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A Prickly Visit To Mildura



Picture taken by Vicki Hamilton

Four of the ACV/GARDS committee visited Mildura on the 21st, 22nd & 23rd July to deliver an asbestos awareness session to some Mildura council officers, Pro CFA fire fighters, general public and unionists. It was a full on session 3+ hours and many questions were asked.

We want to thank Darren Carman for coming along from Mairin OHS&E

Consulting to help with the presentation and giving his expertise from a hygienist view and answering some of the tuff questions asked by the fire fighters.

We believe that those who attended got a lot out of the session, and could not believe what asbestos products were out in the community and what asbestos products were coming into our country as imports.

Thank you to all who attended, it was a great day and we enjoyed meeting every one of



those who came and participated. We learnt as much from those who attended around asbestos issues in Mildura as they did from us.

Big thank you to the Sunraysia Trades and Labour Council – Joint Secretaries – Mick Chopping and Arthur Edge for making us feel very welcome. A big thank you

also to Arthur for showing us his fantastic cactus garden – just magnificent – a real labour of love.

The ACV/GARDS crew hope to get back to Mildura sometime soon for more awareness sessions. Look forward to catching up with everyone again and helping to make the people of Mildura asbestos aware.



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www.gards.org

This edition sponsored by grant from Latrobe City



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Asbestos Awareness Day Fast Approaching

DIARY DATE TO REMEMBER:

**ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY – FRIDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER 2016 –**

11am – Centenary Rose Garden, Commercial Road Morwell.

Speakers: Nicola Quin - Head of Division, Strategy and Support - Cancer Council Victoria

Robyn Duffy, Coordinator Health Services at Latrobe City.

Steve Dodd Secretary of the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council

Musician/Singer - Susan Parrish

Choir – Latrobe Valley Community Choir

Bag pipers – David Hastie and Bill Dunbar

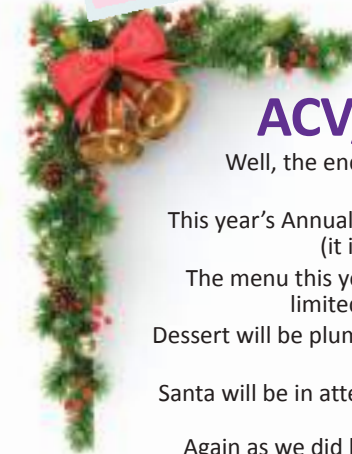
Ecumenical Service will be conducted by Minister Russell Jones

Free Community BBQ with the compliments of Gippsland Trades and Labour Council



Our new awareness pins will be available to purchase at

\$2



ACV/GARDS Xmas Lunch 2016

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

This year's Annual Xmas party and lunch will take place at Silks Restaurant, Moe (it is situated 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 Xmas raffle on the day.

Again as we did last year everyone is invited to bring a wrapped Chris Cringle present to the value of no more than \$10. Females please bring a present suitable for a female and males please bring a present suitable for a male to put 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 Chris Cringle present after lunch.

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

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

VENUE: Silks Restaurant - rear of Michaels Golden Hen - George Street, Moe

DATE: Saturday 3rd December 2016

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 22nd November 2016



2016 ASBESTOS AWARENESS MORNING TEA

VENUE: ACV/GARDS office,
41 Monash Road, Newborough
DATE: Friday 22nd November 2015 10am
Entry fee Gold coin Donation
ON THE MENU - Scones Jam and Cream
plus tea and coffee



Morning tea sponsored by **Advice Line Injury Lawyers** -

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.

ACV/GARDS AGM NOTICE

DATE: Saturday 28th January 2017 - **TIME:** 2.00pm -
VENUE: 41 Monash Road, Newborough

Election of Positions falling vacant:

**SECRETARY – VICE PRESIDENT
– COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**Other business to be conducted - Election of Auditor
for 2017/18**

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

SPONSORSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL ASBESTOS CONFERENCE IN SA

Three of our ACV/GARDS committee who are going to the ASEA conference in November are very pleased and grateful to the 2 firms below who are sponsoring them to go. Thank you for your generosity, it was greatly appreciated. Vicki would like to thank ASEA for sponsoring her to attend the conference as a panellist in one of the breakout sessions. Without this generous support for events like this we would not be able to attend.



**NOW DUE!
PLEASE CHECK**

**HAVE YOU PAID
YOUR ACV/GARDS
MEMBERSHIP FEES?**

The fees have increased marginally to:
**\$5 for concession & \$15 for
employed persons**

Joining fee remains the same at \$5

ACV/GARDS membership fees only cover some of the costs associated with being a member of the organisation - it does help us to send out information to you & keep you informed, but we cannot send out personal reminders of fees due as this adds too much to our costs. We thank all those who support us by being a member as this gives us strength and unity to fight for those things in life that our sufferers and their families need and want. Thank you to those members who pay 2 & 3 years in advance, your gesture is greatly appreciated.



Australian Government
Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

SAVE THE DATE!

ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE THE VENUE FOR AGENCY CONFERENCE 13-15 NOVEMBER 2016

Bookings are being taken for Adelaide Convention Centre and the 3rd International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management Sunday 13th to Tuesday 15th of November 2016. Please go to the web site at

<https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/asbestosconference2016>

Awareness Sessions a Great Success

Chisholm TAFE Berwick



ACV/GARDS crew conducted 4 asbestos awareness sessions at Berwick TAFE from May through to August 2016.

Over 200+ apprentice plumbers sat the sessions along with their trade teachers. It was a real privilege and honour to have been able to meet all the students and their teachers. Many

questions were asked and many scenarios were discussed about work place situations. The apprentices were shocked to see what imports were coming into our country, and how they must stay ever vigilant to make sure they try to keep themselves from being unwittingly exposed. Even some of the trade teachers had stories to tell the students from their

experiences of being on the job. We would like to extend a big thank you to Trevor for helping these sessions to take place. We have been asked to come back next year and we are keen to do that so that we get to as many apprentices as possible to try and make them asbestos aware. Thank you to all, it has been a terrific experience for all of us.

Awareness Sessions a Great Success

The Gordon TAFE Geelong East



In July 2016 the ACV/ GARDS crew travelled to Geelong TAFE to deliver asbestos awareness to the Painting and Decorating apprentices and their trade teachers.

It was a great session with many questions asked by the apprentices. The asbestos samples that we take to show the apprentices are always well received and usually invoke a lot of questions and talk of what other products are out in our community. The apprentices are always surprised to see some products that we show as they did not know they contained asbestos.

Most of the apprentices go out of the door saying that they have learnt so much and will pass it on to other apprentices and family. We are always pleased when we get responses like this as we know that we have seeded new information and another group of people are asbestos aware!!

We want to thank The Gordon for asking us to come to speak with the apprentices. It was a fun session and enjoyed by all who attended. We hope to be back there soon to do some more asbestos awareness in the near future. The students received goodie bags full of info to take away read and keep for future reference.

Bendigo TAFE



July 2016 saw the ACV/ GARDS crew back in Bendigo delivering asbestos awareness sessions to over another 100+ students in 2 sessions over the day.

The groups consisted of Electrical apprentices and Painting and Decorating along with their trade teachers. The apprentices got right into the sessions asking many questions and posing scenarios of work place situations.

It was great to have the input

from the trade teachers who also shed light on asbestos in the trade. Everyone was amazed to find out just how many products are coming in from overseas and just how careful they need to be when out on site, not just in old sites but new ones too.

All in all a great day and we thank the Bendigo TAFE for inviting us to come and for presenting us with a certificate of appreciation. We were thrilled to receive it. Thanks to everyone.



Awareness Sessions a Great Success

Federation Training Newborough

In August 2016 we were asked to come and present our latest information into asbestos products and issues happening now to the Victorian Painting & Decorating Tafe teachers group at the Yallourn Campus. The group included the Chief Executive Officer of the Master Painters Australia - Victorian and Tasmania.

It was a great get together and

much was discussed around these issues and how this is impacting on the apprentice painters and painting firms in general.

We want to thank Federation Training for organising our attendance at this session it was great meeting again and being able to exchange the latest up to date information.

We look forward to further get together. A progressive bunch of TAFE trade teachers with great back up from the Master Painters Australia. See you all next year in 2017



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING MOE SOCIAL CLUB

Vicki was invited to attend the end of term social club function at the Department of Education and Training in Moe to talk about all things asbestos.

All topics were open for discussion and Vicki spoke about what ACV/GARDS provided in the community and the advocacy it did for its members, family and the general community. We were thrilled to find out when we were there that the social club had been fundraising for us all term. It was a privilege and honour

to have been asked to come along to have a chat and meet the staff. We would like to thank Nadine who organised all this to happen, Nadine's father, Gary has just been diagnosed with mesothelioma, and we met with him a few weeks ago along with Nadine's Mum, Leonie. Thank you so much everyone who made the afternoon such a great success, it was lovely to meet all of you and encourage you to keep up the good work of supporting local charities in the area. All the local charities do great work in supporting the community and deserve all the help they can get.

ACV/GARDS ON THE MOVE...

Olivia Newton John Wellness Centre – Austin Hospital - Dr Thomas John

On the 30th August some of the ACV/GARDS members took a bus ride to meet Dr Thomas John and hear about the research, treatments and support that are happening at ONJWC.

It was, as one of our members put it - a very special and thoroughly interesting look at what happens behind the scenes in research. Our members learnt so much about what Dr Tom is trying to achieve and how research drives better quality of life for sufferers and ultimately will find a cure. We must support research if we want to see positive outcomes for sufferers. ACV/GARDS wants to thank Dr Tom and the wonderful team who showed us all around the centre. It was truly inspiring and a wonderful experience for all our members who attended and thank you to those researchers that Dr Tom

introduced us to on the day that talked us through the work they do in the research projects.



ACV/GARDS ON THE MOVE...

Darnum Musical Village

Some of the ACV/GARDS members took a trip by bus to the famous Darnum Musical Village.

The village is stocked with musical instruments of all kinds. The instruments date back 200+ years and are a fine representative collection of instruments from all over the world.

Albert Fox and his talented team of singers and

musicians could play all the instruments in the village – one of the amazing things about the collection was that they are all in working order or are currently being repaired by them in the workshop on site.

Our group was treated to a musical interlude and a lovely home - made lunch. The members had a wonderful time and Susan Parrish, one of the singers/musicians, has agreed to come along and



sing at our asbestos awareness day in November. We are thrilled she has accepted our invitation and look forward to hearing her sing again.



