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## NEW HOME FOR GARDS



### *CONTACT DETAILS & NEW ADDRESS*

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Finally we can report that we are now in our new office. We officially moved on the 21st of September and what a move it was. Some of the GARDS members have been slowly moving the office equipment over for the last 3 weeks. I can tell you that we don't want to move again!! The GARDS organisation want to thank all those who, over the last few months have been unwavering with their support of us.

We have seen the very best in people's generosity and willingness to help and it is truly heart warming stuff!

Yes, there will be an official opening of the office - along with guest speakers and honoured guests. None of this would of course be happening if it was not for our new landlord Dr. Tanja Bohl and our accountant Peter Butcher to whom we are indebted in so many ways. We thank you both very much for the opportunity to expand and grow as an organisation. There are many others over the past couple of months who deserve thanks for their part in helping us - Cont page 2.



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### NEW HOME FOR GARDS CONT..

to finally make a dream reality!. John Parker, Dorothy Roberts, Marie Smith, Graeme Hamilton, Ann & Brian Clegg, Brian Simpson, Steven Simpson, Anthony Bennett, Jean Harwood, Evelyn Griffiths, Joan Leister, Jean & Dennis Day - all these people gave up their time to come and help out in some way over the past few months and we really appreciate your support and effort. Thank you from the GARDS organisation. We also want to thank the generosity of some wonderful companies: Kirway Constructions, Vincent Painting Contractors, M & P Painting, B & T Cabinets, mecu Moe, Bill Bell Cleaning, Paulls Carpet & Curtains, Valley Signs, Global Energy Solutions - Warragul, International Power Hazelwood, mecu Credit Union. It is a very impressive list of companies that deserve your patronage next time you need any of these firms to do a job at your place.

We also want to thank the Newborough/Yallourn RSL for helping us out with a venue to hire at short notice when we needed somewhere to have our meetings at the start of last year. Now our meetings will be on site at our new office space. Everyone is welcome to pop in anytime you are in the area, we are always happy to see all our supporters. There will be an official opening of the GARDS office which will take place on Friday 23rd of October at 12 noon. Anyone that is a member of GARDS will receive an invitation shortly.

## ACTIVIST ERIN BROCKOVICH



Late August saw some of the GARDS team invited to an afternoon with Erin by Shine Law firm. Erin lived up to her reputation - she certainly is one of the most interesting activists that we had ever met and it was such a delight to hear her talk about her experiences & knowledge she has gathered along the way. GARDS members were very honoured to have some private time with Erin to discuss issues around asbestos. We thank Shine Law firm for allowing her to have this time with us. It is always great to have someone who knows the issues and the battles there are to fight. Pictured from left to right: Tanya Hamilton, Brian Clegg, Vicki Hamilton, Erin, Dorothy Roberts, Caroline Flake Lawyer with Shine Law firm, Marie Smith and Ann Clegg



### LATROBE VALLEY POWER INDUSTRY COHORT STUDY

The Peter Mac study is now in its second year of taking samples and letters have been going out participants who volunteered their blood last year, asking them to give a second sample, which I am sure you will do when you receive your letter. Blood samples should only be donated Monday through to Thursday (**do not donate blood on Friday**) The staff at Gippsland Pathology will take 4 tubes of blood and send them to Melbourne. If you feel the need to clarify anything or want further info you can of course contact the toll free no **1800 060 183**.

The research group is processing findings of blood samples taken up to date and they expect that they will have some interesting findings shortly. There is also interest from the International scene in the study, and the researchers are confident that the samples which have been donated will be put to very good use in research into asbestos related diseases in studies both in Australia and Overseas.

GARDS thanks very much all those people who have given so far to this very important research you will help many people into the future.





