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NEW VAN - NEW SPONSORS THANK YOU ALL



We wish to acknowledge the Latrobe Valley Express and Chief Photographer Bryan Petts-Jones for allowing us to use this photo.

Pictured above are from left to right: Dorothy Roberts, President of ACV/GARDS, Vicki Hamilton, CEO/Secretary of ACV/GARDS, Val Prokopiv, President of GTLC, Ray Massaro, Director of Massaro Motors, John Osborne, Committee Member of Morwell Bowling Club, Lindsay Fawcett Asset Manager of EnergyAustralia Yallourn

ACV/GARDS is thrilled to advise everyone that over the last 12 months we have been helped by the community with donations to purchase a new change over van so that we could retire the old van which we purchased in 2011.

We have been extremely lucky to have so many wonderful people out in the community who value

our services and have made it possible for us to continue the work we do with this terrific asset - a new Volkswagen Multivan. We picked the van up with 17ks on the odometer in June 2015 from Massaro Motors in Morwell and have been notching up the Kilometres fast. The van is ideal for taking our medical equipment to our sufferers and transporting our information to tutorials and speaking engagements that we conduct

throughout Victoria. We were thrilled to have Massaro Motors, EnergyAustralia, Morwell Bowling Club & Gippsland Trades and Labour Council make the purchase of this van possible. On our original van had the nick name of a person whose family donated toward the purchase of the first van and we have kept his name on the van – anyone behind us on the road – will be able to see “Cookie” on the left hand side of the rear window



DID YOU KNOW?

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



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You can find our link on the home page of the GARDS website or at:

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Bendigo TAFE Painting and Decoratoring – Plumbers Dept and Electrical Dept Federation University 3rd Year Nursing Students

It was a privilege and honour to be able to meet and interact with the apprentices at Bendigo TAFE. From our surveys which we gave the students to fill out we found out that they appreciated the content of the session, and found it interesting and useful. We want to thank the teachers who had the confidence to allow us to come in and give the students some knowledge of where they might find asbestos in their everyday work and home environment. We enjoyed meeting them and their questions to us were thoughtful and they stimulated a lot of conversation in the classes.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS TO 3RD YEAR NURSING STUDENTS

24th August, 2015

Hello Vicki,

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful presentation you delivered to the third year nursing students on the 10th August. The students were very interested in hearing the devastating effect asbestos has had not only in their local community but also seeing the range of products that contain this mineral in its different forms.

The talk you gave was included in the teaching for the Integrated Community Care course, within the undergraduate nursing degree and therefore community awareness of the health issues that you raised were very beneficial and initiated further discussion about community care and services.

We would like to offer our thanks for all the tireless work you and your colleagues put into presenting this information to the community, including the wonderful show bags you provided for the students, and wish you all ongoing support for the work you are doing to promote better public health and awareness of this devastating product.

Kind Regards



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A NEW SUPPORTER FOR ACV/GARDS

ACV/GARDS organisation was very pleased to hear that we were successful in receiving a grant to deliver Asbestos Awareness sessions in the Victorian community.

We have already started and are travelling all around the State of Victoria delivering the sessions. We thank the Agency for having



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Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

the confidence to fund us in our endeavours. Below are some pics of our students and their teachers at

Bendigo TAFE. Please read a letter sent to us after we delivered an asbestos awareness session to the 3rd

year students at Federation University.

REMINDER!!!!

ASEA are holding their second International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management 2015 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre 22 – 24 November 2015 – for more information or to register for this year's conference, visit their web site: www.asbestossafety.gov.au

A WELCOME SPONSOR FOR ACV/GARDS ADVICE LINE INJURY LAWYERS

ACV/GARDS is very happy to welcome Bree Knoester from Advice Line Injury Lawyers to our team of law firms who take special pride and professionalism in the work they do for asbestos sufferers and their families.

Here is a little information on our newest firm in asbestos litigation to join our organisation. When you see Bree around our office or one of our events please go up and say Hi – she would be more than pleased to talk to you.

“Founded in 1975, by Clyde Holding and Peter Redlich, Holding Redlich is a national industrial law firm which prides itself on its strong social conscience. Over the years, the personal injury department at Holding Redlich has been involved

in landmark asbestos litigation. In 1980, it obtained the first Supreme Court judgment for a worker suffering an asbestos disease. In the 1990s, it acted for hundreds of waterside workers with asbestos related diseases in an international claim against Johns Mansville, a US manufacturer of asbestos products.

In 2008, Holding Redlich created Adviceline Injury Lawyers, a separate division of Holding Redlich, to emphasise their focus on personal injury cases and the free advice line that they run every day where their lawyers answer the phone and help solve legal problems. Today, Bree Knoester is head of the Asbestos Litigation team. Bree was born in the Latrobe Valley and at an early age wanted to advocate for the rights of those in the local community. During university holidays she volunteered at local law firms in Morwell and once she was admitted

to practice and commenced her legal career, she remained involved in cases for injured workers in the Latrobe Valley.

Growing up in Traralgon, Bree witnessed firsthand the devastating effect of the widespread asbestos use that had occurred up until the 1980s at many local industries and employers. Her father worked at Loy Yang and her grandfather was a local builder.

For many years prior to 2014, Bree was a barrister with chambers in the Melbourne CBD. In March 2014, Bree left the Victorian Bar where she acted for many injured workers in the County and Supreme Courts and joined the partnership at Adviceline Injury Lawyers. Bree wanted to return to working with and helping clients on a day to day basis – something you don't get to do as a barrister.



In January 2015, Bree opened an office in Kirk Street, Moe which is dedicated to servicing her asbestos clients in the Latrobe Valley. Bree tells us that she is loving the opportunity to reconnect with this community. Bree also works in the Adviceline Melbourne and Springvale office and is passionate about helping asbestos sufferers navigate the legal system and providing support to families after a diagnosis.”

BOOK LAUNCH AND REPORT

ACV/GARDS was invited to the launch of John Bottomley's Book and Report. The guest speaker for the event was The Hon Senator Doug Cameron who himself was a “tradie” and understood the machinations of both the book and report.

The complex way we think, live and work and how ideals are instilled in all of us from a young age from those around us and how this affects our very being and everything we do. The report focuses on those silently suffering and the creation of widows and victims and the path to justice and dignity.



Pictured above: Vicki Hamilton OAM CEO/Secretary - ACV/GARDS, Bette Phillips Manager Grief Work - CNM, Hon. Senator Doug Cameron

Hard Work Never Killed Anybody challenges the soul-destroying belief that hard work is essential for

personal and national wellbeing. Author John Bottomley has written a thought-provoking book

questioning our belief that the absolutising of work should be the primary source of meaning for human life in western cultures.

Available for \$29.95 from Morning Star Publishing, <http://www.morningstarpublishing.net.au/>

Our System Isn't Geared for Death is a report of Creative Ministries Network into the experience of workers' compensation for widows bereaved by a work-related death. This is Australia's first theological and sociological pilot research study on the topic and is based on interviews with ten widows on workers compensation bereaved by their husband's death.