ISSUES ON IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA

In March 2016 an Independent Swedish review from KGH Border Services on Asbestos imports was handed down to Minister Dutton and it took five months to release this report to the public on the 4th August. At the blinding speed that government are moving on the issue of imports to Australia we will be awash with products in this country.

Remember that 12 Australians die each week from mesothelioma, in 2014 according to the Australian Mesothelioma Register 641 people died of mesothelioma in Australia. For every mesothelioma there are 10 other asbestos related diseases in the community such as 3 or 4 lung cancers, 6 or 7 asbestosis & pleural plaques sufferers. This government needs to get its head around imports in a big way – we will have more waves of people being affected by unwitting exposure sometime in the future with asbestos products installed in new building sites and homes across Australia.

Well where do you begin? – on this opposite page are just some of the products getting into Australia – Queensland State Government's new executive building – fondly known as the "Tower of Power", a 41 storey skyscraper, the potential deadly fibres were found in Klingerit 200 paper deadener, 60% chrysotile. The Health and Medical Research Institute SA and the Royal Adelaide Hospital – Company - Yuanda won \$85 million worth of contracts in South Australia installing the pine cone skin-inspired façade which was found to contain asbestos. Travel over to Perth to the \$1.2 billion New Perth Children's Hospital where ceiling tiles made of asbestos all need removing and replacing. Australian Portable Camps found to have imported asbestos fibre board. In fact 64 sites across Australia have been known to have asbestos-tainted concrete fibre sheeting which has been used in construction. 17 sites in New South Wales 13 in Queensland, 11 in South Australia and 8 in Victoria. 8000+ known sheets of asbestos cement fibre board came into Australia and we



believe that this is just the tip of the ice berg. Has Border Force been able to find/trace all that board? – I think not!!! – what about the building materials that are not known and have slipped past undetected and are now installed in buildings around Australia?

Other imported asbestos products that came into Australia in recent times: a mining company that imported asbestos in gaskets for industrial equipment from Vietnam, and a West Australian company which imported chrysotile asbestos in machinery from China. Flange gaskets and brakes to monkey bikes – Diesel train engines, Entire production plants – Drilling lubricant material called nut plug, underbody protectant and sound deadeners. Did you know that products in America containing less than 1% asbestos are classed as "asbestos free". The finger print powder in CSI kits for children was friable asbestos, Fire wallets had a sheet of asbestos in them to protect hands from being burnt, Tug boats – Chinese built Svitser tugs, Warrunda and Warrego, despite both being issued with asbestos-free certificates, 950 odd instances of asbestos on the vessel. Great Wall and Chery vehicles imported in 2012 fitted with asbestos gaskets – some 30 gaskets – 21,500 Great Walls, Utes and SUV's – 2,250 Cherys. Crayons – boxes sold with branded names of popular children's characters like Mickey Mouse, The Disney Princesses, Ben Ten, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles etc. tested for, and found to have asbestos in them, some had two different kinds of asbestos in them – how long have they been

coming in like this? Tremolite decorative stacked stone.

Polystyrene panels imported to be used in the construction of residential buildings found to contain chrysotile (white asbestos), Seaford South Australia rail extension and new electrical tram substations in Melbourne found to have concrete fibre cement floor sheeting in them – 4 substations in East Brighton, the CBD, Thornbury and West Brunswick, in fact some 50 building sites have purchased asbestos-tainted concrete fibre sheeting from China. In China products can be legally labelled "asbestos free" if the asbestos content is less than 5 per cent. Chinese trains imported to New Zealand and Australia were found to contain asbestos, 10 of these locomotives were made by China Southern Rail to tow iron ore bound for China to port. Maintenance workers repairing a number of the diesel engines said there was a lot of white dust and asked if the white dust was safe – it was not – the white dust was chrysotile asbestos found throughout the locomotives, in insulation around the exhaust and muffler system, around coolant pipes and in the brake exhaust section near the roof of the driver's cabin.

The maximum fine for illegally importing asbestos is \$180,000 – this has never been imposed. The ACTU stated that the Federal authorities have prosecuted just three companies found to have imported asbestos-laced materials since 2003 and managed to raise a meagre \$300,000 in fines, despite the fact that just with this list we have compiled thousands of contaminated products are slipping past border controls. The ACTU are pushing a Senate motion in October 2016 to re-establish a Senate inquiry into non-conforming building products with a specific focus on asbestos importation after winning broad cross party support from Labor, Nick Xenophon Team, the Greens, and Pauline Hanson's One Nation. We hope this will get across the line.

Come on Federal Government get your head out of the sand and start getting fairdinkum about asbestos issues in this country.

A LINE UP OF A FEW ASBESTOS IMPORTS THAT HAVE COME INTO AUSTRALIA IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THIS IS NOT ALL BY FAR



Royal Adelaide Hospital



Queensland Government new executive building known as the Tower of Power



CSI Kits



Health and Medical Research Institute



Crayons



Polystyrene Panels



Perth Children's Hospital



Australian Portable Camps



Tremolite Decorative Stacked Stone



Great Wall vehicles imported in 2012



Nut plug drilling lubricant



Electrical Tram Substation in Melbourne



Tug Boats Port of Newcastle



Concrete fibre cement imported in 2012



2013/14 Chinese trains imported to New Zealand and Australia



Seaford SA Train Substation



Monkey Bike



Fire Wallets



Gas Masks

Asbestos Snippets

AUSTRALIA

Mal'z Deli owner sleeps on store's roof to stop demolition – *WA News* – by Emma Young, June 1 2016

Mal'z Deli manager Simon Mackenzie slept on the roof of his store after being there all day Tuesday, in an attempt to stop developers pulling down part of his Scarborough business to build apartments.

<http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/malz-deli-owner-sleeps-on-stores-roof-to-stop-demolition-20160601-gp8uow.html>

Audit clears air on asbestos response – *psn news.com.au* - 02 June 2016

A performance audit of the ACT Asbestos Response Taskforce has found the Taskforce's approach to governance and risk management to be effective and reflecting "better practice", but the final cost of the Mr Fluffy scheme will not be known until 2020.

<http://www.psnews.com.au/act/506/news/audit-clears-air-on-asbestos-response>

Port Stephens mayor Bruce MacKenzie's family company has been charged with waste dumping – by JOANNE MCCARTHY, June 1, 2016

PORT Stephens mayor Bruce MacKenzie's family company faces a maximum \$1 million penalty after it was charged with using Macka's Sand and Soil at Salt Ash as an unlawful waste dump.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/3942179/mackas-sand-faces-1-million-penalty-in-court-case/>

Government cuts funding for making brownfield sites suitable for new homes – *The guardian* - Fiona Harvey and Jake Chadwick, 2 June 2016

The government has drastically cut funds needed to encourage new building on "brownfield" sites, despite claiming that such sites would be key to solving the housing crisis.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jun/02/government-cuts-funding-for-making-brownfield-sites-suitable-for-new-homes>

Canberra Mr Fluffy fraud accused pleads not guilty to producing fake document – *The Age* - Megan Gorrey, June 2, 2016

A Canberra man will fight an allegation he tricked a home owner into believing their house contained deadly Mr Fluffy asbestos. Garry John Miller, 54, was arrested in May after police alleged he produced paperwork that implied loose-fill asbestos had been found at the property.

<http://www.theage.com.au/act-news/canberra-mr-fluffy-fraud-accused-pleads-not-guilty-to-producing-fake-document-20160602-gp9ryz.html>

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Gumnut dilemma – *Lithgow Mercury* - LEN ASHWORTH, June 7, 2016

LITHGOW Council last night for the first time released details of the circumstances leading up to the shock lockdown more than two weeks ago of the busy Lithgow Gumnut House childcare centre. The centre closed overnight after soil testing indicated the presence of asbestos in the playground area.

<http://www.lithgowmercury.com.au/story/3951704/gumnut-dilemma/>

Asbestos fears: Education Department dismisses concerns at Gooseberry Hill Primary School – *Midland Reporter* – by Sally McGlew, June 7th, 2016

THE Department of Education has reiterated its message that there is no danger to children from asbestos at Gooseberry Hill Primary School. Department infrastructure executive director John Fischer said materials found on the oval at the school did contain asbestos but they were of a very low risk to students and staff.

<http://www.communitynews.com.au/midland-reporter/news/asbestos-fears-education-departmenr-dismisses-concerns-at-gooseberry-hill-primary-school/>

Fluffy block buyers lament guarantee of safety - *Sunday Canberra Times* – by Georgina Connery, June 5 2016

AC government-devised sales contracts for former Mr Fluffy blocks give buyers no legal guarantees about the condition of the land or whether it is free of loose-fill asbestos.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/mr-fluffy-block-buyers-get-no-government-guarantee-the-blocks-are-safe-20160604-gpbljy.html>

Something Sinister in the Water - *Courier Mail, Brisbane* – by Rhian Deutrom, June 4 2016

Oakey residents caught in the grip of a water contamination health scare are demanding answers and action from the Defence department.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/oakey-water-contamination-crisis-defence-minister-implored-to-visit-town/news-story/5d75409f10ce908f1a28be3477487c8d>

Oakey contaminated water: Residents demand answers from the Defence department – *The Courier Mail* – by Rhian Deutrom, June 4, 2016

DARBY Tunnah never eats breakfast before his horses do. Blinking away the last remnants of sleep, he shuts the door of his Oakey home at 2am and steps out into the dark towards the stables.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/oakey-contaminated-water-residents-demand-answers-from-the-defence-department/news-story/18fcfcaaa88139eace9c5fcde9875da>

Asbestos from China turns up in SA – *Seven news - AAP* on June 8, 2016

An Adelaide company has been caught importing building products containing asbestos from China, the South Australian government says. SafeWork SA is investigating the importation of the products, which have been used in the production of portable structures and in facilities at the company work site.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/sa/a/31796111/asbestos-found-at-sa-work-site/#page1>

Second Adelaide company under investigation for importing products containing asbestos – *ABC News* - By Angelique Donnellan, 8 Jun 2016

An Adelaide company is being investigated for importing building products from China that illegally contain asbestos, six months after it was revealed asbestos was also detected in electrical substations on the Seaford rail line.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-08/second-adelaide-company-investigated-importing-asbestos-products/7494466>

Asbestos illegally imported from China provokes questions and anger in SA – *ABC News* - By political reporter Angelique Donnellan, 9 Jun 2016

A work safety authority will not reveal how many portable structures are under watch across South Australia due to imported asbestos. It was revealed this week that SA-based company Australian Portable Camps was being investigated over imports from China which illegally contained the deadly substance

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-09/asbestos-illegally-imported-from-china-provokes-anger/7498190>

ACT drug-law reformer Brian McConnell dies of mesothelioma after years in a Fluffy House – *Brisbane times.com.au* - by Kirsten Lawson, June 9 2016

The mesothelioma death this week of widely respected drug-law reformer Brian McConnell has thrown the spotlight back on the dangers of Mr Fluffy asbestos, with Mr McConnell having lived for 45 years in an asbestos-contaminated house.

