

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:

- John & Glenis Schulz
- Mick Chopping, ■ Chris Healy,
- Lilian Harris, ■ Jim and Shirley Connaghan, ■ Jenny Jackeulen



The GARDS organisation wants to reiterate its appreciation of all the wonderful people/organisations/companies who donate to us. Without all of you helping us, we would not be able to support sufferers and their families. We rely totally on your generosity and kindness. We are so proud to be a part of such a giving community.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

The GARDS organisation would like to acknowledge the support that we get from Bob & Val 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.

Donations made in Memory of Aartie Van Den Dolder

John & Eileen Venturoni, L A May, Woolworths - Moe x 2, Shirlee & Stephen Jackson, C Rappold, Adon Christou, E Stevens, RS & ST White, Anonymous Individuals, J Martin, RSL Bus Trip, Helen Winters

Donations made in Memory of Kath Hamilton

Vivien Gunn

Rawlings Family Donation and Apology

The GARDS organisation would like to thank Robert Rawlings for donating a fan to our GARDS Xmas raffle in 2012.

He has also donated a serving plate to be either used by the organisation or raffled as we see fit. Thank you so much for your generosity - in the last newsletter I thanked Len - Robert's bother - - so sorry Robert

Donations made in Memory of Maria Archer

TC & JS Traill

Donations made in Memory of John Short

Joan Short, TJ & DE Hanlon, TC & JS Traill, Irene & Colin Bennett, Anonymous \$10, Andrea Pinch, Edna Woodward, J Short, Dora & Joe, Jessica Prout, Carolyn Dessent, Fay Watt, Margaret & Jeff Weir, Anonymous \$10, Anonymous \$10

Angela Jones

Angela Jones and her family made a donation to our organisation in Memory of Angela's mother Norma - Norma passed some years ago and GARDS were there supporting the family - Angela wrote a lovely note with her donation that read: In Memory of my mother who never got to meet 3 of her 4 grandchildren. Forever indebted to Vicki for her support xx

P & P Alarms Donation

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Rossmore Hotel

We would like to thank Dennis & Jill O'Gorman and the patrons of the Yallourn North Rossmore Hotel for the support we receive on the Friday night meat raffles. It is great to see everyone and catch up with all the local news. The next fundraisers for ACV/GARDS are the 9th August, 22nd November, 20th December. See you there!

Home Taste Chinese Restaurant

The GARDS organisation would like to again thank Pinky and Tony Lau for their continued support & friendship with our organisation.



Maurice Blackburn Donation

GARDS/ACV were pleased to receive a donation from Maurice Blackburn - Andrew Dimsey & Sally Weir recently. It is always exciting to receive a regular donation from MB and we thank them for their generosity in helping us to support and advocate for asbestos sufferers. The money donated will help us to keep on keeping on!!!!