Available from Creative Ministries Network. Enquiries: admin@cmn.unitingcare.org.au

ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY EVENT 2015



Venue: Centenary Rose Garden, Commercial Road, Morwell

Date: Friday 27th November 2015 11.00am

Our guest speaker will be **Peter Tighe** Chief Executive Officer – Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency.

Speaker TBA

Steve Dodd - Secretary of the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council and an AMWU organiser.

Vicki Hamilton OAM - CEO/Secretary - Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS.

Rev David Howie Officiating - Ecumenical service within the event for families.

There will be a free community BBQ with the compliments of the GTLC at the conclusion of the event Musicians, Newborough Primary School Choir and the Coal Valley Male Chorus along with ACV/GARDS bagpipers. All are welcome in the community.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS MORNING TEA 2015

Venue:

ACV/GARDS office,
41 Monash Road,
Newborough

Date:

Friday 13th November 2015 10am

Entry fee: Gold coin Donation

ON THE MENU:

Scones, Jam and Cream + tea and coffee

– sponsored by: **Maurice Blackburn Law Firm** - Specialists that will be attending on the day to talk to the general public with questions will comprise of Asbestos Litigation lawyers, Environmental Hygienists, Latrobe City Waste Education Officer and Environmental Health Officer – come and have a chat with all these specialists to get as much information that you have always wanted to know.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

ACV/GARDS membership fees are due 30th September 2015. Could you please make sure you pay your fees. We do not send out personal reminders for membership as this adds burden to our costs. The fees do not cover the costs associated with being a member of the organisation but they do help to go towards some of the information that is sent to you. We thank all those who support us by being a member as this gives us strength and unity. Thank you to those members who pay 2 and 3 years in advance.



OAM LUNCH

Vicki was invited to speak at a recent get together of the Gippsland Branch of the Order of Australia at the Traralgon Winery.

Always a great get together of people from all walks of life. Vicki spoke to those gathered about all things asbestos – from where to find it – to what imports are coming into Australia and the health impact this has on the community and families. She also spoke about her organisation and the fact that it had been established in 1991 and had supported the people of Gippsland/



Victoria in all that time. All in all a wonderful lunch and get together with a great bunch of people who learnt a lot about asbestos they did not know.

Uniting church Rutherglen Road Opportunity Shop Donation

As you know ACV/GARDS were successful in an application that we made to the Uniting Church Opportunity shop. The money purchased a home oxygen concentrator, which had a plaque placed on it to say it had been donated by them.

We also had a bit of money left over to be able to purchase some more ACV/GARDS Information trifold brochures for the community. We had the brochures printed with purchased through a donation made by the Uniting Church Rutherglen Road Opportunity shop.



To show our appreciation we asked the volunteers from the shop to come and have afternoon tea with us, which they did. We thanked them all very much for helping to add to our bank of concentrators so we could retire one of our older machines.

ACV/GARDS ON THE MOVE

All those interested in coming with us for the excursions that are planned in September and October – here are some details, please contact the office for written information to be forwarded to you on the finer details of the trips.

Tour of Latrobe City Landfill and Recycling Facilities Tuesday September 29th 9.30am bus leaving the ACV/GARDS office – please bring lunch to have either on the trip or after at our office. Closed in shoes must be worn. Will arrive back approx. 2 – 2.30pm Walhalla



Train Ride and Lunch at Wally Pub Wednesday October 28th 9.30am bus leaving the ACV/GARDS office – it is advised to wear covered in comfortable shoes. The train ride will be for an hour and then lunch at the Walhalla pub – the menu is quite extensive and the prices are reasonable. \$13 return for train ride – needs to be paid in advance to Vicki – lunch is at the traveller's expense. We would like nos for lunch the week before we go please. Otherwise you can take your lunch but will have to have it in the park nearby.

ASBESTOS IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA

(If you thought all products in this country were asbestos free - and it was over - then you are sadly mistaken)

ACV/GARDS was a part of a delegation that was organised by the ACTU on June 23rd 2015 – 6 asbestos support groups and unions from around Australia took part in meetings informing senior advisors of Ministers of Parliament and heads of Depts. such as Border Force. Our reason for making this trip together was to enlighten those in Parliament to an alarming occurrence of the importation of asbestos products into Australia.

Asbestos, as everyone knows, has been banned in Australia since Dec 2003 but it has been silently coming in in products from China, India, America, Russia and many other places who still produce products containing asbestos. These products, of course, have no labels stating that they may contain asbestos and there is a variety of things that are coming into this country, such as in 2012 Great Wall cars and Chery Ute 24,000 with 17 asbestos gaskets in some models and 12 asbestos gaskets in other models. Buyer beware of these cars and utes even though the ACCC initiated the company to providing training for Dealerships and giving those who purchased the vehicles the option to take these cars to the dealerships and have most of the asbestos gaskets removed if the purchaser felt so inclined to do so, or opt for stickers to be placed in the engine bay or exhaust area where these gaskets are located – this will not be all these vehicles that will go back to dealerships and other motor vehicle repairers may not even know about the asbestos in these vehicles. Let alone may not have access to the training video. Which ACV/GARDS was advised was on line but has not been able to find it to this day. There are many of these vehicles which will never be repaired till they need attention. They might be on sold and the stickers that are supposed to be placed in the engine bays and exhaust pipes might have fallen off or be covered over with road dirt. Many vehicles are serviced by their owners in later life, and farmers often do their own repairs to save money – be very careful with these vehicles. ACV/GARDS poses the question, what happens to these vehicles when they come to the end of their life for disposal – how will they be disposed?

As asbestos products should be or?

Asbestos has been found in other imports coming into this country in brakes, trains, boilers, drilling equipment, barges, tugs and many other items of goods. Above in the pictures is a CSI kit (ACV/GARDS has in its possession) that was bought



on line from a private seller here in Australia, and we believe it was also available quite freely in children's toy stores here in Australia as another CSI kit was purchased at an Op shop in Victoria. The necklace of asbestos was also purchased on line and now we believe through an alert in the United States that crayons – yes, crayons have been found to have asbestos in them. In all of these products there was no warning of the presence of asbestos. The list is becoming endless and people must be ever vigilant when purchasing something from overseas. EWG (environmental Working Group) were quoted as saying in a media release on news.com.au – 22nd July after our trip to Canberra. CRAYONS made with cancer-causing asbestos are the last thing you want your child to be putting their mouth. But an investigation by public health watchdog the EWG Action Fund has found kids' crayons sold in Australia contained the deadly material — along with several other toys shipped down under by online retailers. Now the head of the Australian Border Force, the new agency merging customs and border control, has promised a crackdown. The toys alleged to contain asbestos include a CSI-style science kit with “forensic” powder, a necklace and several brands of children's crayons. “We didn't expect to find asbestos in crayons. But it's there,” said EWG senior analyst Sonya Lunder. “The results are significant because even trace exposure to asbestos can cause cancer and other fatal lung diseases.” The products that test positive for asbestos, all of them made in China, were:

- Amscan crayons
- Disney Mickey Mouse Clubhouse crayons by Greenbrier International Inc.
- Nickelodeon Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Crayons by MII Inc.
- Saban's Power Rangers Super Megaforce crayons by Greenbrier International Inc.
- Black fingerprint powder in the Toys R Us Eduscience Deluxe Forensics Lab kit
- White fingerprint powder in the Buy-Rite Inside Intelligence Secret Spy kit

ABF Commissioner Roman Quaedvlieg told The

Australian the dangerous products were slipping “below the radar” and vowed to bolster the force's seizure efforts.