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/act-news/act-druglaw-reformer-brian-mcconnell-dies-of-mesothelioma-after-years-in-a-fluffy-house-20160608-gpeldm.html>

Utility chief accused of asbestos 'cover-up' – *Yahoo 7 News* – by Daniel Mercer - *The West Australian*, June 15, 2016

A Labor frontbencher has accused the head of the Water Corporation of breaking the law and called on her to be sacked over the potential exposure of workers to asbestos.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/31843044/mp-bill-johnston-launches-attack-on-water-corp-chief-sue-murphy/#page1>

Asbestos-containing products to be banned – *Yahoo 7 News* - *NZ Newswire* on June 15, 2016

Products containing asbestos are going to be banned, the government has announced. The ban will be effective from October 1, Environment Minister Nick Smith says. Raw asbestos

is already banned.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/a/31839925/asbestos-containing-products-to-be-banned/#page1>

Creating social change through arts practice – *Arts review* - June 15, 2016

A creative motivator and provocateur who initiates social change through large-scale participatory arts projects, Dr Donna Jackson will launch her new book: *Art and Social Change – Dust: a case study* – highlighting the processes and resources required to create *Dust*, a collaborative production that increased participants and audiences understanding and perceptions about asbestos-related diseases.

<http://artsreview.com.au/creating-social-change-through-arts-practice/>

Clearing asbestos around Griffith - *The Area News* - 15 Jun 2016

Residents in Griffith and surrounding areas will have the opportunity to have their house tested for loose-fitting asbestos for free.

<http://www.arenanews.com.au/story/3971205/clearing-asbestos-around-griffith/>

Mr Fluffy testing extended across Central West – *Lithgow mercury* - 16 Jun 2016

THE NSW Government has extended free loose-fill asbestos testing to the Bathurst, Oberon and Blue Mountains Local Government Areas.

<http://www.lithgowmercury.com.au/story/3972406/mr-fluffy-testing-extended-across-central-west/>

Calls to remove loose-fill asbestos properties from rental market – *Your investment property* - By Phil McCarroll, 17 Jun 2016

Owners of properties that contain loose-fill asbestos should be prohibited from renting them out, rather than just being required to disclose the fact to any potential tenant.

<http://www.yourinvestmentpropertymag.com.au/news/calls-to-remove-loosefill-asbestos-properties-from-rental-market-217955.aspx>

Aftermath of storm on Sunshine Coast brings focus on asbestos and safety – *ABC News* - By Kylie Bartholomew, 20 Jun 2016.

Authorities on the Sunshine Coast are investigating whether residents have been exposed to asbestos after a devastating storm ripped through the region last night.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-20/aftermath-of-storm-brings-focus-on-asbestos-and-safety/7527206>

NSW government offering Forbes homeowners free testing for loose-fill asbestos – *Forbes Advocate* - 20 Jun 2016

Free sample testing for loose-fill asbestos is now available to a limited number of homeowners in Forbes.

<http://www.forbesadvocate.com.au/story/3980318/forbes-eligible-for-asbestos-test/>

NSW loose-fill asbestos testing program to expand – *The border mail* - 18 Jun 2016

COROWA, Lockhart and Urana home owners can now join the NSW government scheme that aims to track down loose-fill asbestos.

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/3974052/asbestos-program-to-expand/>

As house prices soar, Canberrans rediscover their love of renovating – *All Homes* - April Dudgeon Jun 19, 2016

The HIA report revealed that Canberrans are expected to spend \$367 million this year, increasing to \$398 million in 2019 on their home renovations.

<http://www.allhomes.com.au/news/as-house-prices-soar-canberrans-rediscover-their-love-of-renovating-20160619-gpm2h0/>

Coal workers' pneumoconiosis: an Australian perspective – *The Medical Journal of Australia*

Coal workers' pneumoconiosis (CWP) is an untreatable but preventable lung disease arising from chronic inhalation of coal dust.

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2016/204/11/coal-workers-pneumoconiosis-australian-perspective>

Asbestos Snippets

Civic Centre repairs set to begin – *Warwick daily news* - Dane Lillingstone, 21st Jun 2016

WORKS have started to repair damage caused by a fire that ripped through Stanthorpe's Civic Centre.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Manager Community Facilities Mr Michael Bell said removal of asbestos in the building would soon take place.

<http://www.warwickdailynews.com.au/news/civic-centre-repairs-set-begin/3049182/>

Brimbank Park remains closed off six months after asbestos discovery – *Starweekly* - by Ben Cameron, June 21, 2016

It's still unclear when asbestos will be removed from a closed-off section of Brimbank Park – more than six months after it was discovered. Up to five hectares of the park have been fenced off since February as Parks Victoria continues to investigate an undisclosed amount of asbestos found dumped last December.

<http://www.starweekly.com.au/news/brimbank-park-remains-closed-off-six-months-after-asbestos-discovery/>

Why asbestos in schools is STILL a deadly danger to our children: Experts predict 60,000 related deaths over the next 30 years – *Daily Mail* – By Louis Rodgers, 21 June 2016

Annabel Freyberg, the Oxford-educated daughter of an hereditary peer, doesn't fit the typical picture of a mesothelioma victim. The industrial disease is associated with dockyard and construction workers and is caused when needle-sharp asbestos fibres from building materials become embedded in the lungs.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3651420/>

Why asbestos schools deadly danger children 60-000-deaths-estimated-30-years.html

Lyons man fights charge - *Canberra Times, Canberra*

A Lyons man has pleaded not guilty to blocking a demolition truck from a neighbouring Mr Fluffy house.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/leo-carvalho-pleads-not-guilty-to-blocking-mr-fluffy-demolition-truck-in-lyons-20160621-gpnyhy.html>

Not much to gain from a Fluffy inquiry – *Barr* - *Canberra Times, Canberra*

A board of inquiry into the Fluffy asbestos disaster in Canberra looks further off than ever after Chief Minister Andrew Barr said on Tuesday he didn't see much point.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/act-chief-minister-andrew-barr-doesnt-see-much-point-mr-fluffy-board-of-inquiry-20160621-gpoe3.html>

Confusion over Fluffy support as letter turns up - *Canberra Times, Canberra* – By Kirsten Lawson, 23 June 2016

A freedom of information request found no record that Chief Minister Andrew Barr wrote to the Prime Minister asking for co-operation with a Fluffy board of inquiry, but late last night Mr Barr's office said a letter had been discovered.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/chief-minister-andrew-barr-never-wrote-to-pm-for-fluffy-board-of-inquiry-support-20160622-gpp117.html>

Liverpool council accused of dumping asbestos near homes, residents launch class action – *ABC News* - By Stephanie Dalzell, 22 Jun 2016

A group of south-western Sydney residents have launched a class action against their local council, alleging it is responsible for asbestos being dumped near their homes.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-22/liverpool-council-accused-of-dumping-asbestos-near-homes/7534066>

Confusion over request from Chief Minister Andrew Barr for Fluffy board of inquiry support – *The Canberra times* - Kirsten Lawson, June 23 2016

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Rain stops Mr Fluffy asbestos dumping at West Belconnen tip for five June days – *The Canberra times* - Kirsten Lawson, Jun 24 2016

Heavy rain halted dumping of Mr Fluffy demolition materials over five days in June, with trucks unable to reach the tip front. The Asbestos Taskforce says there is no significant impact on the demolition program, with 220 houses demolished to date.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/rain-stops-mr-fluffy-asbestos-dumping-at-west-belconnen-tip-for-five-days-in-june-20160622-gppt98.html>

University wants more Mr Fluffy householders to join

asbestos health study – *The Age* – by Adele Thorpe, June 24 2016

The Australian National University wants more Canberrans to join a study of how loose-fill asbestos insulation affects their health. The ACT asbestos health study has been extended until July 8 to give former residents of so-called "Mr Fluffy" houses more time to complete its survey.

<http://www.theage.com.au/act-news/university-wants-more-mr-fluffy-householders-to-join-asbestos-health-study-20160624-gprg9n.html>

'Hidden surprises' push Thirroul pavilion revamp over budget - *Illawarra Mercury* - Kate McIlwain, 27 Jun 2016

Crumbling walls and hidden asbestos have blown out Wollongong City Council's budget for the refurbishment of Thirroul Beach pavilion.

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/3994447/hidden-surprises-push-thirroul-pavilion-revamp-over-budget/>

Holbrook, Henty, Culcairn host loose-fill asbestos information events - *Border Mail* - 27 Jun 2016

GREATER Hume homeowners will be able to bring any loose-fill asbestos questions to NSW Fair Trading staff at Holbrook, Henty and Culcairn this week.

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/3993347/asbestos-events-in-three-locations/>

Long-held seat in the balance - *West Australian, Perth* – by Sophie Morris, 29 Jun 2016

Strolling along Eighth Avenue in Maylands, John Fraser is happy to meet Tim Hammond, the Labor candidate for Perth, and pledge him his vote.

<http://www.pressreader.com/>

Training key to dust inhalation safety - *Daily Mercury, Mackay QLD* – 29 Jun 2016

QUAKER Chemical Queensland manager Paul Oliver says dust suppressants can reduce levels in underground mines significantly, but education of workers is key.

<http://www.dailymercury.com.au/news/companies-spend-on-reducing-dust/3053364/>

ANU still looking for Fluffy opinions – *Psnews* - 30 June 2016

The Australian National University (ANU) survey of health concerns of people who have lived in a house with loose-fill asbestos insulation has been extended until 8 July.

