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DID YOU KNOW?

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

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Using the secure engine of GiveNow.com.au

MONASH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL



The ACV/GARDS team, for the 5th year, were at Monash University Medical School. We were privileged to be a part of the tutorial for the medical students. This year there were approx 100 students learning about the impact that asbestos has on the sufferers and their families.

Again this year, a new set of students learnt about the social, emotional and environmental issues that are brought about by this deadly material - asbestos.

The students had lots of questions for our team of community experts and we hope that with the

experience provided by the speakers that they got a real insight into the effects that asbestos has in a community.

The ACV/GARDS team, that took part this year tried to give the students a perspective of what it is like for both the sufferer, as well as the family who have to cope with the diagnosis of asbestos disease, not only in their family environment but also with the day-to-day health issues that they must face.

GARDS would like to thank Rhonda Dunn, Marie Smith and Dorothy Roberts for sharing their stories with the students. We would also like to thank Dr Margaret Simmons for making this happen.

Major Sponsors



You can find our link on the home page of the GARDS website or at facebook.com/GARDSInc



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MONASH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

In September our organisation was approached to participate in an education & awareness session to the nursing students. We gladly accepted the invitation to be a part of the learning curve of these enthusiastic students who will someday be looking after our future asbestos sufferers. It was an honour to meet such a terrific bunch of students, who asked many and varied questions.

I hope into the future when they are nursing in a hospital somewhere that they will remember some of what we spoke about, to empower them to have the knowledge and confidence to support asbestos sufferers wherever they go. They will be armed with the whole picture.

Thank you to all the students, it was a pleasure to come and talk with you all and a special thanks to Dr Sonia Allen for making it happen.



ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY EVENT 2013

Venue: Centenary Rose Garden, Commercial Road, Morwell

Date: Friday 29th of November 2013 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, Beryl Stevens - Celebrant will officiate. There will be a time set in our ceremony where families will be able to lay flowers and pay tribute to their loved ones.

Guest speakers will be:

- Main speaker to be advised
- **Gary Blackwood MP** - Member for Narracan
- **Russell Northe MP** - Member for Morwell
- **Johan Scheffer MP** - Member for Eastern Victoria
- **Margaret Cook** - GARDS Member & wife of Graham Cook who succumbed to Mesothelioma

- **John Parker** - GARDS Member, Secretary Gippsland Trades & Labour Council
- **Vicki Hamilton** - GARDS CEO/Secretary

Coal Valley Male Choir - accompanied by Gay Michau Newborough Primary School choir - conducted by Vice Principal Sue McLaren

The GARDS bag piper/s David Duncan & Bill Dunbar.

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 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 BANKmecu - Moe, Morwell, Traralgon - Slater & Gordon - Morwell office - Maurice Blackburn - Traralgon office or the ACV/GARDS office.



Asbestos Awareness Morning Tea 2013

Gold coin donation to ACV/GARDS for morning tea
Function Room - Moe RSL - Albert Street, Moe
Thursday 28th November - 10am

AVAILABLE ON SITE

- Asbestos Information from ACV/GARDS & Cancer Council Vic - booklets on health,
- **Slater & Gordon Law Firm & Maurice Blackburn Law Firm** will be on site to answer any questions from the general public about litigation,
- **Mairin OHS&E Consulting** will answer questions on sample testing & have examples of asbestos containing products on display for your viewing
- **Sponsored by Moe RSL and Maurice Blackburn Law firm**

BRING ALONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS - ALL WELCOME !



ACV/GARDS FEES ARE NOW DUE 2013/14

Well it is that time of the year again, when annual fees are due. Thank you so much to all who have already paid. The management of GARDS would like to bring to the attention of its members that all annual fees are due and payable now.

Can you please make sure your fees are paid as soon as possible, as this money goes part way to help subsidize our mail outs and newsletters to you during the year. The GARDS committee of Management appreciate your co-operation in this.



PRICELINE PHARMACY MOE - DONATION

Recently our organisation was very privileged to receive a life giving donation of an oxygen conserving device for our bank of medical equipment.

We want to thank Prav and all the staff at Priceline Moe for supporting us in this manner.

These pieces of medical equipment are always in high demand by our sufferers and this makes their lives much more comfortable to be able

to access them through us free of charge.

Prav heard about our plight of having to renew and replace our equipment as the old equipment wears out and we appreciate the kind gesture to help us keep our equipment up to date.

Pictured here from far left is Ray Watson GARDS member with pharmacists and some of the pharmacy staff from Priceline Moe. Thank you so much!!!



ACV/GARDS ON THE MOVE... DARNUM MUSICAL VILLAGE



Our organisation has booked a bus & organised a little interlude at the Darnum Musical Village for Tuesday the 29th of October.