But he admitted the agency had struggled to win convictions – “because of the difficulty in terms of proving the source and the intent”.

ACV/GARDS has had conversation with two Executives from Australian Border Force since the meeting with Roman Quaedvlieg in Canberra and there is a hot line set up by the Australian Border Force for anyone who thinks they might have a product containing asbestos.

“The Australian Border Force (ABF) has been actively working with industry, consumer groups and the ACCC to ensure that any imported crayons or other products that may contain asbestos are identified, traced and responded to appropriately. The ABF has established a multi-stage operation that, in the first phase, has had its officers working in partnership with importers and retailers to establish immediate assurance about products of concern through accredited testing. This is a priority matter for the Department and we welcome continued partnership and encourage any information about imported products of concern to be reported to the Department on 1800 009 623.”

You can also go to the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency web site where there are contact details for each state and more info on importing asbestos into this country <https://asbestosafety.gov.au/managing-importation-asbestos-australia>.



Above is the delegation of support groups, ACTU and unions in Canberra meeting with Richards Marles MP, Shadow Minister for Immigration & Border Protection

SEPTEMBER 2015 CRAYONS WITH ASBESTOS IN AUSTRALIA

ACV/GARDS has conducted its own research into crayons in local shops in our area and has had these crayons pictured left tested with a recognised and registered Laboratory for asbestos and they have come back positive.

L3 – Mickey Mouse crayons content is Tremolite (Asbestos), Talc and Chrysotile (Asbestos)

L2 – Frozen crayons content is Asbestos and Talc

There are many more well-known brand name characters that children love and adore on the packets of crayons like these. Buyer beware!. At the time of going to print we are contacting Australian Border Force on the 1800 number listed in our news item for them to organise the appropriate Federal Dept to deal with this.

These need to be recalled.



Asbestos Snippets

IN AUSTRALIA

States/Territories sign up to national asbestos plan - Friday, 28 August 2015 – Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency

The first endorsed National Plan on Asbestos Safety and Eradication was launched by the Minister for Employment, Senator Eric Abetz last Friday following a meeting of State and Territory Ministers. This is the first time such a plan has been endorsed by state, territory and Commonwealth governments. The Plan is a direct outcome of two union and asbestos disease support group Summits in 2010 and 2012 which led to the then Labor government initiating a national review, establishing what then became the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency and the development of a National Strategic Plan. "As one of the biggest users of asbestos in the world until the mid-1980s, the legacy of this substance in Australia is tragic, with consequences over the coming decades still to come. We must be coordinated, measured and strategic in the way we contend with asbestos management," Senator Abetz said. "This plan will result in coordinated effort across the country to reduce the deadly effects of asbestos on Australians, as well as help put Australia at the forefront of global efforts to deal with the deadly substance." Senator Abetz also paid tribute to the union movement for its positive input into this issue over many years. The National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness unites all jurisdictions in Australia to work together to develop practical, long-term solutions to this difficult problem. Disappointingly to unions, an earlier plan, first published in 2013 was later amended to remove the goal of removing all asbestos from all government and commercial buildings by 2030, after Master Builders Australia warned this would create unnecessary risks to workers and the public involved in the process.

<https://asbestossafety.gov.au/article/minister-abetz-launches-national-plan-reduce-risk-asbestos>

<https://asbestossafety.gov.au/national-strategic-plan>

Australian Mesothelioma Registry issues latest report Tuesday 1 September 2015

The Australia Mesothelioma Registry this week released its latest report: Mesothelioma in Australia 2014. It is the fourth report presenting data collected through the AMR, including mesothelioma notifications and asbestos exposure information, and primarily presents data for patients diagnosed during the calendar year 1 January 2014 - 31 December 2014.

As at 31 May 2015, the AMR had received 641 notifications of people newly diagnosed with mesothelioma between 1 January and 31 December 2014. Of these people, 518 were males and 123 were females, and the majority (85.0%) were aged 65 years or over at the time of diagnosis. The report is an electronic-only release and is available on the AMR website at: <http://www.mesothelioma-australia.com/publications-and-data/publications>

Presented at: The National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases Perth, Australia, April 24, 2015

Defending a decision about Iraq taken by the Department of Defence in 2002, United States Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld said: "Reports that say that something hasn't happened are always interesting to me, because as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns -- the ones we don't know we don't know. And if one looks throughout the history of our country and other free countries, it is the latter category that tend to be the difficult ones." Rumsfeld's comments sprang to mind when I was considering the current global mesothelioma landscape. In a situation where reliable mesothelioma data for 70% of the world's population is miss – go to link for more of this presentation

<http://ibasecretariat.org/lka-global-mesothelioma-landscape-2015.pdf>

Asbestos found on sport ovals – 30th April – The West Australian FIRST ON 7: Children's sport has been played on ovals where soil contaminated with asbestos was dumped without parents being told. Michael Felgate reports

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/video/watch/27470502/asbestos-found-on-sport-ovals/#page1>

Environmental group raises asbestos concerns about Orange housing proposal – ABC News - Posted 5 May 2015, 7:00am

There are fears a housing development at Orange in the New South Wales Central West could stir up asbestos and pose a threat to nearby residents. An Orange council committee will tonight consider an application to construct 28 housing lots at Daydawn Place near the intersection of Ophir Road and the Northern Distributor. The Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange group says it would be irresponsible for the committee to approve the proposal

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-05-05/environmental-group-raises-asbestos-concerns-about-orange-housi/6444764>

U-turn on asbestos building work rules - By Kirsten Lawson Chief Assembly Reporter - 05 May 2015 Canberra Times, Canberra

Just four months after banning builders from working with asbestos, the ACT government has reinstated their right to deal with the

material when it involves the structural integrity of a building. Builders will still be banned from removing asbestos, including in bonded sheeting, unless they are also qualified asbestos removalists

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/builders-get-back-the-right-to-handle-asbestos-for-structural-work-20150505-gguetx.html>

Loop hole closed on asbestos removal - by CityNews - on May 5, 2015

MICK Gentleman says new regulations for the removal of asbestos have been passed by the Legislative Assembly. These changes close a loop-hole in the system, where-by removal of walls, ceilings and the like which contain asbestos were not covered under relevant builder licensing laws," Mick said. The changes in the bill ensure that any building work warranting a licensed builder's expertise or supervision, that involve asbestos removal, now fall under the scope of licensed building work."

<http://citynews.com.au/2015/loophole-closed-on-asbestos-removal/>

Mr Fluffy archives quarantined because of asbestos - Date May 3, 2015 - Emma Macdonald - Senior reporter for The Canberra Times.

Hundreds of thousands of historical documents relating to Mr Fluffy asbestos have been quarantined for the past few months due to the presence of amosite filed in ACT government archives.

ACT Asbestos Response Taskforce head Andrew Kefford confirmed that a sorting and decontamination process had started earlier this month to "clear" files of potential contamination with a Class 1 carcinogen. The taskforce had pulled files, in which a small bag of grey fibres was included, from the archive last year. The bag's contents later tested positive for amosite.