<http://www.psnews.com.au/act/510/news/anu-still-looking-for-fluffy-opinions>

Mr Fluffy: Demolition restrictions lifted on contractor accused of looting – *ABC News* - 30 Jun 2016

The ACT Asbestos Response Taskforce has lifted restrictions on a demolition contractor under investigation for allegedly misusing fittings and fixtures from Mr Fluffy contaminated homes.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-30/demolition-restrictions-lifted-on-mr-fluffy-contractor/7559384>

EPA investigates rubble at CFA training site – *Bendigo Advertiser* - Nicole Ferrie, 1 Jul 2016, 3:46

The Environment Protection Authority is investigating how a 1000 cubic metre pile of industrial waste believed to contain asbestos ended up at the Huntly CFA training site.

<http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/4004935/epa-investigates-rubble-at-cfa-training-site/>

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<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-30/demolition-restrictions-lifted-on-mr-fluffy-contractor/7559384>

Restrictions lifted on Mr Fluffy contractor – *Canberra Times, Canberra* - By Christopher Knaus, 1 July 2016

Restrictions on a demolition contractor accused of ransacking Mr Fluffy homes for reusable goods will be lifted on Monday, despite the company still being subject to a police investigation.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/restrictions-lifted-on-contractor-accused-of-ransacking-mr-fluffy-homes-20160630-gpvfaf.html>

Greater Hume – *The Border Mail* – by JANET HOWIE, 1 Jul 2016

Nearly 100 people visited NSW Fair Trading

information stands in Holbrook, Henty and Culcairn this week to learn more about the government's voluntary purchase and demolition program.

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/4004101/homeowners-urged-not-to-miss-testing/>

Homeowners urged not to miss testing – *The Border Mail* – BY JANET HOWIE, 2 July 2016

TWENTY Holbrook homes, so far, contain loose-fill asbestos and ensuring those homeowners stay in town is a council priority.

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/4004101/homeowners-urged-not-to-miss-testing/>

Asbestos cancer in WA Aboriginal population linked to Wittenoom mine – *Scimex* – by scimex.org editor, 4 July 2016

Most cases of mesothelioma - the cancer linked to asbestos exposure - in Aboriginal people in Western Australia can be linked to the Wittenoom mining operation in the Pilbara region, say Australian experts.

<https://www.scimex.org/newsfeed/asbestos-cancer-in-wa-aboriginal-population-linked-to-wittenoom-mine>

Flaw in MrFluffy sales process a concern – *Sunday Canberra Times* – 5 June 2016

The criticism of the sales contracts put forward by the ACT government for remediated Mr Fluffy blocks should send a warning to those buying them.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/comment/ct-editorial/flaw-in-mr-fluffy-sales-process-a-concern-20160604-gpbqr6.html>

Qld teacher developed cancer from asbestos - *The Australian* - By Jamie Mckinnell, July 5, 2016

The case of a former Queensland science teacher who was diagnosed with cancer after working with equipment made from asbestos is not isolated, his lawyers say.

<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/breaking-news/qld-teacher-developed-cancer-from-asbestos/news-story/6ddd94ce7c8baa0c635ae262cee48853>

Shock asbestos discovery - *Toowoomba Chronicle* – by STEVE ETWELL, July 6 2016

TODAY'S page one story about a former Toowoomba teacher who was diagnosed with mesothelioma after working with Bunsen burner equipment will have ramifications for thousands of people.

<http://www.thechronicle.com.au/news/our-say-shock-asbestos-discovery/3057182/>

Ambulance officers demand State Government honour promise to fund upgrades at Toukley and Wyong - *Dailytelegraph.com.au* - Therese Murray, July 7, 2016

AGEING ambulance stations at Wyong and Toukley have been branded a "disgrace" by paramedics fearing exposure to asbestos and demanding to know why the NSW Government failed to honour last year's \$9.1 million election promise to replace the buildings.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/central-coast/ambulance-officers-demand-state-government-honour-promise-to-fund-upgrades-at-toukley-and-wyong/news-story/9701910c2070ad83f7894d37ec2b5b61>

Queensland IR Minister urges apprentice electricians to stay safe from asbestos exposure – *Safety Culture.com.au* - by Haydee, 07 July, 2016

Minister for Industrial Relations Grace Grace met with electrical apprentices in Rocklea, suburb of Queensland to highlight the importance of asbestos safety.

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/07/queensland-ir-minister-urges-apprentice-electricians-stay-safe-asbestos-exposure/#.V6qn5I9OKUk>

Record Number of Mesothelioma Deaths Among Aboriginals in Western Australia Traced to Mining of Blue Asbestos - *Mesothelioma Research News* - by Daniela Semedo, July 7, 2016

Indigenous people in western Australia die of mesothelioma at a higher rate than anywhere else in the world, researchers at the University of Western Australia report, with more than two-thirds of these cases caused by asbestos mining in a town called Pilbara.

<http://mesotheliomaresearchnews.com/2016/07/07/record-number-mesothelioma-deaths-aboriginals-blue-asbestos-mining/>

Asbestos Snippets

Fire threatens factory at Wodonga St, Beverley, in Adelaide's western suburbs - *The Advertiser* - by JOSEPHINE LIM, July 7, 2016

WITNESSES heard a series of explosions and saw "massive" flames as a large blaze destroyed a factory in Adelaide's west.

Police had earlier said the fire was believed to be suspicious and have now confirmed that it was a case of arson.

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/fire-threatening-to-destroy-factory-at-wodonga-st-beverley-in-adelaides-western-suburbs/news-story/52f211b589c85c82386987a7100254dc>

More asbestos feared in Wagga homes - *Daily Advertiser* - by Hannah Paine, 8 Jul 2016

CANCER-CAUSING loose asbestos has been detected in one city home, prompting fears more homes could be affected.

<http://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/4018338/home-test-deadline-looms/?cs=148>

Mesothelioma Awareness Is About People, Not Payments - *Huffington Post* - by Heather Von St. James, 7 July 2016

I get the same reaction from almost everyone when I tell them what type of cancer I battled.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/heather-von-st-james/mesothelioma-awareness-is_b_10859072.html

Where are the Canberra fans? - *Canberra Times*, Canberra - Chris Dutton, 9 July 2016

It's a shame Blake Austin doesn't have the keys to the Canberra double-decker band wagon bus because the Raiders playmaker could have probably filled it when he stopped to pick up fans on his drive to the clash against Newcastle last weekend.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/rugby-union/brumbies/saturday-serve-where-are-the-canberra-fans-as-brumbies-and-raiders-wait-for-bandwagon-20160708-gq1j8h.html>

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<http://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/4018338/home-test-deadline-looms/>

Asbestos claim settles - *Sunshine Coast Daily* - 11 July 2016

A FORMER Sunshine Coast science teacher has settled a claim against Education Queensland after Bunsen burner equipment made from asbestos contributed to him developing mesothelioma.

<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/news/asbestos-in-science-lab-gave-former-coast-teacher-/3057959/>

Fluffy inquiry - *Canberra Times* - 11 July 2016

Andrew Barr's comment that a board of inquiry in the Fluffy asbestos disaster would not unveil anything new ("Not much to gain from a Fluffy inquiry", June 22, p2) is a joke.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/comment/ct-letters/dont-promote-zed-20160710-gq2opk.html>

Asbestos found at Queensland Government's new executive building - *ABC News* - By Chris O'Brien, 11 Jul 2016

The potentially deadly fibre was discovered on Monday at the base of the building on 1 William Street, in metal skirting which came from China

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-11/asbestos-found-1-william-street-brisbane-cbd-executive-building/7587238>

Asbestos check at new Royal Adelaide Hospital confirms suspect gaskets not used in construction - *ABC News* - By Angelique Donnellan, 12 Jul 2016

The discovery of an asbestos-tainted building product in a Brisbane office tower has prompted an urgent check of work done on a major Adelaide building project.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-12/urgent-asbestos-check-adelaide/7621950>

Qld asbestos scare prompts union alert - *SBS* - 13 Jul 2016

The building union has issued a national alert on a Chinese supplier following an asbestos scare at the construction site of the Queensland government's so-called "tower of power".

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2016/07/12/qld-asbestos-scare-prompts-union-alert>

Asbestos discovery linked to Brisbane company that worked on new RAH and SAHMRI sites - *The Advertiser* - by Craig Cook, July 12, 2016

ASBESTOS used in a major Brisbane construction site leading to its closure, was supplied by the same company which worked on two key government-funded building projects in Adelaide.

<http://online.isentialink.com/adelaidenow.com.au/2016/07/12/ab4dbf88-6cbd-4ed1-972a-c8ddabecac22.html>

Mystery Blue: The Dangers of Asbestos - *Yahoo7.com* - by *The West Australian*, July 12th, 2016

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/video/watch/32340136/today-in-history-for-august-15th/#page1>

Plumber sings about the dangers of asbestos - *Yahoo7* - by *Melissa Leo* - *The West Australian* on July 12, 2016

In the past 40 years more than 10,000 people in Australia have died from mesothelioma and that number is expected to double in the next 40 years.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/32039192/plumber-sings-about-the-dangers-of-asbestos/#page1>

Alert over asbestos in CBD - *Adelaide Advertiser* - by *Craig Cook*, 13 July 2016

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<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/asbestos-discovery-linked-to-brisbane-company-that-worked-on-new-rah-and-sahmri-sites/news-story/4458b806c9300ed1a02fa275dd4d3fd>

Qld asbestos scare prompts union alert - *SBS* - *Source: AAP*, 13 Jul 2016

The CFMEU has issued a national alert and called for an urgent meeting with Chinese building supplier Yuanda after an asbestos scare in Brisbane.

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Asbestos discovered at No1 William Street - *ABC* - July 13, 2016

Asbestos has been discovered amongst imported construction materials on the site of the new government building No.1 William St.

The 'Tower of Power' site was shut down after it was found a kind of gasket used to weld two pieces of aluminium together contained the deadly substance.

<http://www.4bc.com.au/news/asbestos-20160712-gq49k8.html>

Possible asbestos find at Perth Children's Hospital angers CFMEU - *ABC News* - By *Briana Shepherd*, 14 Jul 2016

A union has warned hundreds of workers at the new Perth Children's Hospital might have been exposed to asbestos, after reports of white asbestos discovered in roof panels.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-13/perth-childrens-hospital-asbestos-fears/7627046>

Asbestos scare hits new children's hospital - *The West Australian* - by *Daniel Emerson*, July 13, 2016

The Perth Children's Hospital project has been hit by an asbestos scare after workers last night discovered a suspicious-looking substance in an insulation panel and evacuated the site.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/32048057/new-childrens-hospital-roof-riddled-with-asbestos-says-building-union/#page1>

Too many people are living with asbestos-related diseases in isolation, say experts - *redlandcitybulletin.com.au*, - 13 Jul 2016

A COMMUNITY support network for asbestos disease sufferers will be set up in the Redlands.