## CHRIS IRELAND - PHOTOGRAPHIC LAUNCH GIPPSLAND & SYDNEY



GARDS is very pleased to announce that both the Sydney launch and the Gippsland exhibit were a great success. On the opening nights of both venues there were approx 300 at the Sydney launch and 300 at the Gippsland launch. GARDS attended the opening of the launch in Sydney at the Centre for Photography in Paddington on the 16th of July where it enjoyed more than a month of being on show for all in Sydney to see. The photos were then packed up and shipped to Latrobe Valley in Victoria where the launch took place on the 4th of September at the Latrobe Regional Gallery,

Morwell and will be on show till 4th of October. GARDS would like to thank the gallery for all the help they gave to Chris and for arranging to pack the portraits and transport them to Morwell. We believe the portraits will return to NSW to be displayed. There are more venues planned for the portraits to be displayed. We would like to also thank Slater & Gordon law firm who sponsored the portraits in Latrobe Valley. Without sponsors, artists such as Chris would struggle to have their work shown, so it is very important to have sponsors who appreciate the work and the important message that is projected from the artist and the widows in the images. Congratulations to all who were a part of this mammoth effort. Chris's portraits have captured the unseen legacy of asbestos and will ensure that this legacy will never be forgotten. If you have not seen the photos I urge you to do so and they are an impressive and important part of our history for future generations.



Above top left are GARDS committee and Chris with his family and friends at the Sydney launch. Above right are Chris and the Slater and Gordon team with Secretary Vicki Hamilton at the launch of the Latrobe Valley exhibit

*Congratulations!*

## REICHSTEIN FOUNDATION GRANT

In late June we were advised that a submission we put into Reichstein had been granted. We were thrilled to be again so lucky, especially in this economic climate, to receive grant monies from this advocacy foundation. We would like to say a big thank you again to Christa Momot and the board of Reichstein, you have been absolutely wonderful to us and without your support and encouragement our job would have been that much more difficult to do. Thank you for your faith in us.



The GARDS organisation would like to thank very much Ken & Betty Downs, Graeme Woods & Kath Prust for their significant donations to our organisation. You can be assured that the money you have donated to us will certainly be put to good use. Donations such as this are very welcome as we rely totally on donations, bequests, sponsorships and what we can source from foundations.

## JAMES HARDIE - STILL LETTING DOWN ITS AUSSIE MATES

The James Hardie saga goes on and on!!! The James Hardie compensation fund has declared it will have a short fall for the next 3 to 5 years due to the fact that James Hardie have announced they do not have enough surplus cash to pay into the fund.

On August 1 representatives from the support groups from each state, along with the ACTU and Unions NSW met with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to discuss the situation that has befallen the fund.

The groups have been actively pursuing all leads to help to maintain the fund or vary the funds financial agreements to try and stave off going to instalments or incremental payments of settlements of compensation. James Hardie have a **moral responsibility** to those people who they knowingly allowed to contract these deadly diseases from their products and their factories. It disgusts us to think that the people who made the decisions inside James Hardie knowingly allowed good Australians to become sick from their products and then wanted to wipe their hands of the disaster that befell these hard working Australians and their families. Does being a company director or board member allow you to sentence people to untold suffering and get away with it?

The families have now had another insult added to their injuries by being informed that they may have to take instalments for their pain and suffering - Where is the justice in that!!!!

If by the beginning of November there is no resolution to the short fall in the fund the sufferers may never know if their families have received their full payments (of course what is a life worth!!!) Look at the Johns-Manville case in America. Are James Hardie taking lessons from them??? This was another disreputable asbestos firm that has already killed many 1000s of good hard working and unsuspecting Americans. History does repeat itself - it is a pity that those who could have protected us from unscrupulous companies such as this turned a blind eye!

### **James Hardie Executives and Non Executives Have a Day in Court**

James Hardie former chief executive Peter Macdonald has been banned from directing a company for 15 years for misleading statements and he had a further fine placed on him of \$350,000. Fines and bans were also placed on two other former James Hardie executives and seven non-executive directors. These fines were less than those sought by the corporate watchdog and sufferers and their families. Justice Gzell also disqualified Peter Shafron, the former general counsel of James Hardie for seven years and fined him \$75,000. Former Chief Financial Officer Phillip Morley was fined \$35,000 and disqualified for five years.

