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About G.A.R.D.S. INC.

G.A.R.D.S INC. IS NOW A DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT

Yes it is now official the Australian Taxation Office has seen fit to grant us with the endorsement of Deductible Gift Recipient. This of course means that anyone wishing to make a donation/gift of money to our organisation can now claim anything over \$2 back on their tax.

GARDS wishes to give a big thank you to Mr. Andrew Kovesdy from the Australian Taxation Office for all his help and guidance in making this possible. We thank him very much for his understanding of a few difficult issues that we had.

NEW FACE FOR THE G.A.R.D.S. NEWSLETTER

You will probably notice that the newsletter has changed slightly in format and look. This new face for the newsletter is because we want to be able to send out the Asbestos News on the email and post it on to the web.

We have been having technical difficulties with getting the newsletter to people via the email and we haven't been able to present the Asbestos News on our web site like we would have wanted. So we hope that this format will be a lot more successful.

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting that the newsletter will go to quarterly to save production costs and over work of the Treasurer/Assistant Secretary. The next newsletter will come out in April.

A.I.R. G.A.R.D.S OFFICE CLOSED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Committee of Management were left with no choice but to disassociate themselves from A.I.R. GARDS.

As a result of this action it was necessary to terminate our licence with Ross House and close the office. These decisions were not made lightly. All the Committee of Management derived a lot of heart ache from having to make these decisions.

We are however still members of Ross House Association and are most welcome anytime we need to use the Ross House facilities or any of the other services they provide to community groups.

G.A.R.D.S. INC.
WISHES ALL IT'S
MEMBER'S
AND FRIENDS A
VERY PROSPEROUS,
SAFE AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR FOR 2003.
WE HOPE TO SEE
ALL OUR
SUPPORTERS BACK
EARLY IN THE NEW
YEAR.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

HAZELWOOD POWER

Before Christmas we were lucky enough to have a generous donation of \$1,000 given to us. This money has been put towards securing our rent into 2004. We would like to thank Mr. Neil Lawson, Public Relations Manager for his support of GARDS and his offers of help.

LOY YANG POWER

Also another donation that came in before Christmas was \$500 from Mr. Gerald May, Manager of Public Affairs. This money also was put towards securing our rent into 2004. We thank him very much for his support and hope we can have a very fruitful relationship with him.

GIPPSLAND WATER

GARDS was lucky enough to have a computer donated to us with help from our Vice President Trevor Callow and Mr. Peter Quigley of Gippsland Water. We also had the assistance of Mr. Rod LeLievre from Newborough Graphics and Signs and also Mr. Matthew McCabe from Gippsland Computers and Process Control who helped in getting this computer up and running with programs and accessories. We now have two computers in the office and this will make life a lot easier for us.



CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

Our Christmas break-up that was held on the 17th of December starting at 4.00pm was well attended by some 35 people who enjoyed a BBQ, salads and sweets. Santa came along with her bell ringing and gave out lollies to all who attended. There was much merriment and mirth which went on late into the evening with the last party goers leaving at around 11.00pm.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

GARDS held a raffle over the month of December. 1st prize was a cot quilt and nappy bag made with loving care and donated by Mrs. Jean Hislop. 2nd prize was a Christmas Food Hamper to the value of \$50 plus. We raised over \$240 dollars and the winners were drawn at the Christmas party.

**They were: 1st prize – Mr. Keith Fletcher
2nd prize – Mrs. Dorothy Roberts**

LAURIE KAZAN-ALLEN VISIT TO LATROBE VALLEY

Our visitor from the United Kingdom who is a member of the Royal Health Organisation, a journalist and feature writer specialising in asbestos issues came and gave a very informative talk to a large group of interested members and public who attended. Laurie spoke of her experiences in England and her trips in the last few months overseas to Brazil and Greece.

We were lucky enough to get Laurie to Gippsland for 2 nights and 1 day as she was here in Australia attending an International Conference on Asbestos that was organised in Western Australia.

Laurie was gracious enough to accommodate us before she went on to Sydney to attend a meeting of The Asbestos Society group of NSW.