We would also like to thank you for selling our Asbestos Awareness Badges

**Maurice
Blackburn**
Lawyers

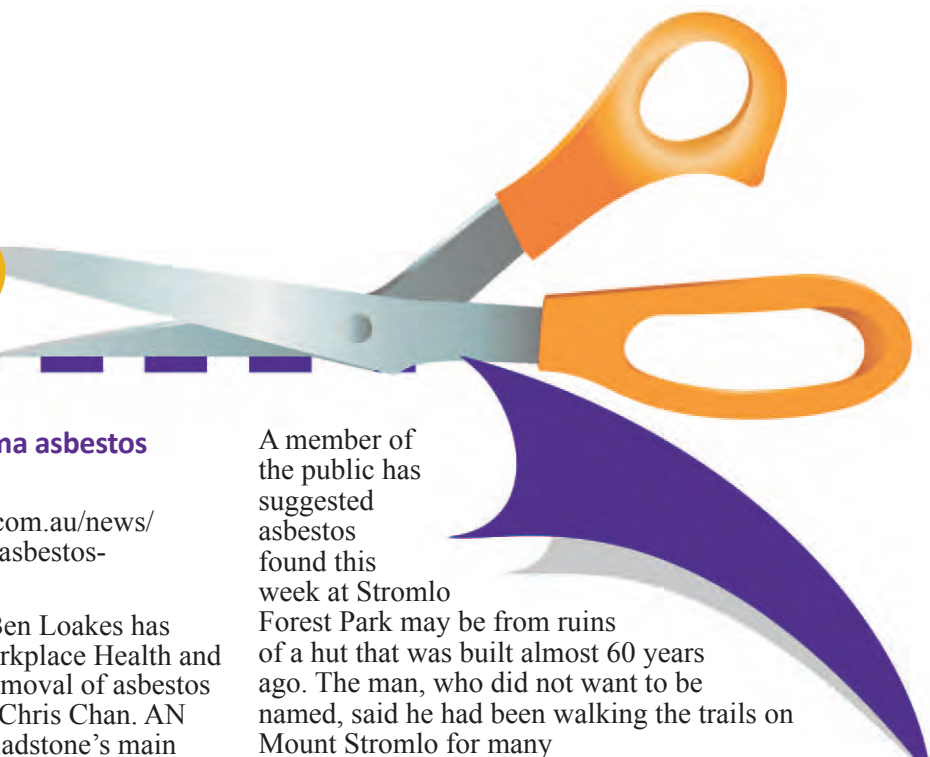
Since 1919

Pat Preston and Collin Ross

The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to take this opportunity to make an honourable mention of two special people who are held in high regard by us.

Pat Preston and Collin Ross
Both these gentleman have been invaluable to us over the years and we wish them to know how much they are appreciated. They have made themselves available to us whenever needed and hold a special place amongst us. Thanks guys you are the best!!!!

Asbestos Snippets



IN AUSTRALIA

Recent Observations in End-of-Life Mesothelioma Care

<http://www.asbestos.com/news/2013/02/15/end-of-life-mesothelioma-care/>

The Asbestos Diseases Research Institute in Rhodes, Australia just wrapped up a surveillance program for pleural mesothelioma patients. Their primary goal was simply to find out what choices the patients made when they were told they had a month or ...

Orange City Council defends asbestos plan

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-02-18/ox-asbestos-fears/4524254?§ion=news>

A West Orange resident is worried about dust levels at a work site on the Northern Distributor, saying it is an area known to contain naturally occurring asbestos. Jean Meiring says two large piles of rocks have been at the site, near the intersection ...

Council denies asbestos breach

<http://www.centralwesterndaily.com.au/story/1308737/council-denies-asbestos-breach/?cs=12>

ORANGE City Council staff have defended the handling of naturally-occurring asbestos at the north Orange bypass despite concerns from a resident who believes the council is breaching its own asbestos guidelines by not watering down or covering suspect ...

Nylex Clock, Richmond. Nylex clock one hour in front of AEST. Picture: Ron ...

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/central/asbestos-suspicious-dismissed-by-nylex-owner-and-yarra-council-officers/story-fgnvlp1-1226580018585>

Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) safety adviser Peter Clark said he suspected tradespeople working at the site "after hours and on weekends" had removed asbestos illegally at the Richmond Malting's at numbers 2 and 15 in Gough ...

Asbestos found again in Barangaroo: union

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/asbestos-found-again-in-barangaroo-union/story-fn3dxiwe-1226587595692>

The Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) says its officials found 23 asbestos fragments at the site, just 10 minutes after being told by environment company Boulderstone the area had been certified as asbestos-free. CFMEU organiser ...

South Australian Town a Lingering Asbestos Wasteland

<http://www.mesothelioma.com/news/2013/02/south-australian-town-a-lingering-asbestos-wasteland.htm>

Terowie, Australia - A small town in South Australia says they've been an asbestos wasteland for long enough and are appealing to the government to remove the debris they say is having a negative effect on the health of everyone who lives there.

Authorities investigate cinema asbestos removal work

<http://www.gladstoneobserver.com.au/news/authorities-investigate-cinema-asbestos-removal/1773366/>

CFMEU Gladstone organiser Ben Loakes has made a verbal complaint to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland about the removal of asbestos from the old civic cinema site. Chris Chan. AN ASBESTOS removal job on Gladstone's main street is being ...

Asbestos scare turns out to be linen

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/asbestos-scare-turns-out-to-be-linen-20130307-2fnjc.html>

Fears of possible asbestos contamination at the Canberra Hospital have been allayed after tests revealed suspicious fibres were actually made of linen. Construction work on levels 7 and 9 were halted this week after airborne fibres were detected. Staff ...

State funeral for WA's Ernie Bridge

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/state-funeral-for-was-ernie-bridge/story-fn3dxiwe-1226613338381>

His family have requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia. Mr Bridge served as a minister under WA Labor leaders Brian Burke and Peter Dowding. The Order of Australia member and Centenary Medal ...