The non-executive board members, including Meredith Hellicar and Telstra director Peter Willcox were each fined \$30,000 and banned from managing a company for five years.

The GARDS organisation is outraged that these people did not get the full strength of the law - they are not fit to hold positions of power they have proved this by their actions. They are a disgrace to Australia.

Those who have asked for appeal and granted a stay were: Meredith Hellicar, Michael Brown, Michael Gillfillan, Martin Kofell, Dan O'Brien, and Greg Terry. Hellicar, Koffel, Gillfillan and Terry were also granted a stay of their fines on the condition that interest will accrue.

**Now the kicker** these people are appealing their sentences - saying that it is unfair and they feel badly treated. They want to still be in boardrooms across Australia. I ask the question would you want these unscrupulous people making decisions in companies that can affect the environment/health of all Australians. Dying asbestos sufferers do not have a court of appeal to rescind their sentence!!! Do not take away their dignity - as it is all they have left.



**ASBESTOS SUPPORT GROUP DELEGATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER**

Some of these people made representation to our Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on August 1 to inform him on what was happening with the James Hardie compensation fund and how it will impact on those who will access the fund if it goes to instalments in Nov. We can only hope that this situation can be avoided. We wait and see....

*Pictured from left rear: Helen & Ray Colbert, Robert Vojakovic, Terry Miller, Barry Robson  
Front left: Karen Banton, Rosemarie Vojakovic, Kat Burge and Vicki Hamilton - Sydney Convention Centre*

**VALE TREVOR CALLOW**



On Friday the 19th June our past Vice President lost his battle to stay amongst us. Trevor had been ill for a long period of time and had struggled in the last few years with failing health. He will be sadly missed by all at GARDS as he was a stalwart for the organisation. Trevor was always pushing the barrow for GARDS where ever he went because he believed strongly in the issues around asbestos. Any time there was an ear to lend our

Trevor would take every opportunity to educate and inform people about asbestos. Trevor was a part of the James Hardie campaign that ran in 2004 and enjoyed taking part in this and going to the Commission of Inquiry into James Hardie in Sydney. Trevor loved to go places with the gang from GARDS and enjoyed the friendships he made along the way. His knowledge & expertise was invaluable and he will be sadly missed by us all. Trevor was given a Life Membership and glass trophy from our organisation in January 2008 to mark Trevor's devotion to GARDS. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Elaine and the Callow family.

**Vale**

Over the last few months we have had many members who have passed away - some of those members have been long term some have been with us only a short while. All have helped shape GARDS into the organisation it has now evolved to and without them our organisation would be the poorer for not knowing them. We would like to pay tribute to those members and supporters by recognising them here.

- Esme Sherwood - Sydney*
- Joyce Hanmer - Moe*
- Bill Tomison - Lakes Entrance*
- Ross Hender - Moe*
- Derek Mounsey - Bairnsdale*
- John Darvill - Bairnsdale*



It has been an honour to have had them as part of our organisation in some way and they will all be sadly missed by friends and family members.

*RJP*



**mecu Credit Union** Thank you for donating some pre-loved furniture to our office. We really appreciate the gesture & the furniture will be put to good use

**LATROBE CITY GRANT SUCCESS**

GARDS were very proud to receive a grant from Latrobe City Community Grants to help support the GARDS Asbestos News. We want to thank the Councillors and all at Latrobe City for deeming us worthy of this support. Their logo will appear on the next 4 issues of our newsletter.

Thank you so much we really appreciate it.



There are so many supporters and friends who have donated to GARDS and they must be recognised for their generosity. We are always grateful to those who donate to us we appreciate each and every one of you as this is what keeps our organisation going.