Mr Kefford noted that it was double bagged and no one was exposed in the process, but it was then necessary to put in place a protocol to check every box of files for further samples in order for the taskforce to access them. Only one positive result has been found so far.

<http://www.smh.com.au/act-news/mr-fluffy-archives-quarantined-because-of-asbestos-20150401-1mdbow.html#ixzz3ilzXBWrB>

Turmeric 'spice of life' in fight against cancer BRAD CROUCH MEDICAL REPORTER - 09 May 2015 Adelaide Advertiser, Adelaide

A WORLD-FIRST study by researchers at Flinders Medical Centre has pinpointed the spice turmeric as a vital ingredient in the fight against deadly mesothelioma. The Flinders' team has used the peppery spice to slow the growth of mesothelioma tumours in human patients' cells. Its active ingredient curcumin has anti-inflammatory properties and research has indicated some anti-carcinogenic properties. Researchers at Flinders have been checking whether this can be used alone or in conjunction with standard therapies to treat malignant mesothelioma, an aggressive cancer caused by the inhalation of asbestos

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/adelaide-study-turmeric-shown-to-be-effective-in-fighting-cancer-tumours/story-fnpp66pk-1227347764991>

Hurstville mayor Con Hindi in strife over asbestos - May 16, 2015 The Sydney Morning Herald - Kate McClymont Senior Reporter

The property developing mayor of Hurstville, Con Hindi, is facing hefty fines and possible prosecution for failing to comply with repeated orders from his own council to remove asbestos from his building site. A report tendered to council on Wednesday night has recommended Cr Hindi be fined thousands of dollars for unauthorised excavation of his development site in Crump Street, Mortdale, as well as being prosecuted for causing a "potential health risk" and possible contamination of waterways for his repeated failure to remediate the asbestos-riddled site.

The matter came to light when the rear of the neighbour's property began subsiding into Mr Hindi's property.

Not knowing who owned the building site, neighbour Wai Mun Mak contacted the council about the problem.

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/hurstville-mayor-con-hindi-in-strife-over-asbestos-20150515-gh2tgv.html#ixzz3kTUPITCI>

Three investigations underway into how asbestos was found in Wollongong Council's roadside mounds - 18 May 2015, ABC News

Wollongong's lord mayor Gordon Bradbery says there's evidence the asbestos found in mounds along the old Prince Highway might not have come from council-generated waste.

The council's been under fire since it was discovered that mounds designed to prevent illegal dumping in bushland contained asbestos fragments. In addition to investigations by the EPA and the government's Internal Audit Bureau, the mayor has ordered an internal review. Councillor Bradbery says he acknowledges the

incident has exposed flaws in council's procedures but there's evidence to suggest the contaminated waste came from a source other than council.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-05-18/council-mounds/6476824>

Waste company fined for storing asbestos - SEPTEMBER 02, 2015 11:16AM – NEWS.COM.AU

A COMMERCIAL waste operator has been fined more than \$11,000 for illegally storing asbestos at its Haigslea site, west of Brisbane.

THE company, which has not been named, stored large amounts of old building materials containing the potentially deadly fibres in piles on the ground and in large skips.

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has also ordered the company clean up and properly dispose of the waste.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/waste-company-fined-for-storing-asbestos/story-e6frfku9-1227508953888>

Asbestos Ban in Sweden Leads to Drop in Mesothelioma - Aug 31, 2015 – Tim Povtak - Asbestos.com

The strict ban on asbestos more than 30 years ago in Sweden has produced a tangible decline in mesothelioma throughout the country. It has also helped fuel the growing debate about establishing a similar asbestos ban in the U.S. and Canada. "There is no good argument to use asbestos, anymore," senior professor Bengt Jarvholm, of the department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine at Umea University in Sweden, told Asbestos.com. "Especially [using it] in an industrialized country."

<http://www.asbestos.com/news/2015/08/31/asbestos-ban-sweden-drops-mesothelioma-cases/>

Asbestos may be hidden hazard in the housing boom - 02 Sep 2015 - Australian Financial Review, Australia Author: Jill Margo

Mesothelioma is beginning to pick off people who never even knew they had been exposed to asbestos dust. Out of the blue, these people - mostly men - are suddenly diagnosed with a fatal cancer caused by asbestos dust they unknowingly inhaled decades ago. Among them is Martin Chimes (below), who believes he was exposed to the dust while renovations were under way at a chain of shops he was opening. Experts predict this disease is beginning to enter a peak period in Australia but say it is not known how high this will go. Every month about 50 people receive the devastating news that they probably have a year to live, if they're lucky. Many are part of the so-called third wave of the disease. The first wave affected workers involved in asbestos mining, milling and manufacturing. The second wave affected workers using asbestos in industry.

<http://www.afr.com/lifestyle/health/mens-health/a-medical-hazard-hidden-in-the-housing-boom-asbestos-in-rushed-renovations-20150901-gjcok9>

Dust Diseases Board to be abolished by NSW government – Ean Higgins - The Australian – August 4th 2015

The NSW government is to abolish the institution which for decades has determined statutory compensation for asbestos victims.

NSW Minister for Finance, Services and Property Dominic Perrotet is expected to announce the move later today, claiming it is an organisational shift which will make the process more user friendly. The Australian has learned that members of the Dust Diseases Board were contacted this afternoon with a "courtesy call" saying their appointments are being terminated because the board is being dismantled. It is understood the government will present the move as shifting the Board from an administrative institution to an advisory body, and will insist that entitlements will not be adversely affected. But the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union told The Australian the government is acting stealthily, saying Premier Mike Baird is "turning his back on the dying victims of asbestos exposure."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/industrial-relations/dust-diseases-board-to-be-abolished-by-nsw-government/story-fn59noo3>

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You never know when asbestos cancer is lying dormant in your body - Jill Margo – The Financial Review Sep 1 2015

Martin Chimes on the eve of his 60th birthday – fit, powerful and entirely unaware of what was lying dormant in his body.

As a chartered accountant with a flair for business, he'd been retired since his mid-40s and had spent the intervening years investing his funds, building his fitness and completing the book his friends had long encouraged him to write.

Exactly a year after, Chimes was at Sydney's St Vincent's Hospital

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receiving a diagnosis that defied belief. He had mesothelioma, the rare and deadly asbestos cancer.

When he asked the hard question the answer was shocking. From the date of diagnosis, his particular type of mesothelioma carried a life expectancy of between four and 10 months.

That diagnosis was made in November 2013 and, to this day, he continues to search his mind to determine where he could have been exposed to asbestos dust.

The closest he gets is Sydney in the early 1980s, when he was opening a chain of retail stores and rushing the renovations. Pushing to get the shops open on time, he'd occasionally help to take out the last bits of rubble. This meant the minuscule shards of asbestos he inhaled had been in his body for some 30 years. The specialist explained that they would have passed through his lungs, which are porous, and lodged in the membranes around his lungs. Eventually, they probably gave rise to circulating cancer cells which his immune system was able to deal with.