Tests to gauge asbestos trail contamination

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/tests-to-gauge-asbestos-trail-contamination-20130404-2h8tk.html>

The Economic Development Directorate's venue and events services general manager Neale Guthrie said 30 to 40 broken pieces of bonded sheet asbestos, each about the size of a 50¢ piece, were located on the track on land owned by

NSW must strengthen asbestos laws: oppn

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/ofarrell-stunned-at-asbestos-sentence/story-fn3dxiwe-1226613124884>

Dib Abdallah Hanna was on Thursday handed a three-month suspended sentence in the NSW Land and Environment Court for contempt of court for failing to follow a court order not to dump asbestos and other waste. Hanna, 37, dumped 80 tonnes of waste ...

Asbestos dream home?

<http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/homestyle/asbestos-dream-home-20130404-2h8d2.html>

Can we really be talking to the builder about asbestos being buried where we plan to build our dream home? It wasn't supposed to be like this. Thoughts of our daughter skipping carefree across the new lawn are stopped in their tracks by images of men ...

Claims asbestos may be linked to hut

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/claims-asbestos-may-be-linked-to-hut-20130405-2hcsj.html>

A member of the public has suggested asbestos found this week at Stromlo Forest Park may be from ruins of a hut that was built almost 60 years ago. The man, who did not want to be named, said he had been walking the trails on Mount Stromlo for many

Roof worries haunt Pamela

<http://www.echonews.com.au/news/roof-worries-haunt-pamela/1820599/>

Northern Rivers Echo

Her roof was damaged in the November storms and her insurer, Victorian company RACV has still not offered to help fix her asbestos shack. Photo Patrick Gorbunovs / The Northern Star Patrick Gorbunovs. JUST weeks after her sleep-out roof was repaired ...

Hayes and Mailman score silver Logies

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/hayes-and-mailman-score-silver-logies/story-fn3dxiwe-1226614536131>

Most outstanding actor Anthony Hayes dedicated his silver Logie for the portrayal of Bernie Banton in Devil's Dust to all the people who lost their lives to asbestos-related disease. "I know it's not much but it's recognition for you and I just hope we ...

Company denies any asbestos wrongdoing in Toowoomba

<http://www.gympietimes.com.au/news/company-denies-any-asbestos-wrongdoing-toowoomba/1821773/>

Vision of work being done by what the TWU calls a "professional asbestos clean-up crew" at the JJ Richards depot in Toowoomba. Contributed. WASTE disposal company JJ Richards has denied claims it is putting lives at risk by illegally handling asbestos

Help to find clues how deadly dust killed Cramlington mum

<http://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/help-find-clues-how-deadly-2546922>

"Vickers Armstrong was a well known company in the North East before it closed in the 1970s so I hope as many people as possible will come forward and help our legal team investigate how the firm used asbestos so that we can get mum the justice she ...

Death sentence in a door

<http://www.smh.com.au/executive-style/culture/blogs/all-men-are-liars/death-sentence-in-a-door-20130409-2hjal.html>

Soberingly, the risks of drilling into doors like this has been documented as recently as 2010 by Safe Work Australia, with people working on asbestos-cored doors exposed to up to 10 times the asbestos arising from other typical sources of asbestos dust.

Asbestos Snippets

Australia Braces for "Rash" of Mesothelioma Cases

<http://www.survivingmesothelioma.com/news/view.asp?ID=001470#.UbgeFPk3Dmc>

The country continues to struggle with environmental and public health problems as a result of its long history of asbestos use. The Courier Mail newspaper's website says the State Parliament in Queensland is bracing for a rash of mesothelioma cases ...

Dumping on Badgerys Creek Road threat to health

<http://www.southernweekly.com.au/story/1419133/dumping-on-badgerys-creek-road-threat-to-health/?cs=1252>

ASBESTOS has been found in a heap of illegally dumped building materials on Badgerys Creek Road. Liverpool councillor Peter Harle said dumping was a continuing problem that cost the council more than \$200,000 a year in removal fees. He said although ...

NSW to take a look at damage

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/1423856/the-price-of-denison-tornado-damage/?cs=11>

By TAMMY MILLS. April 11, 2013, midnight. The Denison County Caravan Park is still closed due to the prevalence of asbestos after it was flattened by a tornado that tore through the area three weeks ago. Picture: TARA GOONAN ...