<http://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/4026274/support-group-for-asbestos-disease-sufferers-to-set-up-in-redlands/>

Asbestex Warns Homeowners to Register for NSW Government Asbestos Testing Before August 1st Deadline - *PR Newswire* (press release) Jul 13, 2016

The Asbestex company in Sydney is reminding property owners across New South Wales to avail of the government's free asbestos checks if they register before August 1st.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/asbestex-warns-homeowners-to-register-for-nsw-government-asbestos-testing-before-august-1st-deadline-300297943.html>

Black lung result of deficiencies in coal miner health checks - *Sydney Morning Herald* - by *Tony Moore*, July 13 2016

A breakdown of the health checks for Queensland's 5500 coal miners was identified in a report into black lung disease by Monash University handed down on Wednesday.

<http://www.smh.com.au/queensland/black-lung-result-of-deficiencies-in-coal-miner-health-checks-20160713-gq55c3.html>

Mr Fluffy: No charges laid over alleged looting of asbestos homes - *ABC News* - 14 Jul 2016

A police investigation into the alleged theft of furniture and other items from Mr Fluffy-contaminated homes in Canberra has ended without any charges being laid.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-14/no-charges-laid-over-alleged-looting-of-mr-fluffy-homes/7628122>

Queensland appeals for stricter controls on asbestos importation - *SafetyCulture* - by *Haydee*, Thursday 14 July, 2016

Queensland is calling on the Commonwealth to implement tougher controls over asbestos importation in Australia.

Industrial Relations Minister Grace Grace said the Commonwealth should implement stricter import controls on the hazardous substance after asbestos was discovered on a major Brisbane construction site

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/07/queensland-appeals-stricter-controls-asbestos-importation/#.V7Fi549OKUK>

State to check major projects after deadly asbestos found at \$1.2b children's hospital - *The West Australian* by *Kim Macdonald and Dan Emerson*, July 14, 2016

Two major State Government projects will be checked for asbestos contamination after deadly fibres were found in roofing panels of the new \$1.2b children's hospital.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/32049912/union-claims-major-asbestos-breach-at-childrens-hospital/#page1>

Asbestos scandal: WA Builders warned of risk before discovery at Perth Children's Hospital - *Herald Sun* - by *JOHN FLINT and DANIELLE LE MESSURIER*, July 17, 2016

WA BUILDERS were warned last year not to trust overseas certifications that imported products were free of asbestos.

<http://online.isentialink.com/heraldsun.com.au/2016/07/17/dcb54256-8fc1-4290-afc5-494c7e03724c.html>

Tighten border checks - *Sunday Times* - July 17, 2016

THIS week's discovery of white asbestos in atrium roof panels at Perth Children's Hospital was a genuine shock.

<http://readnow.isentia.com/Temp/84456/628115903.pdf>

Australian Border Force testing small fraction of building materials for asbestos - *ABC News* - By *Angelique Donnellan*, 17 Jul 2016

The Australian agency responsible for stopping asbestos at the border has revealed it is only testing a fraction of shipments each year for the deadly substance.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-17/asbestos-in-building-materials-slip-into-australia/7636276>

Asbestos import tests vowed after hospital scare - *The West Australian* - by *Daniel Emerson and Daniel Mercer* - July 19, 2016

The Chinese subcontractor at the centre of the Perth Children's Hospital asbestos scandal has vowed to test independently all imported products after complaining of "fraudulent" compliance certificates from China.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/32085674/asbestos-import-tests-vowed-after-hospital-scare/#page1>

Asbestos fears at Perth Children's Hospital: Site cleared for workers to return - *ABC News* - By *Eliza Laschon*, 18 Jul 2016

The Perth Children's Hospital is safe for workers to return to following an asbestos contamination scare last week, according to an evaluation by an independent expert.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-18/perth-childrens-hospital-cleared-for-workers-asbestos-scare/7638044>

Qld parliament's \$300k asbestos bill - *Yahoo7* - By *Jamie McKinnell*, July 19, 2016

Asbestos removal in Queensland's parliamentary annexe has cost the state \$300,000, a budget estimates hearing has been told.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/qld/a/32088717/qld-parliaments-300k-asbestos-bill/#page1>

Asbestos Snippets

Offer to get tested to avoid killer, save life - *localnewsplus.com.au*, - Story appeared in: *Torch*, July 19th, 2016

Loose-fill asbestos testing is being offered by the State Government for free until August 1 across more than 60 local government areas, in a bid to eradicate the threat from NSW homes.

<http://www.localnewsplus.com.au/story?ID=119495&stories=tories&publication=Torch§ion=Letters>

Seaford line asbestos being "managed" - but not yet removed - *InDaily* - July 29, 2016

And more random inspections and stiffer penalties for the importation of asbestos-tainted products will be debated at a national meeting of Transport and Infrastructure ministers next week.

<http://indaily.com.au/news/local/2016/07/29/seaford-line-asbestos-being-managed-but-not-yet-removed/>

2016 Mr Fluffy demolition target ramped up by 150 homes - *The Canberra Times* - by David Ellery, July 29 2016

An extra 150 Mr Fluffy homes are expected to be demolished this calendar year following good progress on the works scheduled to date.

Andrew Kefford, the head of the Asbestos Response Taskforce, said the original plan had been for 200 homes to be demolished in 2016. This target has been increased by 150 homes to 350.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/2016-mr-fluffy-demolition-target-ramped-up-by-150-homes-20160728-gqgax7.html>

Wagga's Leanne Billingham shocked over relaxed approach to asbestos threat - *Riverina Leader* - by Shane Manning 29 Jul 2016

A Wagga woman who lost her husband to mesothelioma is urging residents to register their homes to be tested for loose-fill asbestos

<http://www.riverinaleader.com.au/story/4062193/wife-of-mesothelioma-victim-urges-residents-to-register-photos/>

RHH ASBESTOS ALERT - *Hobart Mercury* - by Loretta Lohberger 30 Jul 2016

THE discovery of asbestos in a Royal Hobart Hospital office area has caused the temporary relocation of about 40 employees and raised concerns about the long-term health of the staff.

<http://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/royal-hobart-asbestos-alert/news-story/1c3263463333d69ed141b71294b23f3b>

Upgrades under way for Library - *Gympie Times* - by scott kovacevic, 31st Jul 2016

THE GYMPIE Regional Library is undergoing an extensive revamp including asbestos removal, landscaping and a new coat of paint on the exterior of the building.

<http://www.gympietimes.com.au/news/upgrades-under-way-for-library/3070051/>

New Fluffy owners' mail out bungle is referred to Privacy Commission - *Canberra Times* - by David Ellery, 01 Aug 2016

The Asbestos Response Task force has admitted breaching the privacy of 28 Mr Fluffy owners during an electronic mail out on Friday, saying it has referred the matter to the Office of the Australian Privacy Commissioner.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/fluffy-owners-letters-bungle-referred-to-privacy-commissioner-20160731-gqhmfg.html>

No more asbestos found at WA kids hospital - *News.com.au* - August 1, 2016

An investigation into the new Perth Children's Hospital has not turned up any further asbestos yet following the discovery of the lethal substance in roof panels last month.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/no-more-asbestos-found-at-wa-kids-hospital/news-story/c1451688039e0a985a6f48461d6420f0>

Cootamundra homes may have asbestos threat - *Cootamundra Herald* - 1 Aug 2016

Homes in Cootamundra may contain dangerous loose-fill asbestos but no-one is currently certain of its presence.

The NSW government has been running a voluntary purchase and demolition program but registration closed on Monday, August 1.

<http://www.cootamundraherald.com.au/story/4066393/uncertainty-over-asbestos-threat/>

Stop the fear mongering over asbestos - *Midland Reporter* - by Sandy Shailles, August 2nd, 2016

I AM totally over seeing the asbestos fearmongering in all my news feeds.

Yes, the Ledger Road Reserve was an official and unofficial dumping ground until the late 70s. Some of it was asbestos; not

great.

However, the reality is that this occurred in most bushes and reserves around Perth. We are not unique. Nor is it a new problem.

<http://www.communitynews.com.au/midland-reporter/opinion/stop-the-fearmongering-over-asbestos/>

City of Canning finds asbestos at child care facility - *Canning Times* - by Pia van Straalen, August 2nd, 2016.

CITY of Canning has identified asbestos underneath the linoleum floor covering in a council-owned building, located on the corner of Ferndale and Bursaria crescents in Ferndale.

A specialist contractor found the asbestos was in-situ, which means it has not been damaged and is of minimal risk.

<http://www.communitynews.com.au/canning-times/news/city-of-canning-finds-asbestos-at-child-care-facility/>

Public comment sought on proposed changes to Victoria's OHS regulations - *SafetyCulture* - by Haydee, 01 August, 2016

Victorians are encouraged to provide their comments on proposed changes to Victoria's OHS regulations.

These proposed changes were designed to modernize and streamline the existing OHS Regulations 2007, which automatically expire in June 2017

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/08/public-comment-sought-proposed-changes-victorias-ohs-regulations/#.V8z3H49OKUk>

Three tonnes of asbestos sheeting dumped in Noosaville - *ABC News* - 2 Aug 2016

More than three tonnes of asbestos roof sheeting has been illegally dumped near a creek in Noosaville, north of Brisbane.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-02/three-tonnes-of-asbestos-sheeting-dumped-in-noosaville/7682078>

The bathroom renovation - featuring asbestos - *Northern Star* - by Girl Tuesday with Maggie Cooper, 2nd Aug 2016

I'VE BEEN in my new home since March and it's time to bite the bullet.

I'm about to embark upon that most stressful of tasks - a bathroom renovation.