<http://www.afr.com/lifestyle/health/mens-health/you-never-know-when-asbestos-cancer-is-lying-dormant-in-your-body-20150830-gjba18>

Fire engulfs vacant Mr Fluffy asbestos house in Canberra's north - ABC News - Wednesday 2nd Sep 2015

A fire has destroyed a vacant Mr Fluffy asbestos insulation house at Page in Canberra's north overnight. Crews were called to the home on Neumayer Street around 8:25pm to find the building well alight and part of the roof collapsed. The Emergency Services Agency (ESA) confirmed the home was an unoccupied house which had previously had loose-fill asbestos installed in the roof. The potentially deadly asbestos fibres have led to a buyback and demolition scheme for more than 1,000 affected houses in Canberra. Firefighters stayed onsite overnight to extinguish any hotspots and to dampen down any asbestos fibres. ACT State Emergency Services spokesman Stephen Carter said there was a "negligible risk" to the health of neighbours from the fire.

"A release has been sent out overnight by the ACT Asbestosis Taskforce. The scene is still being fenced and air monitoring put in place," he said. "Last night ACT Fire and Rescue also doorknocked just to reassure those nearby residents." The cause of the blaze will be assessed.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-01/fire-engulfs-former-mr-fluffy-asbestos-house-at-page/6742076>

Conman exposes Perth residents to asbestos - Ray Sparvell with AAP - WAToday.com.au - August 26, 2015

A conman has exposed Perth residents to asbestos while posing as a licensed expert in the removal of the deadly material. Consumer Protection has issued a warning as it tries to track down David Leslie Patrick Back, who quotes licence and registration numbers on his business card that are false. So far, nine complaints have been lodged against Mr Back who trades under the name Southside Asbestos Removals. Acting Commissioner for Consumer Protection Gary Newcombe is concerned about his activities and urges consumers not to have any dealings with Mr Back or Southside Asbestos. "Consumers who have been approached by Mr Back or have responded to his advertising are advised not to engage his services. Not being licensed means he may not have the necessary skills or training to remove the asbestos safely," Mr Newcombe said. The acting commissioner said that anyone who had information about Mr Back's whereabouts, or may have had recent dealings with him, should contact either Consumer Protection or WorkSafe immediately to report this information.

<http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/conman-exposes-perth-residents-to-asbestos-20150826-gj80y1.html>

Loddon Shire warns on asbestos dumping - Aug. 25, 2015 - Bendigo Advertiser

LODDON Shire Council residents are being warned to refrain from dumping asbestos at landfill sites across the municipality.

The warning follows the discovery of the toxic substance at one of council's four landfill sites during a routine inspection by the Environmental Protection Authority.

Mayor Gavan Holt said the council had invested \$100,000 across landfill sites at Boort, Inglewood, Newbridge and Pyramid Hill to improve the facilities and conduct maintenance works.

The works included a general tidy up of the waste management sites to address windblown litter, earthworks and the reconfiguration of cells.

Cr Holt confirmed the works also included the removal of asbestos after the EPA found debris on site at one landfill.

"Loddon Shire Council is reminding residents that asbestos cannot be received at any of its landfill sites and must be taken to a licensed facility," he said.

"Dumping asbestos at Loddon's waste facilities can create a significant cost to council."

Exposure to asbestos may cause a range of illnesses, including asbestosis, lung cancer and a cancer called mesothelioma.

Medical studies have also suggested links between asbestos exposure

and other cancers, including those of the gastrointestinal tract, throat, kidney, brain, bladder, voice box, and gallbladder.

Victoria has 16 landfill sites which accept domestic and commercial asbestos, including Eaglehawk and Wandella, near Kerang.

<http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/3303797/warning-on-asbestos-dumping/?cs=3329>

Bulla tip asbestos administrative blunder sparks state review into landfill licences - August 21, 2015 - Natalie Savino - Hume Leader

An inspection of the Bulla tip has sparked an independent review into asbestos landfill licences - AN ADMINISTRATIVE blunder allowing asbestos to be dumped at a Bulla tip without proper approval has led to an independent review into landfill licences across the state. Environment Protection Authority chief executive Nial Finegan said "irregularities in licence approval processes" had been identified following a recent inspection of the Bulla Tip and Quarry on Sunbury Rd. The tip has been the subject of community scrutiny for many years, including recently when video emerged of asbestos allegedly being broken up by an excavator. "Our investigations have revealed that the most recent licence amendment to BTQ to have a separate asbestos disposal area, issued in 2013, did not follow EPA's usual stringent approval processes that aim to ensure best practice environmental management," Mr Finegan said. "This administration error is unacceptable and that is why I am taking these steps to address the matter." He said the error had resulted in asbestos being dumped in an area that was not assessed in line with EPA processes.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/north-west/bulla-tip-asbestos-administrative-blunder-sparks-state-review-into-landfill-licences/story-fnrvm43-1227492490236>

Asbestos protocol to settle the dust - 21 Aug 2015 - PSN news on line - Independent News for the Australian Public Service

Comcare has agreed to adopt a Rapid Response Protocol on asbestos that will enable Government Agencies to work across jurisdictions and portfolios.

Developed by the Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities' (HWSA) Imported Materials with Asbestos Working Group, the Protocol allows Agencies to work together when products have been identified as containing asbestos. According to the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, the Protocol "will ensure that pertinent information is shared by all Agencies with an interest in a particular incident and enable a nationally uniform compliance and enforcement approach to be undertaken in response to future incidents". Agencies able to share data

Rather than being prescriptive, the Protocol seeks to "clarify responsibilities and allow for rapid and effective communication and collaboration amongst the participants".

It lists its objectives as providing a consistent approach to the risk assessment and treatment of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) identified within Australia and ensuring there was a balance of guidance available to the HWSA Working Group and flexibility to address a variety of scenarios. Other goals include ensuring secure handling of information in line with relevant legislation; reflecting the expectations of the Government and community; providing a clear guide for the allocation of resources in response to allegations and referrals made to the Working Group; and allowing for the sharing of information amongst members of the Working Group. The Protocol can be accessed at this PS News link.

http://www.psnews.com.au/aps/469/news/asbestos-protocol-to-settle-the-dust?utm_source=aps469&utm_medium=email&utm_content=news1&utm_campaign=newsletter_aps

Dripstone Middle School closed because of possible asbestos - STAFF WRITERS - NT NEWS - AUGUST 19, 2015

DRIPSTONE Middle School has been closed because possible asbestos was found on the grounds.

The NT Department of Education released a statement that said the school in Darwin's northern suburbs would be closed on Wednesday "to ensure optimal safety for students, parents and staff". "Overnight contractors on upgrades at Dripstone Middle School have identified what could potentially be asbestos," it read. "An asbestos expert was called on site immediately and testing is now underway. "Regular updates will be provided to parents and the school community as further information is provided." Anyone with questions can call an information line on 8901 1371.

<http://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/dripstone-middle-school-closed-because-of-possible-asbestos/story-fnk0b1zt-1227489426450>

Asbestos removed from Dungog creek in storm clean-up - By NICK BIELBY - Aug. 18, 2015 - Newcastle Herald

FOURTEEN tonnes of asbestos-contaminated material has been removed from a Dungog creek, after being washed there during the April super storm.