Pickers used to remove asbestos: court told

<http://www.examiner.com.au/story/1492568/pickers-used-to-remove-asbestos-court-told/?cs=94>

- A Southern man has breached workplace health and safety regulations after hiring casual fruit pickers to remove asbestos from his property, the Hobart Magistrates Court has heard. Magistrate Olivia McTaggart found James Joseph Duffy, of Kettering ...

Workplace watchdog to inspect NBN rollout

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-05-10/workplace-watchdog-to-inspect-nbn-rollout/4682192?section=tas>

- The workplace standards watchdog Comcare will visit Hobart next week to investigate claims workers on the NBN rollout are not adequately trained in asbestos safety. The Electrical Trades Union claims about 80 per cent of workers at sites it has ...

Asbestos: killer that stays with us

<http://www.watoday.com.au/comment/asbestos-the-killer-we-allow-to-remain-with-us-20130510-2jcpj.html>

- The diseases that asbestos causes are horrible, particularly the effects of mesothelioma, which has been described to me as akin to being slowly strangled to death, or having concrete set in your lungs. The period from exposure to diagnosis can be a ...

Asbestos fears in Penrith street

<http://www.penrithstar.com.au/story/1499546/asbestos-fears-in-penrith-street/?cs=1247>

- Evan St resident Catherine O'Farrell and Hornseywood Avenue resident Matthew O'Farrell holding snaplock bags containing suspected

asbestos that he found around his place after Telstra workers removed telecommunication pits from outside their homes.

Asbestos scare at Adelaide school

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/latest/a/-/latest/17143887/asbestos-scare-at-adelaide-school/>

- It has been revealed 47 students and four teachers at an outer metropolitan school in Adelaide may have been exposed to asbestos in 2009. South Australian Education Minister Jennifer Rankine told State Parliament the possible exposure occurred when ...

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT : An extra ...

[http://www.4-traders.com/news/Department-of-the-Treasury-Australian-Government-An-extra-\\$10-5-million-to-help-protect-Australi--16861548/](http://www.4-traders.com/news/Department-of-the-Treasury-Australian-Government-An-extra-$10-5-million-to-help-protect-Australi--16861548/)

- The Gillard Government will invest more than \$10.5 million to deliver a national approach to protect Australians from asbestos-related diseases. Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Bill Shorten said Australia's history of widespread ...

INTERNATIONAL

Without Asbestos Legislation to Protect You, You Must Protect Yourself

<http://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2013/02/15/524121/10022038/en/Without-Asbestos-Legislation-to-Protect-You-You-Must-Protect-Yourself.html>

So what is asbestos – and why are people dying? Asbestos is a mineral fibre widely used for decades in thousands of products – particularly construction materials – due to its insulating and fire-resisting properties. But its tiny, inhalable fibres are ...

YISD will seek dismissal of suit

http://www.elpasotimes.com/news/ci_22608530/district-will-see-dismissal-suit

The suit, filed in 2002 by Marcelino Franco, alleges that the district fired him after he reported to campus administrators, trustees and the superintendent that Robert F. Kennedy Pre-K Centre was "riddled with asbestos." On Wednesday

ADAO Enlists Dr. Brad Black as a Presenter for Upcoming ADAO Conference

<http://www.mesotheliomanews.com/2013/02/19/speaking-from-experience-adao-enlists-dr-brad-black-as-a-presenter-for-upcoming-adao-conference/>

As the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) gears up for its ninth annual conference, the organization has selected a choice group of individuals that best represent the past, present and future of asbestos disease awareness. After all, those ...

'No hope – I'm just living day by day'

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/no-hope-i-m-just-living-day-by-day-1-5419740>

For eight years, John, now 66, worked in dirty and dusty conditions after joining James Watkinson (Engineers) Ltd as an apprentice, continually hammering huge amounts of asbestos lagging

from pipe work in boiler houses. Eventually, he became ...

Rid Schools of Asbestos Roofs, Govt Told

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201302201624.html>

Parliament has ordered the government to phase out the use of Asbestos sheets as roofing materials in all schools and technical colleges to avert the health and safety hazards associated with its usage. Debating a report of the committee on science and ...

CCI probes cartelisation in asbestos cement sheets market

http://articles.economicstimes.indiatimes.com/2013-02-20/news/37200472_1_cartelisation-investigation-arm-competition-commission

NEW DELHI: The Competition Commission is probing alleged cartelisation in the market for asbestos cement sheets, which is mainly used in rural areas for low cost houses and warehouses. The fair trade regulator has said that various factors including ...