Graeme & Judy Crosby Contractors, Jim & Shirley Connaghan, Vic Robinson, Esme Sherwood - Sydney deceased, Anonymous \$50, Dawn Hall, Ray Harris, Ken Jackson, Kevin Brew, Gerry Coulson, Jean Day, Vicki Hamilton, Brian & Ann Clegg - monetary & also your donation of an engraver for GARDS equipment, Chris & Katherine Cheetham - monetary & also your donation of Matt Peacocks book "Killer Company - James Hardie", Lyn & David Madden, Donald Stewart,

**In Memory of Trevor Callow** - Evelyn Griffiths, Mr & Mrs Callow, Mid Gippsland Football League, 2 x Anonymous, Ray Whittaker, Mr Kirkup, Baudendistel family, Tom & Faye Last, David & Moira Duncan, Rhonda Dunn, John Wasiukiewicz, Bugs & Dianne Bertoli, Lee Pearson, Callow Family & John & Mickie Atkinson

**In Memory of Allan Walker** - Boyd Thompson,

**In Memory of Derek Mounsey** - Jason Mounsey, Challis Industries

**In Memory of Ross Hender** - Rod & Monica Huffer, Peter Roberts, Bob Dawson, Anonymous,

**In Memory of Joyce Hanmer** - Anonymous, Irene & Peter Hanmer, Annette Young, Tina & Lawrence Doherty, Seralie Doherty, Terry & Joan Thompson, Tina Doherty,

**A big thank you to the PBL 3 Monash Medical Students Gippsland Campus for your wonderful donation**



from the Secretary

To all our readers I wish to express my sincere apologies that the newsletter is late. It has been a series of episodes that has delayed the newsletter by a month. With organising the office; and the move; and the GARDS computer breaking down completely; and having to get a new one; and the broadband being changed; and many other issues that have had to be attended to our poor newsletter has had to take a back seat to all the other things going on. I will write another short newsletter before the end of the year (hopefully). I hope you find this newsletter an interesting read. Thank you for being so patient and understanding.

*Vicki*

**Are your fees due?**  
Just a reminder if you have not paid your membership fees this would be a great time to do so. This money helps towards keeping you in contact with newsletters and flyers and any other information that we need to get to you. Please



contact us if you are not sure when they are due. Thank you to those who have paid

**Loy Yang Power & International Power Hazelwood Donation**

GARDS would like to thank very much both these generators for their donations & support & advice to our organisation.



## Open invitation to our members & supporters

On Friday the 23rd of October at 12 noon we will be officially opening the new GARDS office at 41 Monash Road, Newborough.

There will be invited guest speakers and an unveiling of a plaque dedicated to asbestos sufferers and their families past, present and future by the Upper House Member Johan Scheffer MP Member for Eastern Victoria.

There will be a light lunch provided, tea & coffee.

If you would like to attend could you please advise us by ringing the GARDS office to give numbers for catering purposes.

We would love you to come and join us for this special event.

**RSVP by 20th of October, 2009**

## Rossmore Hotel Yallourn North

GARDS organisation is very fortunate to be able to do some fundraising at the hotel with the aid of some of the GARDS members. We have already been to the hotel in August and will again be there on the 20th of November, We would like to thank the owners of the hotel for allowing us to do this. It is a great privilege to be able to meet the Yallourn North community and have a chat and meal with them. Thank you to you all



## GARDS NEW COMPUTER



GARDS has had to invest in a new computer as the main computer at the office has given up with over work. We invested a lot of time into trying to save it but to no avail so the decision was made to purchase a new one. It has been a very big learning curve for all with new programs and things just not quite going how you think they are going to go. We changed internet providers too. This all took time and a great deal of things got behind. We are hoping now that most of the bugs are ironed out with the operations side of GARDS and we can get to some normality in the office. Our new computer is fast and our broadband is fast too!

This will make life a lot easier for the work we do.

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Well it is that time of the year again where we all get together for a bit of merriment and mirth. This year's Annual Xmas party and lunch will take place at Silks Restaurant, Moe (it is situated behind Michaels Golden Hen). The menu this year will be 2 roast meats and all the trimmings with plum pudding and custard/cream or Fruit Salad if you so desire. The lunch is free to financial members and those wishing to bring a partner who is not a member will have to pay \$22.50.