If you would like to come on this tour we will be away for approx 5 hours. We will be leaving the ACV/GARDS office at 10.00am to head to Darnum.

The cost of the bus is being paid by

ACV/GARDS - the admission and lunch to our members is \$25 per head. We will arrive back at the GARDS office at approx 2.30pm.

If you would like to stay for afternoon tea when we return to the office please bring a plate to share as usual and we will keep it in our kitchen till we return.

Please advise Vicki by mid October at the latest to book your seat on the bus for a day of melody & entertainment that will be memorable.

We look forward to seeing you and having a wonderful day with plenty of photos to remember the moment.

ACV / GARDS Christmas Lunch 2013

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 Moe RSL, Function Room, Albert Street, Moe. The menu this year for lunch is a trio of meats (Turkey, Beef & Pork) served with Roast Potatoes/pumpkin, Cauliflower au gratin, Carrots & Peas, Gravy & all the trimmings with plum pudding and warm brandy custard or Fruit Salad & fresh cream if you so desire.

The lunch is free to financial members. Those wishing to bring a partner who is not a member will be required to pay \$20. 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: Moe RSL, Function room, Albert Street, Moe

Date: Saturday 7th December 2013

Time: 12 noon

Free to Financial Members of GARDS

Non members \$20 per person

Alcohol available at bar prices

For catering purposes please contact Vicki or the ACV/GARDS office RSVP by the 29th November 2013.

Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday 1st February 2014
Time: 2.00pm

Venue: 41 Monash Road, Newborough

Election of Positions falling vacant:

President

Treasurer

Committee Member

Election of Auditor for 2014/15

Returning Officer: Graeme Hamilton - Nomination forms can be collected from the ACV/GARDS office, down loaded from the ACV/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 ACV/GARDS office.

IMPORTANT DATE

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:

- Jenny Jackeulen,
- Margaret James,
- Anonymous - Altona,
- Robert Dunn,
- Janet Hodson,
- Joe Marschalek x 2,
- Ken & Lorrie Rowlinson,
- Jane McDermott,
- Gerald & Pat Moore,
- Carole Arbuckle



THANK YOU SO MUCH MARION TAYLOR

The GARDS organisation ACV/GARDS would like to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful donation we received from a very special member - Marion has been with our org for the past nearly 14 years -

Marion noticed that our urn was in being repaired and we were using two jugs at our support group meeting to keep up with cuppas for our members, so she decided to donate the urn that she had at home.

What a kind gesture Marion and a very useful present indeed. Thank you so much.

ACV/GARDS would like to take this opportunity to thank AGL Loy Yang for the donation they made to us recently. Loy Yang have supported us for quite a few years in one form or another and we appreciate the workers and the company consider us a worthy charity to support. The AGL Loy Yang employees wish us all the best with helping sufferers and their families. On behalf of those sufferers and families we thank you very much.



Donations made in Memory of - Aartie Van Den Dolder

EnergyAustralia- Yallourn, Michael Hutchinson

AIRLIQUIDE HEALTHCARE PTY LTD

Our organisation would like to thank Abdul from Air Liquide for helping us with a discount to replace an urgent recall on some faulty oxygen conserving devices. We were lucky enough to get a 50% Discount on 2 x conserving devices that needed to be replaced.

Thank you once again Abdul Khaliq

Donations made in Memory of - Albert Dixon

Rod & Monica Huffer, Orana Senior Citizens Club

Donations made in Memory of - Joyce Bertoli

Yallourn North Senior Citizens

On line donations

EnergyAustralia, Michael Hutchinson

Donations made in Memory of - Rachel Sands

Anonymous, Louise & Rino Metlikovec

South Gippsland & East Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide

GARDS/ACV were pleased to receive a donation from The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to acknowledge the support that we get from Paul, Val and Bob 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.

GIPPSLAND MEDICINE INC.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how touched we were to be contacted out of the blue by Jason Nagic and Nicolas Smoll to make a donation to us. Jason & Nicolas, thought we were a worthy cause - and they knew of our work in the community. Thank you so much guys we were thrilled.

We wish you all the best with your medical careers - keep in touch.

GIPPSLAND WATER SOCIAL CLUB INC.

Thank you to all the staff at Gippsland Water for thinking of us and supporting the work we do in the community.

Each year for a number of years their social club have donated hundreds of dollars to our organisation. We are very humbled by your support - your good deeds never go unnoticed. BLESS YOU ALL. Thank you!

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.



SLATER & GORDON LAW FIRM

The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to thank so much, Slater & Gordon Morwell office for sponsoring the Home Expo show for the up and coming Expo in Feb 2014. We appreciate your support in helping to support us in getting the right information into the community.

