







## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND DONORS

*Regular donations made to us by these generous people from GJ Crosby Contractors, Doug and Irene Elliott*

*GARDS would like to thank the following organisations for supporting us in recent months.*

**Pilotlight Foundation, Reichstein Foundation, GRICS Latrobe Regional Hospital**

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank individuals who have donated to us in different ways over the last few months - Daniel King, Barbara & Alex Bathgate, Ray & Marion Harris, Ben Slater, Lilan Harris, Jack Fawcett, E Baker, Mick Chopping, Dawn Hall, Jim Connaghan, Rhonda Dunn, Rick Fawcett, Sister Joy Hanrahan, Laurie & Gwen Hall, David Lehmann, J Crane, Kevin Brew, Eric & Yvonne Grant, Shirley Fletcher, Chris & Katharine Cheetham, Robert Dunn, Janet Hodson, Leslie Darvill, Kathleen Pearless, Ken Jackson, Nell Ruiter, Wendy Bright*

**Donation in Memory of Elaine Callow** - Mick & Jean Baudendistel,

Kath & Bob Lonnee, N Nearchou, Mickie & John Atkinson, Ann Cogan,  
Val & Rex Callow, Leanne Atkinson, D & D Bertoli, Mary Jones, Marilyn Re

Anonymous donation, Ray Whittaker,

**Donation in Memory of Neville Aitken** - RF Young

**Donation in Memory of Bob Ruiter** - Nell Ruiter, Wendy Bright



**News snippets - 29th October** National Asbestos Management Review was announced by Senator Chris Evans the Minister for Workplace Relations. The Review will assess current activities in the area of asbestos management & research & will make recommendations to the Federal Government for the development of a national strategic plan to improve asbestos awareness, management & removal. Geoff Fary will be the Chair of the review. Congrats on the initiative. Our best wishes to Geoff & the Committee

**25th November** -The Australian Asbestos Network website was launched, a new and unique online resource that communicates important messages about the awareness & prevention of asbestos related diseases.

**7th December** - Federal Government signed a loan agreement drawn up with the NSW Government to provide \$160 million to the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund - NSW Government will contribute an equal amount in funding to the AICF each time they drawn down from the Federal loan. This will ensure asbestos sufferers & their families have peace of mind & financial security they deserve. The loan agreement does not excuse James Hardie from its legal or moral obligation to contribute to the AICF. James Hardie are still expected to continue to fund the AICF as its financial position improves. The loan must be paid by June 2020.

# **GIPPSLAND ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES SUPPORT INC**

## **G.A.R.D.S. SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2011 1.30PM – 3.30PM**

Meetings are held at – **GARDS Premises - 41 Monash Road, Newborough**

Tuesday 22nd February

Tuesday 29th March

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> April – Memorial Wreath Laying – Rose Garden, Morwell**

Tuesday 24th May

Tuesday 28th June

Tuesday 26th July

Tuesday 30th August

Tuesday 27th September

Tuesday 25th October

**Frid 25th Nov – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell**

**Christmas Break-up to be advised**

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## **G.A.R.D.S. NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2011 7.30PM – 9.30PM**

Meetings are held at – **GARDS Premises - 41 Monash Road, Newborough**

Tuesday 15th February

Tuesday 15th March

Tuesday 19th April

Tuesday 17th May

Tuesday 21st June

Tuesday 19th July

Tuesday 16th August

Tuesday 20th September

Tuesday 18th October

Tuesday 15th November

**Christmas Break-up to be advised**



## GARDS Inc. Membership Form

Name.....  
Address.....  
P/Code.....  
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

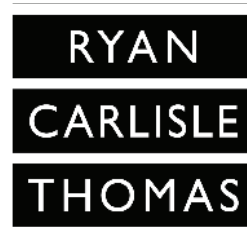
Signature of Proposer.....Date.....

I....., a member of GARDS Inc., second the nomination  
of the Applicant for membership of the Association.

Signature of

Signature of  
Secunder.....Date.....

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WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE  
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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 below in the "About GARDS Inc 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 MEETING

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.**

We are situated at:  
41 Monash Road,  
Newborough, Victoria. 3825  
**PO Box 111,  
Moe, Vic. 3825**

#### **On line donations**

<http://www.givenow.com.au/gards>

**Phone: 51277744**

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**Web site: [www.gards.org](http://www.gards.org)**

# ABOUT G.A.R.D.S. INC.

### Committee of Management

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### G.A.R.D.S. FEES

**Joining Fee** - \$5.00

#### **Annual Fees:**

Pensioners/Concession/  
Unemployed - \$3.00

Employed persons - \$11.00

### MEETINGS:

**Support:** Last Tuesday of month,  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Evening:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month,  
7.30pm – 9.30pm

### UP AND COMING EVENTS

*Our Night/Day Meetings*

*AGM 5th Feb - 2pm - 2011*

*22nd Feb - 1.30pm - Lacey Yoemans  
Inspirational speaker*

*29th March - 1.30pm - LV Express  
Tour of Printing Press premises*

*28th April - International Workers'  
Memorial Day - 11am - Rose Garden,  
Morwell*

### OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY to THURSDAY:**

10.00am – 4.00pm

**FRIDAY: BY APPOINTMENT**

CALL IN FOR A CHAT & CUPPA