A significant amount of debris, including six vehicles, ended up in Myall Creek after almost 400 millimetres of rain fell in 24 hours across the Hunter on April 21. A Dungog Shire Council staff report, released on Monday, noted that the asbestos found in the creek was

bonded, not the dangerous friable form, and could be removed by hand without costly remediation work or risk to the community.

According to the council, much of the asbestos in the creek came from parts of Dungog houses that were destroyed during the storm. "The debris included the remains of four houses that were washed from their foundations in Dowling Street, along with vegetation, household items, vehicles and hazardous materials such as tyres, oils, chemicals and asbestos-containing material," the report noted. "The banks of Myall Creek, south of the Bennett Bridge were also extremely eroded in places. Approximately 14 tonnes of asbestos was removed to the waste facility and landfilled."

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/3288578/asbestos-removed-from-dungog-creek/>

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Protesters claim the removal of asbestos from a landfill site at St Peters for WestConnex is 'unsafe' - August 17, 2015 - Sarah Sharples - Inner West Courier Inner City

THE removal of landfill containing potentially deadly asbestos from a WestConnex construction site was stopped by protesters last week, who say the health of local residents is at risk.

Police were called to the landfill site at St Peters in Sydney's inner west after protesters had set up a blockade on Friday. The protesters believe the site contains up to 70 Olympic-sized swimming pools of asbestos in the ground. WestConnex Action Group spokeswoman Janet Dand-Wayrd said residents had watched trucks leave the site with loads only half covered despite high wind speeds.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/inner-west/protesters-claim-the-removal-of-asbestos-from-a-landfill-site-at-st-peters-for-westconnex-is-unsafe/story-fngr8h4f-1227486464252>

At least one in three Europeans can be exposed to asbestos at work and in the environment - Copenhagen and Haifa, 30 April 2015 (Amended on 1 May 2015)

About one third of the 900 million people in the WHO European Region live in countries that have not yet banned the use of all forms of asbestos, and this potentially exposes them at work and in the environment. In countries where asbestos is banned, exposure persists from past use. Exposure to asbestos can cause cancer of the lungs, ovaries and larynx; mesothelioma; and asbestosis and the most efficient way to eliminate these diseases is to stop the use of all types of asbestos. At its closure, the high-level meeting on environment and health in Haifa, Israel, urgently calls upon all European countries to eliminate asbestos-related diseases.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/sections/press-releases/2015/04/at-least-one-in-three-europeans-can-be-exposed-to-asbestos-at-work-and-in-the-environment>

Towards the elimination of asbestos-related diseases in the WHO European Region

Please read report located at link below

ata/assets/pdf_file/0005/276206/Towards-elimination-asbestos-related-diseases-EURO-2014-en.pdf?ua=1

Welcome to Geneva! - by Laurie Kazan-Allen

As asbestos lobbyists from Russia, India, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Canada, Vietnam and Brazil arrive in Switzerland this week, 1 they will be met by posters prominently displayed on the sides of trams and buses with stark public health warnings about the deadly asbestos hazard! Considering that the purpose of their visit to Geneva is to prevent delegates to next week's meeting of the UN's Rotterdam Convention from designating chrysotile asbestos as a hazardous substance, this powerful advertising campaign will almost certainly not be the greeting they had hoped for.2 The series of posters, which is sponsored by the Industrial Global Union and its affiliates The Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union and The Construction, Forestry Mining and Energy Union, 3 will be circulating through the city center from May 6-19, 2015

<http://ibasecretariat.org/lka-welcome-to-geneva-may-2015.php>

Saskatchewan launches online asbestos registry - By David Giles - Senior Web Producer - Global News - May 5, 2015 10:59 am

REGINA - The first registry of its kind in Canada is now active in Saskatchewan. The provincial government launched its online asbestos registry Monday.

Along with the registry, an asbestos advisory committee has been established to provide input to the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety on asbestos-related health and safety issues. This new database is another step toward ensuring the health and safety of workers across our province," said Don Morgan, the labour relations and workplace safety minister.

<http://globalnews.ca/news/1980120/saskatchewan-launches-online-asbestos-registry/>

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Droitwich Spa High School asbestos-find forces closure - 6 May 2015 - From the section Hereford & Worcester - BBC News

Parts of a Worcestershire school have been closed after asbestos was detected. Droitwich Spa High School has been closed to Year 9 students while tests are carried out. A statement on the school website said parts of the school were likely to be closed for "at least the remainder of this week". Head teacher Natalie Waters said: "It is likely that at least one year group will need to stay at home on each day." Student safety a "low level of background asbestos" was detected by surveyors working on a number of new windows in the main classroom block, the school said. An "emergency programme of expert testing" is under way, with classrooms being reopened once they have been deemed safe.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-32605337>

World Health Organisation released this video on Chrysotile Asbestos Voices from South East Asia - released earlier this year 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTiF3xGXFTI>

Pacific region awash with asbestos 2 September 2015 - Radio New Zealand International

For the first time, authorities in the Pacific now have an idea of just how much asbestos there is in the region, and are trying to work out

how to get rid of it before it becomes a health risk.

A survey has found that some South Pacific countries are awash with the hazardous building material which can lead to lung diseases or cancer. The Pacific environment agency SPREP says that until now there's only been anecdotal evidence about the quantity and condition of asbestos in the region. SPREP's Pacwaste project manager, Stewart Williams, says the survey, done with European Union assistance, found that the once-common building material is widespread, including in public buildings such as schools and hospitals.

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/283091/pacific-region-awash-with-asbestos>

Two companies fined for serious breaches in the removal of asbestos - HSE - Health & Safety Executive UK - 19 August 2015

A construction management company and a director of a construction company were fined for serious safety failings whilst working on a construction site at Kensington Church Street, London.

Work was carried out by three employees of construction firm Cowen Builders Limited, of Chelmsford exposed them to asbestos over several days after it was disturbed. It will be several years before it is known if the exposure will result in asbestos related disease causing ill health and death. Westminster Magistrates' Court heard how, in May 2013, Cowen Builders Limited (CBL) had been contracted by Paragon Management UK Limited (Paragon) to carry

out work at the premises.

Prior to this work asbestos had been identified in a survey by Paragon. Paragon failed to provide the details of the survey to CBL prior to the work starting. CBL failed to consider the possibility of asbestos being present and then continued the work without adequate measures in place after it was known the asbestos had been disturbed. Paragon Management UK Limited, from Austin Friars, London, was fined a total of £20,000, and ordered to pay £2,373 in costs after pleading guilty to an offence under Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. They were also ordered to pay compensation to each of the three workers. Kenneth W Cowen, sole director of Cowen Building Limited of South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex, was fined £15,000, and ordered to pay £2,373 in costs after pleading guilty to offences under Section 2(1) and 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2015/two-companies-fined-for-serious-breaches-in-the-removal-of-asbestos/?eban=govdel-press-release&cr=19-Aug-2015>

INTERNATIONAL ASBESTOS MEMORIAL COMMISSIONED BY CLYDEBANK ASBESTOS GROUP UNVEILED 30 MAY 2015

ACV/GARDS has had a friendship and link to the Clydebank Asbestos Group for many years now and we often talk and share news.