<http://www.northernstar.com.au/news/the-bathroom-renovation-featuring-asbestos/3070980/>

West Perth fire: Warehouse owner escapes flames amid asbestos fears, city evacuations - *ABC News* - By Courtney Bembridge and staff, 2 Aug 2016

Strangers have helped a West Perth businessmen escape a burning antiques warehouse after his roller door became stuck, with the fire sparking asbestos concerns and shutting down part of the city.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-02/west-perth-fire-asbestos-fears-emergency-services/7682940>

Fears raised over Mandurah Forum asbestos - *Mandurah Mail* - by Nathan Hondros, 2 Aug 2016

A plumbing excavation worker on the Mandurah Forum redevelopment has raised fears about asbestos on the site, saying he was kicked off the job after complaining to superiors about safety.

<http://www.mandurahmail.com.au/story/4066777/fears-raised-over-mandurah-forum-asbestos/>

Think twice before taking antioxidants Men's Health - *Australian Financial Review* - Jill Margo, 03 Aug 2016

Another blow has been struck against the popular use of antioxidants in people who have cancer or want to protect themselves against it. A series of experiments, conducted at a leading centre of excellence in New York, has shown that rather than slowing the growth of pancreatic cancer, antioxidants appear to accelerate it

<http://www.afr.com/lifestyle/health/mens-health/evidence-accumulates-against-using-antioxidants-in-cancer-20160801-gqipdl>

'No time' to stop imports of asbestos: border guards - *The Australian* - by ANDREW BURRELL, August 4, 2016

Companies importing goods - riddled with deadly asbestos are not being fully investigated by Australian Border Force due to "time and resources" constraints and the uncertainty of prosecution, a review of Australia's asbestos border controls has found.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/foreign-affairs/no-time-to-stop-imports-of-asbestos-border-guards/news-story/e3e4cf6843655dfd9e79f6c699ca6475>

Border control falls short on asbestos - *SBS* - Source: AAP, 4 Aug 2016

The immigration department has been urged to lift its game on prosecutions of companies importing asbestos in goods.

An independent review into asbestos border control management has called for the immigration department to lift its game on prosecutions and gathering evidence.

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2016/08/04/border-control-falls-short-asbestos>

Stawell Regional Landfill fined \$15,000 - *The Stawell Times-News* - by Sophie Boyd, 3 Aug 2016

A STAWELL landfill operator will considered appealing a \$15,000-decision after the Environmental Protection Agency fined them for two breaches of their licence agreement.

The authority's north-west regional manager Scott Pigdon said the operator Statewide Recycling Services Pty Ltd received two separate fines after they exceeded landfill gas levels and failed to survey an asbestos cell.

<http://www.stawelltimes.com.au/story/4073264/stawell-landfill-might-appeal-epa-fines/>

Asbestos Importation Review released - *News room - Media Release*, 04-08-2016

An independent review has found that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's overall management of asbestos border control is effective.

Work is progressing to implement the review's recommendations for organisational and technical improvements as a priority.

<http://newsroom.border.gov.au/releases/asbestos-importation-review-released>

Asbestos testing underway in 68 buildings including Sydney's The Star, Chris O'Brien's Lifehouse - *ABC news* - By Jayne Margetts, 4 Aug 2016

Testing for asbestos is underway in 68 buildings across Australia including Sydney's Chris O'Brien Lifehouse after the deadly substance was found at Perth Children's Hospital and a Brisbane office tower.

All of the buildings had been supplied with products from Yuanda - a manufacturer in China - where asbestos is legal.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-04/asbestos-scare-testing-underway-at-68-buildings-across-australia/7691534>

Asbestos: IR minister says fibres found in hospitals, crayons, vehicle parts - *Brisbane Times* - by Amy Remeikis, August 4 2016

The Queensland government has stepped up its attack against its federal counterpart over the importation of asbestos materials after the deadly fibres were found on construction sites across the nation.

Industrial Relations Minister Grace Grace, who has previously written to Peter Dutton, the minister in charge of border protection, over the issue said a "lack of action" from the federal government was "completely unacceptable".

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/asbestos-ir-minister-says-fibres-found-in-hospitals-crayons-vehicle-parts-20160804-gqkveo.html>

Fibres sent for asbestos testing after vinyl cladding disturbed at RHH - *Hobart Mercury* - by JESSICA HOWARD, August 4, 2016

QUESTIONS over the validity of the Royal Hobart Hospital's asbestos register have been raised as tests are done to determine if more of the deadly material has been disturbed.

<http://www.themercury.com.au/news/politics/fibres-sent-for-asbestos-testing-after-vinyl-cladding-disturbed-at-rhh/news-story/a9420542da8a6e353ff5ea071cee3b21>

ACT parliamentary committee calls for clarity on why Fluffy blocks are not being scraped clean - *Canberra Times* - by Kirsten Lawson, August 4 2016

A parliamentary committee has called on the government to explain when it had decided not to scrape Fluffy blocks clean and has highlighted conflicting messages about the need to clear the former asbestos-contaminated blocks entirely.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/act-parliamentary-committee-calls-for-clarity-on-why-fluffy-blocks-are-not-being-scraped-clean-as-planned-20160804-gqkrc9.html>

Asbestos Snippets

Dutton blames CFMEU for asbestos importing - *The Australian* - by Andrew Burrell & Rebecca Puddy, 05 Aug 2016

Immigration Minister Peter Dutton has attacked the construction union for forcing up building costs and driving Australian companies to "cut corners" by importing cheap Chinese materials that may contain deadly asbestos.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/industrial-relations/dutton-blames-cfmeu-for-companies-importing-asbestos-products/news-story/1a5112379d420fc081bcb7f80ce7b581>

INTERNATIONAL

Asbestos dumpster left in Detroit neighborhood for weeks - *Fox2* - by Dave Spencer, 31st May 2016

A neighborhood on Detroit's east side is concerned after a dumpster marked with asbestos warnings was left in the middle of their street. "It actually says danger, tight on the front,"

<http://www.fox2detroit.com/news/local-news/150083379-story>

Comox Valley to begin shipping asbestos to south Nanaimo landfill - *Nanaimo News Bulletin* - by Karl Yu, May 31, 2016.

The Regional District of Nanaimo's landfill in Cedar is expected to begin accepting asbestos waste from Comox Strathcona Waste Management later this year. The waste management service is a function of the Comox Valley Regional District, which has a lack of asbestos disposal areas, according to the Nanaimo regional district.

<http://www.nanaimobulletin.com/news/381221051.html>

Asbestos risk at old property - *Henley standard* - Published 31/05/16

A WARNING has been given about the risk of asbestos in a property that has been unoccupied for almost 30 years. Watlington parish councillor Jeremy Bell said he had been told that an asbestos survey had not been carried out on 33 High Street.

<http://www.henleystandard.co.uk/news/news.php?id=213054>

Asbestos removal slated for Colorado Elementary School - *The Holton Recorder* - By David Powlis, 05/31/2016

At a recent special meeting of the Holton school board, a bid of \$65,200.50 from the Gerken Environmental Company of Kansas City for encapsulated asbestos removal work at the Colorado Elementary School was approved by a 6-0 vote of the board.

<http://www.holtonrecorder.net/news/asbestos-removal-slated-colorado-elementary-school>

Peritoneal Mesothelioma: No End in Sight - *asbestos.com* - by Tim Povtak, May 31, 2016

Marty Kanarek has spent the last 40 years as an environmental epidemiologist trying to make the world a safer place to live. Asbestos — and its sordid history — has made that task considerably harder.

<http://www.asbestos.com/news/2016/05/31/peritoneal-mesothelioma-no-end-in-sight/>

Westmont Hilltop High School Asbestos Found - *ABC 23 news*

Construction workers for the Westmont Hilltop High School say they found asbestos in the basement of the building. The Johnstown Tribune Democrat reports plumbing contractors spotted what they are calling suspect material on the ground while installing sanitary sewer lines.

<http://www.abc23.com/News/NewsDetails.asp?NewsID=20358>

\$1.5 million renovation planned at Allegheny County Airport - *Trib Live* - By Michael Walton, May 31, 2016

Allegheny County Airport's historic terminal and three hangars will receive a \$1.5 million facelift, while a fourth hangar with asbestos is slated for demolition. The Art Deco-style terminal — the airport's most recognizable and historically significant structure — dates to 1931. Construction crews will start restoration work this summer to improve the building's brick work, glass block windows and terra-cotta planters, among other exterior improvements. Crews will put new roofs on three hangars.

<http://triblive.com/news/allegheny/10539654-74/airport-county-allegheny>

Town to pursue judgment against burned auto shop owner - *The post star* - by Don Lehman, 1st June 2016

Queensbury - The town plans to seek a default judgment against the owner of a Ridge Road auto repair shop that burned nearly three years ago in an effort to finally clean up the site.

http://poststar.com/news/local/town-to-pursue-judgment-against-burned-auto-shop-owner/article_68743c67-bcc6-5678-81e2-af26b4ba255b.html

Major renovation underway at Rankin Elementary - *DJournal* - by Emma Crawford, Posted on June 1, 2016

TUPELO - In the two weeks since the school year ended, Rankin Elementary School has been gutted and prepped for a major renovation. The school building, built in 1952, will receive much-needed renovations this summer thanks to the Tupelo Public School District's \$44 million bond issue.

<https://djournal.com/news/major-renovation-underway-rankin-elementary/>

Village granted \$350,000 to fix arena roof - *Arrow Lakes News* - by Jillian Trainor, posted Jun 1, 2016

The village was successful in receiving the funding from the Columbia Basin Trust Research Infrastructure Grants program, which will go toward replacing the arena roof. The project was slowed up a little because of issues related to snow load calculation. There was also concern that the insulation currently on the beams of the roof could be asbestos. This was tested, and the insulation was determined to be free of asbestos.

<http://www.arrowlakesnews.com/news/381545561.html>

Hamburg district looks ahead - *KMALand* - by Mike Peterson, Jun 1, 2016

Summer is only beginning, but Hamburg's School District is already preparing for a new school year—and a new era.

http://www.kmaland.com/news/hamburg-district-looks-ahead/article_9bbc557c-2811-11e6-ae97-0badc1e76a34.html

Asbestos discovered at McLachlan Park - *The Daily examiner* - by Jarrard Potter, 1st Jun 2016

WORK has resumed at McLachlan Park today after it was halted last week when asbestos was found in soil being excavated at the site. Clarence Valley Council works and civil director Troy Anderson said contractors using excavators uncovered a section of broken water pipe, which contained asbestos, in existing soil last Wednesday.

