel Nuwer - smithsonianmag.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.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/asbestos-first-gained-popularity-among-byzantine-monks-constructing-wall-paintings-180950365/?no-ist>

Group to advocate asbestos bylaw at Saskatoon council - CBC News Posted: Mar 30, 2014

The Saskatchewan Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization wants a new asbestos bylaw in Saskatoon. A group of health advocates wants Saskatoon to consider an asbestos bylaw. The Saskatchewan Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is asking the city to adopt a bylaw that would make it mandatory that contractors notify workers when there's a risk of asbestos exposure.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/group-to-advocate-asbestos-bylaw-at-saskatoon-council-1.2591483>



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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.

This service operates with the hard work of volunteers and the generous public who help us raise the funds needed to run the service, thereby making a big difference to numerous lives. Would you care to Join us? Call No list below.

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.

Special People and Organisations

Regular donations made to us by these generous companies

GJ Crosby Contractors thank you to **Judi, Kerri and all the family & we would also like to thank Paul & Darren and all the team at Mairin OHS&E Consulting**

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- David & Yvonne Stewart,
- George Ridley,
- Dell Blanch,
- John & Alison Parker,
- Sister Joy Hanrahan

THANK

YOU!

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.

South Gippsland & East Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide

South Gippsland & East Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide

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.

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.

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.



Margaret Cook

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

Donations made in Memory EX Work Mates

Mick Chopping

Donations made in Memory of Dorothy Graze

Jim and Shirley Connaghan

Congratulations to our new Committee

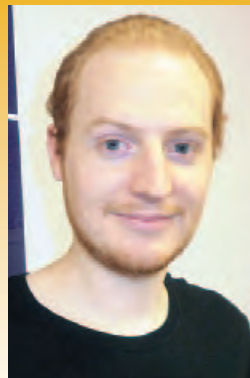
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held - Saturday 1st Feb 2014 at 2.00pm at our office 41 Monash Road, Newborough We would like to congratulate the following people were elected to the committee of management for a 2 year period in position of President, Treasurer and Committee member. The six members of 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



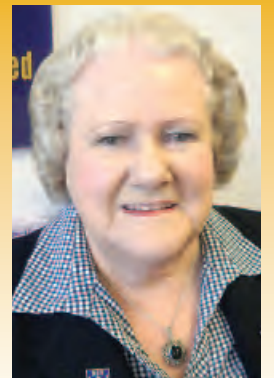
I was the President of Gippsland Trades & Labour Council for 7 years, I am a current Cardinia Shire Councillor 6+ years, I was the Chair of Metro Waste Management Group 2012/13- (30 member council), I am a Board Member of the Vic Local Governance Assoc, Executive Member Australian Christian Lobby 2006, 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.



GARDS Inc. Membership Form

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone: Email:

Occupation:

GARDS NEW MEMBERS Joining Fee \$5.00

PLUS

GARDS Annual Subscription 2014

- 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: ____/____/____

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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 - 9.30pm

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
10am - 4pm

Friday - By appointment

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 29th July
- Tuesday 26th August
- Tuesday 30th September
- Tuesday 28th October
- Friday 28th November – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell
- Christmas Break-Up TBA

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
- Tuesday 18th November
- Christmas Break-Up TBA

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



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ACV/GARDS INC. SUPPORT

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.

We are situated at:
**41 Monash Road,
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Victoria. 3825**
**PO Box 111,
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You can find our link on the home page of the GARDS website or at [facebook.com/GARDSinc](https://www.facebook.com/GARDSinc)

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.



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