Santa will be in attendance to see who has been naughty or nice and we will have a GARDS Xmas raffle on the day and lucky door prizes to give away.

We hope to see all of our members on this special day so that we can share the joy of Xmas together.

If you would like to join us, here are all the details:

**Venue:** Silks Restaurant – situated behind Michaels Golden Hen, George Street, Moe

**Date:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Time:** 12 noon

**Free to Financial Members of GARDS**

Non members \$22.50 per person

The restaurant is BYO.

**For catering purposes please contact Vicki or the GARDS office RSVP by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2009.**



# GARDS XMAS LUNCH



## Monash University Gipps Campus Nursing students

GARDS has been very busy as you can see doing tutorials in many areas of Monash. The nursing students is another area of great importance - the nurses do a wonderful job looking after people and, I think never get enough recognition for their wonderful effort to comfort and help.

It was a real privilege to be able to spend two hours informing these students who are only a month or two from graduating and going out into our hospitals, nursing homes and many other areas on some of the issues around asbestos disease they may come against in their nursing life.

GARDS would like to thank Faye Walker for going with Vicki and giving her first hand information on her knowledge as a carer and also what it was like for Allan, her husband, who passed away with mesothelioma. The students asked many and varied questions. We wish the nursing students all the very best with their chosen profession and I am sure with the compassion shown by these students, patients will be in the best of hands.



# Asbestos Awareness Day Ceremony



Venue: Rose Garden in Morwell

Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of November

Time: 11.00am

The event highlights and raises the awareness of asbestos and its effects on families and the community. There will be an ecumenical service to remember those who are suffering and those who have succumbed to asbestos disease. There will be a time in our ceremony where families will be able to lay flowers and pay tribute to their loved ones. Guest speakers will be...

- Guest speakers TBA

GARDS this year will have Newborough Primary School choir & Paddy O'Dowd will be singing. At the conclusion of the ceremony there will be a **free** BBQ lunch with the compliments of Gippsland Trades & Labour Council and all those in the community are most welcome to attend.

For further information contact Vicki Hamilton 0407274173 or the GARDS office: 5127 7744

**Asbestos Awareness Day badges with our feather symbol will be on sale for a cost of \$2 for those wishing to support us. If you would like to purchase one before the day they can be purchased at the GARDS office - 41 Monash Road, Newborough**

## Berwick Op Shop

In the last few months GARDS was lucky to be the recipient of a donation from the Berwick Opportunity Shop. It was a lovely surprise to receive the donation and the money has been put to good use. GARDS has purchased another oxygen concentrator for our asbestos sufferers to use and a plaque has been placed on it to show who donated it to GARDS. We thank those at the Berwick Op shop that made the donation possible. You have made our sufferers lives that much more comfortable.

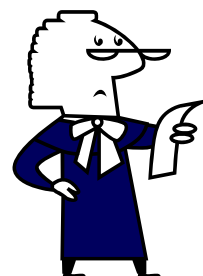
Pictured left are the GARDS gang and some of the ladies at the shop



# Thanks

## Maurice Blackburn Law Firm Donation

The GARDS organisation was pleased to accept a donation from Maurice Blackburn Law firm partner, Andrew Dimsey recently, donated to GARDS for the good work that the organisation achieves in support and advocacy. These sorts of donations from asbestos litigation companies are always thankfully received as the money is put to keeping the organisation going so that it can help other sufferers and their families into the future. Without the help of law firms who do asbestos litigation we would find the task that much harder.







## NEW SPONSOR - SHINE LAW FIRM



GARDS are very pleased to announce that they have another sponsor who supports the GARDS organisation. We are thrilled to have a relationship with law firms who are involved in asbestos litigation and also in social justice issues. It is always pleasing to see law firms who stand up for the rights of people and communities.