<http://www.dailyexaminer.com.au/news/work-resumes-after-asbestos-discovered-at-mclachla/3036809/>

Possible asbestos find closes day spa - *The Scarborough news* - Carl Gavaghan, 01 June 2016

Scarborough's Spa Theatre has been closed after a possible asbestos hazard was found in the ceiling. A number of shows will be moved to other parts of the Spa while investigations take place.

<http://www.thescarboroughnews.co.uk/news/local/possible-asbestos-find-closes-spa-theatre-1-7942253>

Tetney man died as result of 'asbestos-related' cancer - *Louth Leader* - 01 June 2016

A coroner has recorded that a Tetney man died as a result of 'industrial disease', after developing cancer caused by historic exposure to asbestos in the workplace.

<http://www.louthleader.co.uk/news/local/tetney-man-died-as-result-of-asbestos-related-cancer-1-7409306>

Gymnastics: Club facing 'uphill battle' - *Otago Daily Times* - By Adrian Seconi, Thu, 2 Jun 2016

The Dunedin Gymnastic Academy's Willis St gym was closed on Tuesday after tests revealed the presence of asbestos.

DGA president Louise Taylor said the testing was undertaken to comply with the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

<http://www.odt.co.nz/sport/gymnastics/385408/gymnastics-club-facing-uphill-battle>

'Asbestos removal often a waste of money carried out in panic' - *DutchNew.nl* - 2 June 2016

Removing asbestos from buildings is often an unnecessary expense and done in a panic, according to a document published on Thursday by Alkmaar's mayor, two housing corporations and a university professor.

<http://www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2016/06/asbestos-removal-often-a-waste-of-money-carried-out-in-a-panic/>

Quincy Jones: comedian opens up about cancer battle and HBO special (Video) - *Canada Journal* - by News, Jun 2, 2016

"Quincy Jones: Burning the Light" (HBO 8pm) Quincy Jones (the comedian, not the record producer) performs his first one-hour stand-up show after being diagnosed with terminal cancer.

<http://canadajournal.net/entertainment/quincy-jones-comedian-opens-up-about-cancer-battle-and-hbo-special-video-48513-2016/#respond>

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<http://www.odt.co.nz/sport/gymnastics/385408/gymnastics-club-facing-uphill-battle>

Government cuts funding for making brownfield sites suitable for new homes - *The guardian* - Fiona Harvey and Jake Chadwick, Thursday 2 June 2016

The government has drastically cut funds needed to encourage new building on "brownfield" sites, despite claiming that such sites would be key to solving the housing crisis.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jun/02/government-cuts-funding-for-making-brownfield-sites-suitable-for-new-homes>

Mass DEP shuts down asbestos project at closed Quincy church - *The Patriot Ledger* - By Patrick Ronan, Jun. 2 2016

The state's environmental agency has put a halt to an asbestos-removal project at the former Star of the Sea church in Squantum after the contractor failed to meet safety standards.

<http://www.patriotledger.com/news/20160602/mass-dep-shuts-down-asbestos-project-at-closed-quincy-church>

Mystery surrounds death of Keighley pensioner who was diagnosed with asbestos cancer - *Telegraph & Argus* - by Kathie Griffiths, 2 June 2016

MYSTERY surrounds the death of a 71-year-old retired cleaner who had never knowingly come into contact with asbestos, but died from a cancer usually caused by the deadly mineral.

http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/local/keighleynews/14528836.Mystery_surrounds_death_of_pensioner/

MPs sound alarm on neglected soils - *BBC news* - By Roger Harrabin, 2 June 2016

The Commons Environmental Audit Committee warns that tracts of polluted soil are a potential health hazard in many towns because the government has stopped grants to decontaminate them.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-36428361>

Benefit planned for families of fire victims - *Press-Republican* - By CARA CHAPMAN, Jun 2, 2016

PLATTSBURGH — Alyssa Upton has been released from the hospital after spending almost a week in the Intensive Care Unit. The Plattsburgh woman, 26, suffered smoke inhalation in a devastating fire at 220 Margaret St. on May 22 that claimed the lives of her boyfriend, Joseph Congelosi Jr., and another tenant, Geoffrey A. Brenno.

http://www.pressrepublican.com/news/local_news/benefit-planned-for-families-of-fire-victims/article_696bfdc2-1624-5fe4-88c1-8aada6f88ffc.html

Cleanup underway for Uptown Greenville theatre - *News channel abc12* - By Aisha Mbowe, Jun 02 2016

GREENVILLE, Pitt County - Cleanup is underway at the old Uptown Greenville Theater which means you could soon have a new place to view plays and musical performances.

<http://www.wcti12.com/news/cleanup-underway-for-uptown-greenville-theater/39873134>

State to consider funding Chapman Middle School feasibility study - *Wicked local Weymouth* - By Ed Baker, June 2 2016

Weymouth got a boost toward determining whether the 54-year-old Maria Weston Chapman Middle School should be replaced or renovated when the Massachusetts School Building Committee accepted the town's statement of interest for a feasibility study to be done on the building's worthiness May 25.

<http://weymouth.wickedlocal.com/article/20160602/NEWS/160608850>

UGC: \$1.5 Million Renovation Planned - *Aviation pros* - Michael Walton On Jun 2, 2016

June 01--Allegheny County Airport's historic terminal and three hangars will receive a \$1.5 million facelift, while a fourth hangar with asbestos is slated for demolition.

<http://www.aviationpros.com/news/12215683/15-million-renovation-planned-at-allegheny-county-airport>

Asbestos Snippets

Chaos as weight from crane working on NIDR road crashes through workshop in Taunton – *The county Gazette* - 3 Jun 2016

A MECHANIC has relived the moment he came to within an inch of his life when a weight from a crane smashed through a wall near where he was working on a car. Henry Cullen was underneath a jacked up car in the workshop in Albermarle Road, Taunton, when he heard a huge crash.

http://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/14533074_Boulder_rolled_past_my_face_mechanic_s_lucky_escape_from_crane_accident_in_Taunton/

Asbestos discovery halts plans to demolish Iowa properties – *Korg.com* - By Associated Press, Jun 04, 2016

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) - Marshalltown officials have learned that asbestos will have to be removed from five properties in the city. The removal will temporarily halt planned demolition and clearance of the properties.

<http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Asbestos-discovery-halts-plans-to-demolish-Iowa-properties-381880341.html>

Collier water utility's \$1.4M project to include 10K feet of asbestos pipes in East Naples - *Naples Daily News* - By Greg Stanley, June 05, 2016

More than 10,000 linear feet of aging, asbestos containing water pipes will be dug up and replaced during the next year in neighborhoods just north of Rattlesnake Hammock Road in East Naples.

<http://www.naplesnews.com/news/local/collier-water-utilities-14m-project-to-include-10k-feet-of-asbestos-pipes-in-east-naples-3465a20c-0e4-381900131.html>

Kathleen Ruff: How one single-minded activist helped turn the tide on asbestos – *Montreal Gazette* – by Michelle Lalonde, June 4, 2016

You may not recognize her name, but Kathleen Ruff will receive a medal of honour in Quebec's National Assembly on Thursday for her decade of work to stop Canada's asbestos trade, work that some argue will save tens of thousands of people from contracting deadly asbestos-related diseases in Canada and abroad.

<http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/kathleen-ruff-how-one-single-minded-activist-helped-turn-the-tide-on-asbestos>

Old Winsted factory mired in red tape, oil and asbestos - *Rep.am.com* - BY KURT MOFFETT *Republican-American*, June 5, 2016

WINSTED — The potential redevelopment of the former Lambert Kay pet supply factory is mired in red tape.

Environmental consultant Robert W. Simmons notified the town via a letter to Town Planner Steven Sadlowski last month that he must defer to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection "to direct the necessary investigation and remediation planning" for the cleanup of contaminants in the soil at 32 Lake St.

<http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2016/06/05/news/local/961371.txt>

Asbestos: A potential health hazard – *Today online* - June 6, 2016

Asbestos is a natural mineral composed of fibrous silicates with high tensile strength and good heat and fire resistance. Because of these properties, it is commonly used for the manufacture of building materials, friction and insulation products, although many countries have restricted its use since the late 1980s because of its harmful nature.

<http://www.todayonline.com/singapore/asbestos-potential-health-hazard>

Asbestos found in Chip Bee Gardens houses; roof sheets to be replaced – *The Straits Times* – by Yeo Sam Jo, Jun 6, 2016

SINGAPORE - Works are afoot to replace the corrugated roof sheets of terraced houses in Chip Bee Gardens after asbestos was found in some of them.

<http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/housing/asbestos-found-in-chip-bee-gardens-houses-roof-sheets-to-be-replaced>

Asbestos Industry Covered Up Danger for Decades, and Evades Responsibility Today – *The Huffington Post* – by Alex Formuzis, 06/06/2016

The asbestos industry was well aware that asbestos was deadly. Yet, the companies that mined asbestos, and those that exposed workers, military personnel and consumers to it, and their insurers kept what they knew secret for decades — endangering hundreds of thousands of Americans; many of whom perished as a result.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/alex-formuzis/asbestos-industry-covered_b_10322522.html

Comedy vs. Cancer: Quincy Jones' HBO Comedy Special Embodies the Message of National Cancer Survivors Day – *The Huffington Post* – by Linda Reinstein, 06/03/2016

Quincy Jones doesn't look sick. Watching the 32-year-old comedian confidently command a stage, you wouldn't know that he's entering his eleventh month of a cancer prognosis that gave him a year to live. But he is.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/linda-reinstein/comedy-vs-cancer-quincy-j_b_10245844.html

Asbestos found in Chip Bee – *Asiaone* – by Yeo Sam Jo, June 7 2016

The corrugated roof sheets of terraced houses in Chip Bee Gardens are being replaced after asbestos was found in some of them.

<http://news.asiaone.com/news/singapore/asbestos-found-chip-bee>

East Brunswick PD looking for illegal asbestos shingle dumper - *MY CENTRAL JERSEY.com* - East Brunswick Police Department, June 7, 2016

The East Brunswick Police Department is asking for your help to find the person(s) responsible for the illegal dumping of asbestos shingles on Appleby Lane.