Attorneys in Libby asbestos settlement seek \$4M in fees

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/attorneys-in-libby-asbestos-settlement-seek-m-in-fees/article_55b23898-b7d2-54b2-89b8-dd7cb0659789.html

Attorneys for asbestos victims in a Montana mining town are seeking more than \$4 million in fees and costs from a settlement with chemical company W.R. Grace. State District Judge James Wheelis has ordered a March 1 hearing on the request. It equals ...

Asbestos suit says carpenter quit smoking in 1984

<http://wvrecord.com/news/257991-asbestos-suit-says-carpenter-quit-smoking-in-1984>

Thelma Absten claims her late husband was exposed to asbestos and/or asbestos-containing products during his career as a labourer and a carpenter from 1964 until 2003. Delmer Absten smoked one pack of cigarettes or less per day from 1956 until 1984, ...

World Health Organization Reiterates All Forms of Asbestos Cause Cancer

<http://www.alpharm.co.uk/2013/02/world-health-organization-reiterates-all-forms-of-asbestos-cause-cancer/>

The World Health Organization and the International Agency for Research on Cancer issued a joint statement Feb. 19 stating that all forms of asbestos cause cancer in humans and stopping the use of all forms of asbestos is the most efficient way to ...

Cholangiocarcinoma: The Next Asbestos-Related Disease?

<http://www.asbestos.com/news/2013/02/28/cholangiocarcinoma-the-next-asbestos-related-disease/>

Asbestos Snippets

More than a dozen diseases are currently associated with asbestos exposure. Some (like mesothelioma) have a confirmed connection. Others are not officially linked, but show evidence of a loose association. And because asbestos is a known carcinogen, ...

Goodyear Sues Travelers For Continued Asbestos Claims Coverage

<http://www.propertycasualty360.com/2013/03/01/goodyear-sues-travelers-for-continued-asbestos-claims-litigation>

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has filed a lawsuit against Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. over the insurer's denial of defense and indemnity costs for future asbestos-related claims. According to the lawsuit moved from state court to the U.S. District ...

Lung association: asbestos registry must be mandatory

<http://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/lung-association-asbestos-registry-must-be-mandatory-1.1176626>

Their calling for people to sign an online petition called PassHowardsLaw.ca. The law is named after Howard Willems, a former building inspector who died of lung Cancer last November. It's believed his Cancer was caused from exposure to asbestos while ...

NY Jury Awards \$35 Million to Asbestos Plaintiffs; Crane Co. Allocated 15 ...

<http://harrismartin.com/article/15817/ny-jury-awards-35-million-to-asbestos-plaintiffs-crane-co-allocated-15-percent-liability/>

NEW YORK — A New York jury has awarded \$35 million to asbestos plaintiffs at the conclusion of a trial that started with seven cases consolidated before a single jury, Harris Martin Publishing is reporting. At the time the New York Supreme Court for ...

Rapid-American Files Bankruptcy Citing Asbestos Liability

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-03-08/rapid-american-files-bankruptcy-citing-asbestos-liability.html>

Rapid-American, based in New York and formerly a holding company for McCrory variety stores, "was never engaged in an asbestos business" and inherited about 275,000 asbestos claims through a series of acquisitions, according to an account in court ...

Judge approves \$4M for Libby asbestos attorneys

http://missoulia.com/news/state-and-regional/judge-approves-m-for-libby-asbestos-attorneys/article_cd5b5d8c-9e15-11e2-a25d-001a4bcf887a.html

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A state judge says lawyers for victims of asbestos exposure in a contaminated Montana town are entitled to more than \$4 million in fees and expenses out of a \$19.6 million settlement with chemical manufacturer W.R. Grace and Co

Lung Cancer Asbestos Victims Center Now Urges Victims Of Any Kind Of Lung ...

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/1169028>

The Lung Cancer Asbestos Victims Centre says, "Most everyone has heard of mesothelioma, or

they have seen ads on Cable TV for this rare form of cancer. Unfortunately we fear most US citizens who have been diagnosed with any kind of lung cancer are ...

Baron and Budd Joins ADAO, Health Experts in Battling Asbestos Crisis, Raising ...

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/1170894>

Comparatively speaking, U.S. asbestos imports have dropped from 803,000 metric tons in 1973 to 1,100 today (a mere 2.3 million pounds). In observance of "Global Asbestos Awareness Week" (GAAW) the ADAO is using this powerful platform to flood the ...