Pictured left rear are some of the GARDS team, Dorothy Roberts, Elaine Callow, Rhonda Dunn, Caroline Flake lawyer with Shine, Vicki Hamilton, Brian Clegg. Front left Marie Smith, Faye Walker & Ann Clegg

## MONASH GIPPSLAND MEDICAL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT ASBESTOS DISEASE

At the end of July at Monash Uni - Gippsland Campus GARDS was lucky enough to be asked to come and do another tutorial for the medical students as we did last year. About 75 students learned firsthand what it is like to care for a sufferer and what sufferers of asbestos disease endure during their illness. Much information is exchanged at these tutorials that we hope will help these students to be better at their chosen profession when they graduate and come across families that need their help. GARDS was very fortunate to have some of the students from PBL 3 who wanted to fundraise for our organisation, which they did and they managed to donate \$113.40 which was just a great effort by all involved & we are most grateful to the students for their magnificent effort. We are very touched when we receive money in this



*Pictured above are - Vicki Hamilton, Marie Smith, Faye Walker and Dorothy Roberts who enlightened and informed. Thank you so much to Marie, Fay and Dorothy it is truly a great gift you give the students and it makes a difference!!!*

manner, it means a great deal to our members to know that there are thoughtful young people who want to make a difference

## Queensland Asbestos Related Disease Support Society 2009 Conference



Pictured left are some of the organisations who support and advocate for asbestos in Victoria- GARDS, NSW - ADFA, SA - AVA and Queensland who attended the conference organised by QARDSS. Photo taken at Queensland Parliament house.

Thank you also to Matt Kluck who drove us to and from the airport you did a sterling job!

On the weekend of the 11th & 12th of July GARDS attended the Queensland Conference "Asbestos Disease, a Holistic Approach" It was great to catch up with all our friends and renew our relationships and make new ones. There were 4 exceptional Medical Professionals who were guest speakers and an experienced litigation lawyer from Turner & Freeman who gave out valuable information. Dr Maurice Heiner - Consultant Thoracic & Sleep Physician facilitated the day, with key note speakers being Professor Roger Allen - Consultant Thoracic Physician and Pain Management Researcher, Dr David Grimes - Oncologist of the Wesley Hospital and Dr Gary Larder - Psychiatrist. The team from GARDS enjoyed the conference immensely and we thank QARDSS & Turner & Freeman for sponsoring some of our trip to the conference. On the Saturday night we thoroughly enjoyed the private dinner function that was provided at Queensland Parliament House it was a time when the asbestos support groups could all get together and catch up on all the news.



for a great time



During our visit to Queensland the executives of GARDS, ADFA (NSW), AVA (SA), the State Secretary of the AMWU and the State Secretary of the CFMEU (QLD), the Managing Partner of Turner Freeman Lawyers - Thady Blundell to talk about the James Hardie Fund and the moral obligation that James Hardie owe to the compensation fund. From the meeting a coalition was formed to fight for full compensation for all sufferers of asbestos diseases. We also agreed that we would in partnership, with the ACTU, write to the Prime Minister to gain the assistance of the Federal Government. Our meeting came to pass with the Prime Minister on August 1st where we had 40 minutes of his time to explain how the instalments would impact on each state and gave examples of families who would feel the impact of this situation. The Prime Minister took all statements & opinions on board, he sympathized with the plight of the sufferers and their families and stated that he and the government would do everything they legally could to assist in a suitable outcome for all sufferers and their families. Time is ticking away toward instalments/rationing of payments and we can only hope that this serious situation is resolved to make the JH compensation fund viable for the next 3 to 5 years with the hope that JH will honour its agreement/moral obligation to keep the fund viable for the next 50 years. There will be a vigilance kept on JH to watch for signs that send up alarms for asbestos sufferers. We will never rest until the job is done.

