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

ASBESTOS AWARENESS 2010



Above GARDS bagpipers David Duncan & Bill Dunbar - **Left** Richard Elkington - Chair of the Regional Development Australia Gippsland Group. This was just some of the high standard of guests who added their voice to the growing outrage about asbestos issues in Victoria and Australia that are just being ignored and marginalized. The demand to do more is collecting momentum.

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Asbestos Awareness Continues



Top Left John Parker GTLC & **Top Right** - Steve Meyer - whose father-in-law Doug is affected by mesothelioma. **Middle right** Newborough Primary School Choir & directly **Far Right** Paddy O'Dowd



Australia had consumed 700,000 Tonnes of asbestos by 1980s. Mesothelioma will be more common than Melanoma and Ovarian Cancer in the next 5 years. 20,000 people will lose their life to mesothelioma by 2020 and for every mesothelioma there are at least 2 lung cancers caused by asbestos and eight other asbestos related diseases in a community. These are some of the facts that were highlighted in speeches to make the public aware of how much asbestos products have affected our lives & still in our community. There needs to be a great deal of work done by all over the coming years . Cont. page 3



The current evidence is that

1. despite the general level of awareness about the dangers of asbestos, workers are unsure and unclear about specific safe work practices
2. Householders are not aware of the extent and nature of Asbestos Cement Materials in domestic dwellings
3. Affected householders are unsure and unclear about specific safe work practices for home maintenance and improvement
4. The condition of asbestos containing building materials is deteriorating and
5. The safe disposal of ACMs, especially for householders, is difficult and very often not properly followed.
6. To eliminate deadly asbestos related disease in Australia we must decrease and eventually eliminate all exposures to asbestos.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Saturday 5th February 2011

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: 41 Monash Road, Newborough

Election of Positions falling vacant:

Secretary

Vice President

Committee Member

Election of Auditor for 2011/12

Change of membership due date

Change of Financial date for the Organization

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.

To achieve that, governments and the community generally must adopt programs to safely and systematically remove Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) from the built environment.

Internationally, the Australian government must also take a leadership role through trade and other forums to work towards an international ban on the mining, use, and sale of asbestos.

Although Australia banned the import and export of materials containing asbestos in 2003 (with a few exemptions), many parts of our work and home environments are still contaminated and people are still being exposed to asbestos.

Waste disposal of domestic asbestos is patchy, poor and inadequate in most areas of Victoria and throughout Australia.

We have a duty of care to our future generations to try and keep them safe and eliminate asbestos diseases from our community.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

The GARDS committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support shown to the organisation in 2010. We would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

CLOSING DATES FOR GARDS OFFICE



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

Wednesday the 22nd of December 2010 at 4.00pm and we will resume operations on the 20th of January 2010.

ANY URGENT ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO VICKI HAMILTON ON THE GARDS PHONE.



SHINE LAW FIRM DONATION

Pictured Left to right back row: Ann Clegg, Brian Clegg, Rhonda Dunn, Vicki Hamilton
Front row from right to left: Dorothy Roberts, Marie Smith, Shine Office Manager Caroline Flake and Alex her daughter.

We were pleased to receive a donation from Shine to help with our support of sufferers and their families. It is always a thrill to receive donations at anytime but they are always more special when the recognition comes from firms who are engaged in asbestos litigation as they know only too well how much time goes into doing support and advocacy to help sufferers and their families and to effect change into the future so that other generations do not share the same fate of those past and present. We also thank Shine for their invaluable service to GARDS in the past few months, it has been greatly appreciated.



To the Management and Staff of Moe, Morwell & Traralgon branches we would like to say how very pleased we were that you supported Asbestos Awareness Week and our organisation.
Thank you one and all



**DAVIES &
MOLLER
PHARMACY**

GARDS wishes to thank Management and Staff for their great morning tea, awareness campaign & fundraiser for Asbestos Awareness Week. You are just the best - from all of us at GARDS

We would like to thank the workers (BOYS) of Alstom for the wonderful monetary donation made to us on the day of the Asbestos Awareness Event. It was a truly lovely surprise and we appreciate your efforts and support. Thank you to Duane Morrell



The Panel Christmas Wrap Donation

You are a great bunch of people! - thank you so much for supporting us!!! Your donation will certainly be put to good use helping us to continue our work in the community



**GARDS
FEES DUE &
PAYABLE**



If you have not paid your fees this year they are due and payable. We are not sending out reminders as we have done in the past as the costs prohibit us from sending reminders and second reminders to members. These fees go part way to help send the newsletter to you and any other info that we send. The GARDS committee would appreciate your cooperation in this.



*Merry
Christmas*



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GARDS XMAS PARTY