Laurie's talk was taped by one of our wonderful member's Mr Josef Biro for people to come and view in the Training room if anyone is interested.

After Laurie's enlightening talk she was treated to a sumptuous lunch and taken on a tour of all 3 of our power station sites and The Old Brown Coal Mine Museum.

Laurie departed with some mementoes of Gippsland and some memorable moments to share on her return to England.

I am quite sure that we have made a very good friend and alliance with a wonderful and all inspiring woman who will be remembered by all who met her.

VACANT POSITION

Before Christmas we had a vacancy occur in the Committee of Management which has graciously been temporarily filled by Mrs. Dorothy Roberts as caretaker Secretary.

We are calling for nominations to fill the vacancy which has been left by Cheryl. Any body interested in this position please contact Vicki Hamilton for more details at the GARDS office.

A Special meeting will be held at 7.00pm on 18th of March, 2003 before the evening meeting which starts at 7.30pm.



VOLUNTEERS FOR SUB COMMITTEE

It was decided at the AGM that the Associations Incorporation Statement of Rules was inadequate and a sub committee was proposed to be formed to review all of the rules and report back to the Committee of Management on its recommendations.

We are asking for any interested persons who would like to help review these rules to form a group.

We so far have 3 volunteers who are Graeme Hamilton, Bert Taylor and Rosemary Murphy. Thank you very much to those people who have already volunteered.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Graeme Hamilton after hours on 51278219 or GARDS office on 51281218.

G.A.R.D.S INC. ANNUAL FEES ?

Did you join around November 2001, December 2001, January 2002, February 2002, and March 2002? Then your annual fees are due and payable as soon as possible.

Annual fees go part way to helping pay for the postage on the newsletter that we send out to you and any flyers during the year.

Pensioner/Concession (unemployed)
Annual Fees are \$3.00

Full Rate (employed)
Annual Fees are \$11.00

If you are not a member of GARDS INC. and wish to join the Joining Fee is \$5.00 plus your annual fee.



DONATIONS OF WOOL

Last month Mrs. Marion Taylor kindly offered to make knitted slippers and donate them as a fund raiser for GARDS.

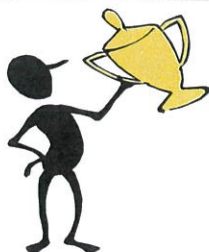
She makes these slippers out of recycled wool from old jumpers and cardigans.

So if you have any unwanted jumpers or cardigans that you no longer want please bring them into the GARDS office and we will pass these onto Marion to be recycled.

The slippers are \$10 a pair and can be purchased at the GARDS office.



MARION TAYLOR



SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS OF G.A.R.D.S.

HAZELWOOD POWER

LOY YANG POWER

GIPPSLAND WATER

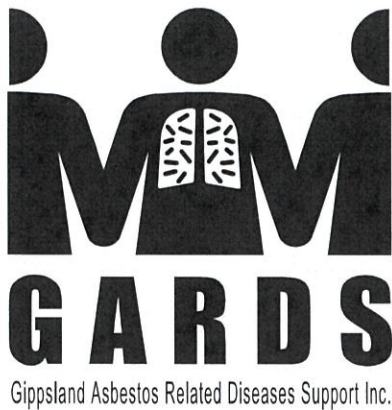
NEWBOROUGH GRAPHICS & SIGNS

GIPPSLAND COMPUTERS AND PROCESS CONTROL

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SKILLS ON LINE

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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 advice service, and drop-in service at GARDS office.

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 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:

Lyle Seear – Ph. 51671376

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Trevor Callow – Ph. 51342208

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Dorothy Roberts – Ph. 51274174

Treasurer/Assist Secretary:

Vicki Hamilton – Ph. 51278219

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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: 3rd Tuesday of month,
7.30pm – 9.30pm

UP AND COMING EVENTS

WREATH LAYING DAY

Will be advised via

L.V. Express

In the Community News Section



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY: 9.30AM – 2.30PM

TUESDAY: 1.00PM – 3.00PM

WEDNESDAY: By Appointment

THURSDAY: 12 noon – 3.00pm

CALL IN FOR A CHAT & CUPPA