Asbestos Drilling Mud Part of Landfill, says Trucker

http://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/articles/asbestos-drilling-mud/interview-drilling-mud-asbestos-12-18616.html?utm_expid=3607522-2#.UbgfRvk3Dmc

Santa Barbara, CA: Austin worked in the Ventura oil fields from 2008 to 2012 as a heavy equipment operator, and during that time, he worked with asbestos drilling mud. Now Austin is concerned about asbestos exposure and is considering filing an....

Asbestos death of postman

http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/10343253.Asbestos_death_of_postman/

Malcolm Roshier, 77, of Summit Way, Midanbury, was a delivery driver for the Post Office and would collect mailbags contaminated with asbestos fibres from ships carrying the dangerous material. He worked for the firm until 1972 and Mr Roshier was in ...

Investigation Continues in Paterson, NJ Asbestos Incident

<http://www.mesothelioma.com/news/2013/04/investigation-continues-in-paterson-nj-asbestos-incident.htm>

Paterson, NJ - As authorities in Paterson, New Jersey continue to investigate why prison inmates and untrained municipal employees were charged with the task of removing asbestos materials from municipal offices that were undergoing renovation, the ...

Appeal over cancer claim

http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/towns/calneheadlines/10345475.Appeal_over_cancer_claim/

A husband who lost his wife to an asbestos-related cancer has appealed for her former colleagues to get in touch, as he fights for compensation. Kay Brunsten died, aged 64, in August 2011 of mesothelioma, a type of lung cancer linked to asbestos ...

Calif. Court Shows Insurers How To Duck Policy-Stacking Rule

<http://www.law360.com/appellate/articles/431298/calif-court-shows-insurers-how-to-duck-policy-stacking-rule>

s primary policies could not be stacked to cover long-tail asbestos claims, a ruling that saves Kaiser from paying multiple deductibles but also reveals a way for insurers to sidestep the state Supreme Court's landmark decision in California v ...

Cancer patient's legal bid for compensation

<http://www.haringey-today.co.uk/News.cfm?id=11846&headline=Cancer%20patient's%20legal%20bid%20for%20compensation>

Last year he saw the first signs of lung cancer emerge and he believes asbestos fibres he breathed in during his time in the ship yards are behind the disease. Zekharia, who changed careers and began working as a silversmith in the 1960s, was working ...

Queen of England Addresses Plight of Asbestos Sufferers

<http://www.mesothelioma.com/news/2013/05/queen-of-england-addresses-plight-of-asbestos-sufferers.htm>

- London, England - Even the queen of England recognizes the serious of asbestos-related diseases such as mesothelioma and, this week, she told the public that the next parliament will see that there is legislation in place to provide payments to ...

New chemical controls agreed in Geneva

http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/politics/New_chemical_controls_agreed_in_Geneva.html?cid=35790862

- Five additional chemicals will be subject to international regulation following a summit on chemicals and hazardous waste held in Geneva, but bans and restrictions on asbestos and pesticides containing paraquat failed to garner enough support.

Mesothelioma Symptoms May Benefit from Tuberculosis Drugs

<http://www.survivingmesothelioma.com/news/view.asp?ID=001487#.UbgfZfk3Dmc>

- Pleural effusion is the one of most uncomfortable and life-limiting symptoms of pleural mesothelioma. The buildup of fluid in the pleural space around the lungs, which can happen in late stage mesothelioma as well as several other types of cancer ...

Nurse Finds that Reiki May Help Soothe Mesothelioma Patients When Other ...

<http://www.mesotheliomahelp.net/blog/2013/05/nurse-finds-that-reiki-may-help-soothe-mesothelioma-patients-when-other-attempts-fail>

- As all mesothelioma symptoms are individual, so too is everyone's journey – the patient, the family, caregiver – when dealing with the disease. Recently, while taking care of a mesothelioma patient whose fears and anxiety were consuming him, I was ...

NUMB Gene May Suppress Mesothelioma - Surviving Mesothelioma

<http://www.survivingmesothelioma.com/news/view.asp?ID=001488#.UbgfRfk3Dmc>

- In the latest study, published in Oncology Reports, researchers measured the expression of NUMB in 39 tissue samples of epithelioid mesothelioma. The results were compared using immunohistochemistry (protein testing) to 22 normal pleural tissues. NUMB ...