When ACV/GARDS found out that Clydebank wanted to raise money for a memorial we asked members of our group if they would like to donate to this as some of those shipbuilders sought out a new life in Australia amongst our community and we felt very connected to them. So members of our group donated on behalf of ACV/GARDS the organisation and now this dream has come to fruition. We hope to build a permanent memorial here in the next few years and realise our hopes for remembering all those who have lost their lives through asbestos exposure in our community. Joe O'Neill a member of the Clydebank Asbestos Group has written a news piece below just giving a brief of how it all came together.

The idea for a memorial was raised by a member at the AGM of 2003. Initially the proposal was for a small garden of remembrance for those had had died of this dreadful disease. However, as time passed, there was a growing support for something more fitting for these victims and a wish to remember all others throughout the world who suffered. Eventually, it was agreed, bearing in mind the great expense required, that we should build a monument worthy of those who had passed, something which would be seen to honour them. The next step was to find an artist to design something of this nature.



It was decided to make something that would be definitive of the Clydebank area. The artist submitted the idea of the monument being in the form of a large frame builder, which would be built on the site of the old shipyard, John Brown's where all the great Queens were constructed and launched. As the years went on we met with all sorts of problems, such as planning permission, land development and possible objections from the airport authorities as the site was on the flight path for the descent into nearby

Glasgow Airport. Because of these things, it was decided to scrap the project and look for something else that would be equally fitting to remember those who had gone. Eventually it was decided that a new structure would be built in a prominent place in the town. This turned out to be a wise action. The memorial is a wonderful work of art.

It takes the form of 5 stainless steel plinths 2 metres high. Title of the work is "FOR ALL THOSE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN", which recognises all victims of asbestos related deaths in every corner of the earth. On one side the names of those known to us are engraved on a mirror finish, the other side is brushed and glazed as our tribute to the unknown. The group and the local community are proud of the finished work.

It took many years of fundraising to afford this but was worthwhile in the end; it is a landmark in this area.

It is fitting that we should have such a great tribute here, as Clydebank has the greatest number of asbestos related deaths within Europe. It also represents the millions of innocent people throughout the world who have died as a result of working or living with asbestos. Even today many more thousands of innocent people continue to die as a result of contact with the material. Because of this, the fight must continue to obtain truth and justice for these people.

On behalf of the group I send our fraternal greetings to all those at ACV/GARDS in the sure and certain knowledge that our objectives are the same.

Joe O'Neill

ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We would like to thank the speakers we have had at our support group meetings this year, they have been interesting and diverse. Thank you for taking the time to come and speak with us, they have been truly interesting conversations we needed to have.

Feb - Peter Armour - Financial Advisor at Centrelink

March - Bryan & Noely Whelan - Scooterin About

May - Dr Sonia Allen - Adjunct Senior Lecturer Monash University

June - Val Prokopiv - President of Gippsland Trades & Labour Council

July - Darryl Whittaker - Director of DWJ Productions

August - Dr Joanne Porter - Deputy Head of School - Bachelor of Nursing Program Coordinator - School of Nursing, Midwifery and Healthcare - Faculty of Health - Federation University

ACV/GARDS NEW WEB SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We would like to thank **Italicherry Design studio Wendy McEwan** for all the great work she is doing for us - she has been very generous with her time & expertise

www.italicherrydesign.com.au

All those who have donated to our information on the web site.

We will be placing their logos on our new web site shortly in appreciation



HAZELWOOD POWER & ALSTOM DONATION



Pictured left: GDF SUEZ Hazelwood Outage Manager, Chris Van Der Valm congratulates Alstom Outage Manager, Jason Price on a job well done on the recent Unit 5 Outage.

Unit 5 Outage OH&S performance rewards local health organisations, GDF SUEZ Hazelwood and outage contractor Alstom, are celebrating the excellent safety record of over 230 employees and contractors involved in the 'Unit 5 Outage'.

A suggestion raised with management by the Industrial Relations consultative and Health and Safety committees to recognise the safety performance of the workforce, has led to local organisations Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS and Latrobe Regional Hospital Cancer Care Centre being chosen to receive a donation of \$2,000 each.

A safety initiative, the donations have been made possible by an exceptional safety performance which has seen a low incident rate throughout the 70 day outage.

Alstom Outage Project Manager, Mr Jason Price attributes much of the outage success to the relationship established between management of

GDF SUEZ Hazelwood, Alstom and the outage workforce.

“The relationship between management and the workforce not only led to the idea of making a donation to two local health organisations, but has also attributed to the strong safety record during the outage,” Mr Price said.

“The workforce’s attention to detail and planning of tasks has played an integral role in ensuring the safety of all involved. Our focus throughout the two month outage has been on safety in all that we do from small to larger tasks, it is of prime importance.”

Safety has been at the forefront of all those involved as they aim to keep a safe workplace with no incidents or harm to anyone.

Work will continue over the coming weeks as the scope of works is completed. ACV/GARDS would like to thank all involved in this donation to us. It is very much appreciated and will support asbestos sufferers and their families – it was a very lovely surprise from a bunch of great people.

Annual General Meeting
Date: Saturday 30th January 2016
Time: 2.00pm
Venue: 41 Monash Road, Newborough

IMPORTANT DATE

Election of Positions falling vacant:
President
Treasurer
Committee Member

Other business to be conducted - Election of Auditor for 2016/17 – Change of Membership fees

Returning Officer: **Graeme Hamilton** - Nomination forms can be collected from the ACV/GARDS office, or downloaded from the ACV/GARDS web site or forwarded by post on request to ACV/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.
Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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 carer. 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 lives. Would you care to join us? Call the number listed below.

CALL 0429 689 827 OR 0351 273 283

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



Well the end of year is fast approaching - so we turn our thoughts for a get together for a bit of merriment and mirth.

This year’s Annual Christmas party and lunch will take place at Silks Restaurant, Moe (it is situated at the rear of Michaels Golden Hen).

The menu this year will be buffet/smorgasbord style lunch including and not limited to 2 roast meats & more - with all the trimmings.

Dessert will be plum pudding and custard/cream or Fruit Salad if you so desire. Tea and Coffee.

Santa will be in attendance to see who has been naughty or nice and we will have a Christmas raffle on the day. **We will also be trying something new this year where everyone (males attending bring male present and females attending bring female present) a Kris Kringle present (wrapped) to the value of no**

more than \$10 along for under the tree to share after our meal. These need to be given to the person in charge of tickets so that you get a ticket to pick a Kris Kringle present after lunch.

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

If you would like to join us, here are all the details:
Venue: Silks Restaurant - rear of Michaels Golden Hen - George Street, Moe
Date: Saturday 5th December 2015
Time: 12 noon
Free to Financial Members of ACV/GARDS
Non-members \$22.00 per person
BYO drinks

For catering purposes **please contact Vicki** or the ACV/GARDS office **RSVP by no later than the 27th November 2015.**

Special People and Organisations

THANK
YOU!