## GARDS ART PROJECT - ALIGHT

In June the GARDS art group directed by art director Sheena Jones displayed art pieces around work place death at the Uniting Church Theologian college in Melbourne for Wisdom's Feast. The art work was on display for a month. The pieces of art told a story of power workers and their families from the 1920s through to present time. It was a powerful display of the hearts, minds and souls of families and workers past and present and the journey that they took with its highs and lows, and the sacrifices that these individuals and families made to bring cheap electricity to the State of Victoria at a high price to human life. The art conveyed a strong message of love, hope, unity and the strength & dignity of a work force and their families who gave everything they had. Below are some of the art pieces that were on display. We would like to congratulate Sheena and the crew for a very thought provoking display.



A big thanks goes to those families who donated their stories for the story board, personal belongings for display in the pieces and storage of the pieces until they could be displayed. You all did a magnificent job of adding to the story that was admirably depicted.



As you can see by the photos that the display was exhibited inside and out in the courtyard so as to highlight some of the more significant structures that could not be accommodated inside





# PICTURES OF OFFICE PRIOR TO BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE GARDS NOOK



WHO ARE THEY ?????

**THE NEW GARDS OFFICE WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE GENEROSITY & HARD WORK OF COMMUNITY MINDED BUSINESSES & PEOPLE  
THANK YOU ONE AND ALL IT IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT BY COMMITTED PEOPLE**

**GIPPSLAND ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES  
SUPPORT INC**

**G.A.R.D.S. SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2009**

**1.30PM – 3.30PM**

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

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Gippsland Water Factory  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Linda McRae – A Transsexual woman with a story  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Memorial Wreath Laying – Rose Garden,  
Morwell – 11am**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Pam Dunstan – Companion Pet Care  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Peter Butcher - Accountant  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Malcolm May – Bush poet/story teller  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Customer Service – Centre Link  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Margaret Peters - Nurse  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Neil Harris – Dental Technician  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Asbestos Awareness Day – Rose Garden,  
Morwell – 11.00am**

**Christmas Break-up will be at Silks in Moe - George  
Street on 5th of December at 12 noon**

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**G.A.R.D.S. NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2009**

**7.30PM – 9.30PM**

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

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Break-up will be at Silks in Moe - George  
Street on 5th of December at 12 noon**



## GARDS Inc. Membership Form

Name.....  
Address.....  
P/Code.....  
Telephone.....Email.....  
Occupation.....

*GARDS NEW MEMBERS Joining Fee*

**\$5.00  
PLUS**

### **GARDS Annual Subscription 2009**

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

Seconders.....Date.....

**G.A.R.D.S. INC.  
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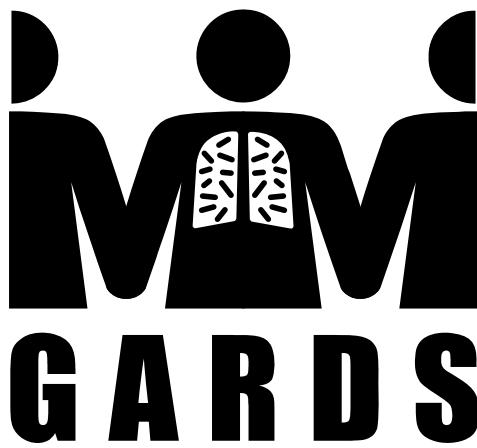


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Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc.



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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 free of charge for those who have been diagnosed with asbestos related disease and also their family members with a qualified psychologist. This support can be face to face or in a group situation, which is conducted in a private room at the GARDS premises, or telephone counselling can be arranged if this is preferred.**

### 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.

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

### Committee of Management

#### President:

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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*

*29<sup>th</sup> September – Margaret Peters  
Nurse*

*27<sup>th</sup> October – Neil Harris  
Morwell Denture Clinic*

*27<sup>th</sup> November Asbestos Awareness  
Event – Rose Garden – Morwell –  
11.00am*

### OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY to THURSDAY:**  
10.00am – 4.00pm

**FRIDAY: BY APPOINTMENT**

**CALL IN FOR A CHAT & CUPPA**