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/crime/jersey-mayhem/2016/06/07/east-brunswick-pd-looking-illegal-asbestos-shingle-dumper/85554056/>

ADAO President Issues Statement on the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act – *Business Wire* - June 07, 2016

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), which serves as a global leader in ending asbestos exposure through awareness, prevention, and policy, issued the following statement from President and Co-Founder Linda Reinstein in response to the final TSCA reform bill:

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160607006806/en/ADAO-President-Issues-Statement-Frank-R.-Lautenberg>

Prestwick beach asbestos removal work gets under way – *BBC News* - From the section *Glasgow & West Scotland*, 2 August 2016

Work is under way to remove potentially hazardous material from the beach at Prestwick in Ayrshire. It was closed at the weekend over concerns about asbestos contamination.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-36943823>

New Study: Mesothelioma Surgery Still Benefits Older Patients - *Asbestos.com* – by Tim Povtak, Aug 01, 2016

Older patients with pleural mesothelioma can double their chances of extending their survival rates by undergoing aggressive, potentially curative surgery, according to a recent national database analysis.

<https://www.asbestos.com/news/2016/08/01/seer-mesothelioma-surgery-benefits-older-patients/>

The Trump Files: Donald Thinks Asbestos Would Have Saved the Twin Towers - Mother Jones – by Max J. Rosenthal, Aug. 3, 2016

The Donald is a big admirer of asbestos, the notorious carcinogen that he considers "the greatest fire-proofing material ever used." He's so convinced of its powers, in fact, that he thinks a lack of asbestos is the reason the Twin Towers collapsed on September 11.

<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2016/08/trump-files-donald-thinks-asbestos-would-saved-world-trade-center>

Asbestos-filled Dura debris pile soon to be cleaned up – *Lenconnect.com* – By Lonnie Huhman, Aug 3, 2016

After taking questions during the public comment portion of Monday's city commission meeting, Adrian City Administrator Shane Horn updated the city commission and the public present on the cleanup of the site at 365 East Beecher St. The site

<http://www.lenconnect.com/news/20160803/asbestos-filled-dura-debris-pile-soon-to-be-cleaned-up>

Ayrshire beaches searched for asbestos as Prestwick shore remains closed to public - *Scottish Daily Record* - By Stuart Wilson, 3 Aug 2016

A NUMBER of Ayrshire beaches have been trawled for asbestos following the discovery of particles in the sand at Prestwick. A string of beaches across Ayrshire have been searched for asbestos following the closure of Prestwick promenade.

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/ayrshire-beaches-searched-asbestos-prestwick-8553614>

Concerns Over Continued Use Of Asbestos Water Piping - *Clare FM* - 3 August, 2016

Concerns have emerged over the continued use of asbestos water piping in the Kilrush area.

It's one of a number of water issues in Cooraclare being highlighted by Councillor Ian Lynch, who believes that burst water pipes are causing ongoing problems for people living there.

<http://www.clare.fm/news/concerns-over-continued-use-asbestos-water-piping>

Company exposes family to risk of asbestos - *Heating, Ventilating & Plumbing (press release)*, 3, August, 2016

A Hertfordshire-based home improvement company has been fined after the unsafe removal of asbestos material from a domestic property.

http://hvpmag.co.uk/news/fullstory.php/aid/4257/Company_expose_family_to_risk_of_asbestos_.html

Cayuga County Legislature studies future of county facilities, including downtown office building - *Auburn Citizen* – by Gwendolyn Craig, Aug 4, 2016

Ben Vitale, Cayuga County legislator and chairman of the Public Works Committee, remembers when the Cayuga County Office Building was built.

"I was just a kid when they built that, and it was so energy efficient, they left the lights on all night long," he said. "That was part of the heating system."

http://auburnpub.com/news/local/cayuga-county-legislature-examines-future-of-county-buildings/article_a1bca81f-bd17-53aa-8d34-fa38beab685f.html

Chester council takes next step in Pinky's saga - *The Randolph County Herald-Tribune* - By Pete Spiller, Aug. 2, 2016

The Chester City Council took the next step in the process to tear down the former Pinky's Sugarland building at 1006 State St. by authorizing contact of a licensed asbestos contractor.

<http://www.randolphcountyheraldtribune.com/news/20160802/chester-council-takes-next-step-in-pinkys-saga>

New Analysis Highlights Long-Term Mesothelioma Risk for Shipbuilders, According to Surviving Mesothelioma – *Benzinga* – by PRWeb, August 03, 2016

A new study published in Italy suggests that former shipyard workers who carry the most asbestos in their lungs are the most likely to develop mesothelioma, even many decades after exposure has ended. Surviving Mesothelioma has just posted an article on the new research.

<http://www.benzinga.com/pressreleases/16/08/p8297238/new-analysis-highlights-long-term-mesothelioma-risk-for-shipbuilders-ac>

School's demolition will be a major project - *Whitehorse Star* - By Chuck Tobin on August 3, 2016

The city is ready to receive several hundreds of truck loads of demolition waste from the old F.H. Collins Secondary School, city council heard Monday.

<http://www.whitehorsestar.com/News/school-s-demolition-will-be-a-major-project>

Superior's Fraser Shipyards faces hefty fine from feds - *Duluth News Tribune* - By Brady Slater, Aug 1, 2016

The Twin Ports' only remaining shipyard has requested a settlement conference in response to a nearly \$1.4 million fine proposed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Friday.

<http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/news/superior/4085470-superiors-fraser-shipyards-faces-hefty-fine-feds>

Sports-Related Brain Injuries Are Emerging Risk for US & UK Insurers: S&P Report - *Insurance Journal* - August 1, 2016

Sports-related brain injuries are one of the top emerging insurance claims in the U.S. and the U.K., according to a report published by S&P Global Ratings.

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/international/2016/08/01/421734.htm>

Man diagnosed with terminal cancer caused by asbestos pleads for help with legal action - *Messenger Newspapers* - 1 Aug 2016

A RETIRED HGV driver is appealing for his former colleagues' help after being diagnosed with terminal cancer caused by exposure to asbestos. Roger Bracegirdle, 69, from Timperley, believes he was exposed to asbestos during work, which led to him developing mesothelioma.

http://www.messengernewspapers.co.uk/news/14654603.Man_diagnosed_with_terminal_cancer_caused_by_asbestos_pleas_for_help_with_legal_action/

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The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to again thank Pinky and Tony Lau for their continued support & friendship with our organisation. We thank you for all your support. Please support Pinky and Tony by visiting their restaurant and having a meal. They would be pleased to see you.



AIR LIQUIDE & EAST GIPPSLAND AGENT FOR AIR LIQUIDE

The ACV/GARDS organisation would like to acknowledge the support that we get from **Air Liquide** and also **Tony Robinson, East Gippsland Agent for Air Liquide**. We are so grateful for the service and support that we receive for our members who rely on the oxygen that this firm set up for us. They have been long-time supporters of our work and go out of their way to support our sufferers by setting up our sufferers with our oxygen concentrators as a donation to the work we do. Thank you so much.

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 for your support in 2016 and we look forward to talking to everyone and catching up on all the news. See you at the pub!

PETER CLARK & LEE ARCHER

Thank you to Peter and Lee for their wonderful donation to our organisation, it is much appreciated. We love getting donations but they are always special when they come from families who we have had a long term relationship with like Peter & Lee. It is a very special bond that we share and well may it last for many more years to come, and thank you for all your support it is really valued and your membership is valued more than you can understand.

LATROBE CITY GRANT SUCCESS 2016/17

We would like to thank Latrobe City very much for approving our Community grant – this helps to go some way with the production costs to produce our newsletters. Without this grant it would be much harder for us to keep in touch with everyone. Again thank you so much it is greatly appreciated.

ROTARY CLUB OF TRARALGON

In July this year Traralgon Rotary made a generous donation to us to support asbestos sufferers and their families. We were very pleased to advise them that we had two oxygen concentrators that needed maintenance and their donation helped us to bring our machines up to date. Thank you so much, it is very much appreciated by our sufferers

MARYANNE CROCKER

It was a lovely surprise to receive a thank you note from you Maryanne and even a more lovely gesture to donate to us. Thank you for your generosity

LIONS CLUB OF MORWELL

In July of this year the Lions Club of Morwell made a wonderful donation to us to support our work. As we are going through a time of up grading and maintaining our equipment. One of our oxygen concentrators came back from a family in a bad way and needed lots of TLC to get it back up to scratch. The money that was donated by this club was just enough to be able to carry out all repairs and servicing and parts renewal to make the machine as good as new. So now this machine is back out on the road doing the job it was purchased for and that is making an asbestos sufferers life that bit more comfortable. Thank you so much Lions Club of Morwell, the money was certainly put to good use and has made sure that another one of our machines is available and ready to go.

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We would like to thank Jean and Joyce very much for their lovely donation to our org. It is always nice to get donations from the general public but they are made even more special when they come from our members. Two very special ladies.

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ACV/GARDS Inc. Membership Form

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Upon my admission as a Member, I agree to be bound by the rules of ACV/GARDS Inc.

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

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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

ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2017

1.30PM – 3.30PM

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

- Tuesday 28th February
- Tuesday 28th March
- Friday 28th April - International Workers Memorial day, Rose Garden, Morwell
- Tuesday 30th May
- Tuesday 27th June
- Tuesday 25th July
- Tuesday 29th August
- Tuesday 26th September
- Tuesday 24th October
- Friday 24th November – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell - 11am
- Christmas Break-Up TBA

ACV/GARDS NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2017

7.30PM – 9.30PM

Meetings are held at –
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- Tuesday 21st February
- Tuesday 21st March
- Tuesday 18th April
- Tuesday 16th May
- Tuesday 20th June
- Tuesday 18th July
- Tuesday 15th August
- Tuesday 19th September
- Tuesday 17th October
- Tuesday 21st November
- Christmas Break-Up TBA

ACV/GARDS NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2016

7.30PM – 9.30PM

- Tuesday 18th October
- Tuesday 15 November

UP AND COMING EVENTS IN 2016

- **Support Group**
Tuesday 25th October
Kevin McLaren, Leading Senior Constable – Victoria Police
- **Asbestos Awareness Morning Tea**
22nd November 10am
ACV/GARDS office
- **Asbestos Awareness Day Event**
25th November 11am – Rose Garden, Commercial Rd, Morwell
- **ACV/GARDS Members Xmas Lunch**
3rd December – 12 noon
Silks Restaurant – rear of Michaels Golden Hen - Moe

ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2016

1.30PM – 3.30PM

- Tuesday 25th October

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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.

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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