LATROBE SMART CENTRE - FAMILIES, CHILD CARE & MEDICARE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DONATION

GARDS/ACV wishes to thank all 300+ staff at Latrobe Smart Centre for their wonderful donation to our organisation. With the money that was raised by the staff in fundraising we were able to buy a new lap top for the organisation. This is just a terrific addition to our equipment and replaces an old antiquated one that was on its last legs.

All the 300+staff are held in



high regard by the GARDS/ACV team - many of the staff we know through personal acquaintance and some staff members we have helped through supporting their loved one who has succumbed to asbestos disease or is suffering.

The team at Latrobe Smart Centre have a terrific community spirit and they have made donations to us in the past and we are always thrilled to get their donation and to see all the happy faces. Thank you to you all it means a great deal to us to have all of you support us in this manner.



TELSTRA - CONTRACTORS - ASBESTOS HANDLING - DIELDRIN

From page 5

ACV/GARDS would like to see someone independent to monitor Telstra and do the checks in relation to this work.

Another threat that has emerged for contract workers digging up communication pits owned by Telstra, the pits may possibly contain the deadly banned pesticide Dieldrin.

The Communications Workers Union in Victoria raised concerns workers could have been exposed to Dieldrin that Telstra sprayed on its cables to stop termites.

The Dieldrin link was flagged after recent reports about the disturbance of asbestos in the pits caused widespread concern about the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

Dieldrin is banned in most countries and was phased out in Australia in the early 1990s.

After once being widely used in agriculture and timber products, the toxic chemical has been linked with Parkinson's disease and can trigger comas.

The union says it raised concerns about both asbestos and Dieldrin with NBN Co at a meeting in August 2010.

A spokeswoman for Telstra confirmed Dieldrin had been used

but says it had stopped using the chemical well before the 1990s.

"We do not believe it is an issue however we will seek advice from chemical experts and relevant government authorities on the issue," Telstra later said in a statement.

Experts say Dieldrin exposure in telecommunications pits is unlikely to be as harmful as asbestos but they still urge action.

Professor Malcolm Sim said there could still be a concern about insecticides in the soil.

"They're very persistent and as I said they can accumulate in the body and that was the main reason they were phased out," he said.

Telstra has established a hotline for any resident concerned about work in their area. The number is **1800 067 225**.

ACV/GARDS will watch with interest and urges anyone who sees anything being done with pits in the future that they are concerned about to ring the number above and in Victoria ring WorkSafe or your local union representatives. If you are unsure on who to contact please ring the ACV/GARDS office. Again this was preventable & should never have happened in the first place if the works had been scoped correctly.

Are you nursing a loved one with a terminal illness?

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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 carers. 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

CALL 0202 689 827 or 5167 1589

To discuss how we can assist with the comfort of your loved one and make it a little easier for you.

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.

Gary BLACKWOOD MP

Member for Narracan

My staff and I are always available to provide support and advice for State Government issues.

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GARDS Inc. Membership Form

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone: Email:

Occupation:

GARDS NEW MEMBERS Joining Fee \$5.00

PLUS

GARDS Annual Subscription 2013

- 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

G.A.R.D.S. SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2013

1.30PM – 3.30PM

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

- Tuesday 26th February
- Tuesday 26th March
- Tuesday 30th April
- Tuesday 28th May
- Tuesday 25th June
- Tuesday 30th July
- Tuesday 27th August
- Tuesday 24th September
- Tuesday 29th October
- Friday 29th November – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell
- Christmas Break-Up to be advised

G.A.R.D.S. NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2013

7.30PM – 9.30PM

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

- Tuesday 19th February
- Tuesday 19th March
- Tuesday 16th April
- Tuesday 21st May
- Tuesday 18th June
- Tuesday 16th July
- Tuesday 20th August
- Tuesday 17th September
- Tuesday 15th October
- Tuesday 19th November
- Christmas Break-Up to be advised

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Our Night/Day Meetings

- Tuesday June**
Michelle McKimmie
GRICS Coordinator Latrobe Regional Hospital
- Tuesday July**
Lois Williams
Central Gippsland Older Adults Recreation Network Inc.
- Tuesday August**
Cancer Council Victoria - Nurse on Call - Help Line

PLEASE NOTE: SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

- Tuesday September**
Speaker TBA or bus trip?
- Tuesday October**
Speaker TBA or bus trip?

CALL IN FOR A CHAT AND CUPPA



ACV/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 in the information 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.

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

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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