Regular donations made to us by these generous companies
Judi, Kerri and all the family & we would also like to thank Paul Erbs & Darren Carman and all the team at Mairin OHS&E Consulting

We would like to take this opportunity to thank individuals who have donated to us in different ways over the last few months:

- Marian Carrigy,
- Anonymous \$4,
- Seamus Herrick,
- Terry Mead,
- Ray Logan,
- Ken & Lorrie Rowlinson,
- Scott Hulme,
- Jim & Shirley Connaghan,
- Barry & Elaine Quirk,
- Shirley Fletcher,
- Jenny Snape,
- Ray & Marion Harris,
- Robert Rawlings

Donations made in Memory of – Peter Fenech

- Sharyn Fenech,
- Michelle Fenech,
- Jason Fenech

Donations made in Memory of - John Jackson

- Doreen Jackson

Donations made in Memory of – Phillip Blunt

- Mick Chopping

Bernie and Ian Kirkup

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bernie and Ian Kirkup of Morwell for the very generous donation of equipment that they chose to donate to our organisation – comprising of adjustable chair, shower stool and walker. It will certainly be appreciated by our asbestos sufferers and be in high demand. Thank you so much for thinking of us.

On line donations

- Rob Wright,
- David O'Neill,
- Chris Healy

Irene Williams

ACV/GARDS would like to take this opportunity to thank very much Irene Williams for the wonderful donation she made to our organisation of a preloved home oxygen concentrator. Irene's husband, Gerald was not an asbestos sufferer but she wanted to donate the machine to somewhere that it would do the most good. We are thrilled that you thought of us and you can be assured it will be put to good use. A plaque has been placed on it reading "This equipment was generously donated in Memory of Gerald Williams"

Donations made in Memory of – Mary Heddles

- Rob Wright

Donations made in Memory of – Terry Glover

- Muriel Glover

Home Taste Chinese Restaurant, Newborough

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



Lynne Mansfield

A big thank you from us to Lynne Mansfield for the wonderful knitted rugs she has made us to raffle off. They are absolutely beautiful and so much care has gone into them. If you are lucky enough to win one in our raffle you will be warm and snug with a handcrafted original by Lynne.

Sally's Hair Design Newborough

ACV/GARDS would like to thank Sharon Blanch and her wonderful staff and clients for donating to us and helping to support asbestos sufferers.

Vivien Gunn

Thank you to Vivien Gunn for her terrific donation, it is greatly appreciated. It is always nice to receive donations from the community/members – this means a great deal to us!

Jean and Ron Harwood

Jean and Ron Harwood a big thank you for the donation to the raffle of a bottle of Whiskey and also a Golf umbrella

South Gippsland & East Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide

The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to acknowledge the support that we get from Paul 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 whenever 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.

Rossmore Hotel Yallourn North Bowling Club

We would like to thank the Rossmore Hotel publican, staff and patrons and the Yallourn North Bowling Club Mal Paulet and club members for supporting the ACV/GARDS org by allowing us to fundraise at the hotel and the bowling club.

We have made some great acquaintances and the Yallourn North community make us feel very welcome.

Thank you to all of you who buy the raffle tickets and we will see you in September 2015.

John Hewson

Thank you to John Hewson for helping with his expertise in the purchase of one of our new computers and then volunteering to set it up in the office. Couldn't have done it without you.

Donations made in Memory of - Jim Sargeant

- Mary and Liam Rossney

Advice Line Injury Lawyers Donation

ACV/GARDS were very pleased to receive a donation to the organisation. We thank Bree Knoester for making this happen. Thank you so much.

Anonymous Donation

ACV/GARDS received a donation of a preloved portable oxygen concentrator, which when we have had it serviced and checked we will loan out to asbestos sufferers who require oxygen and are going on holidays or to doctor's appointments in Melbourne. With a portable machine it is much easier to get around and takes the hassle out of organising oxygen wherever you go. Thank you to our anonymous donor.

Peter Black

ACV/GARDS wishes to acknowledge one of our deceased members Peter Black, who on his passing has donated money to purchase some well needed equipment for our organisation – This was a wonderful surprise and such a lovely gesture from a very honourable and genuine man who is sadly missed amongst our members and committee. RIP Peter Black - thank you.



SafePower

We would like to thank Swee Lim for the exceptional service he gave ACV/GARDS – testing and tagging our equipment. Swee generously donated some of his time to us. Thank you - Give him a call on 0439 349 014 www.safepower.net.au

Gippsland Water Social Club Inc.

We were just overwhelmed with the donation made to us by Gippsland Water Social Club. They have been donating to us for a number of years now and we are proud and honoured that we are a charity of choice for them. Your money does make a difference and we appreciate it very much. Thank you to all concerned at Gippsland Water for making this happen.



ACV/GARDS Inc. Membership Form

Asbestos Council of Victoria/Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc.

ABN: 77 687 118 554 - Inc. No. A0042386U

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone: Email:

Occupation:

Committee of Management

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ACV/GARDS NEW MEMBERS Joining Fee \$5.00

PLUS

ACV/GARDS Annual Subscription 2015

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 ACV/GARDS Inc.

Signature: Date: ____/____/____

Please return to ACV/GARDS Inc. with payment, PO Box 111, MOE, Vic. 3825

Office Use Only

I....., a Member of the ACV/GARDS Inc. nominate the Applicant for Membership of the Association

Signature of Proposer: Date: ____/____/____

I....., a Member of the ACV/GARDS Inc. second the nomination of the Applicant for Membership of the Association

Signature of Seconder: Date: ____/____/____

ACV/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

**CALL IN
FOR A CHAT AND
CUPPA**

ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2015

1.30PM – 3.30PM

Meetings are held at –

**ACV/GARDS Premises
41 Monash Road,
Newborough**

- Tuesday 29th September - Bus Trip
- Wednesday 28th October - Bus Trip
- Frid 27th Nov – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell - 11am
- Christmas Break-Up 5th December - Silks Restaurant at 12pm

ACV/GARDS NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2015

7.30PM – 9.30PM

Meetings are held at –

**ACV/GARDS Premises
41 Monash Road,
Newborough**

- Tuesday 15th September
- Tuesday 20th October
- Tuesday 17th November
- Christmas Break-Up 5th December - Silks Restaurant at 12pm

UP COMING EVENTS Our Night/Day Meetings

Bus Excursions:

September 29th

Tour of Recycling Plants

October 28th

Walhalla Train Ride and lunch at Wally Pub

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER 2015

**ASBESTOS AWARENESS
MORNING TEA**

**Friday 13th November
– 10am**

**41 Monash Road,
Newborough**

Entry: gold coin donation

**ASBESTOS AWARENESS
EVENT**

**Friday 27th November
– 11am**

**Centenary Rose Garden
Commercial Road, Morwell**

ACV/GARDS AGM 2016

Sat 30th January 2016 – 2pm

41 Monash Road, Newborough

President * Treasurer Committee Member

**Other business to be conducted Election of Auditor for 2016/17
Change of Membership fees**



ACV/GARDS INC. SUPPORT

ACV/GARDS provides support and information to asbestos sufferers, their families and carers. This includes home visits by ACV/GARDS volunteers, a telephone information/support service 24 hours, 7 days a week. ACV/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.

ACV/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; ACV/GARDS Support is open to anyone whose lives have been affected by asbestos, their families and the general public.

ACV/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.

ACV/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**
On line donations
<http://www.givenow.com.au/gards>

Phone: **03 5127 7744 24/7**
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ACV/GARDS INC. EVENING MEETING

ACV/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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