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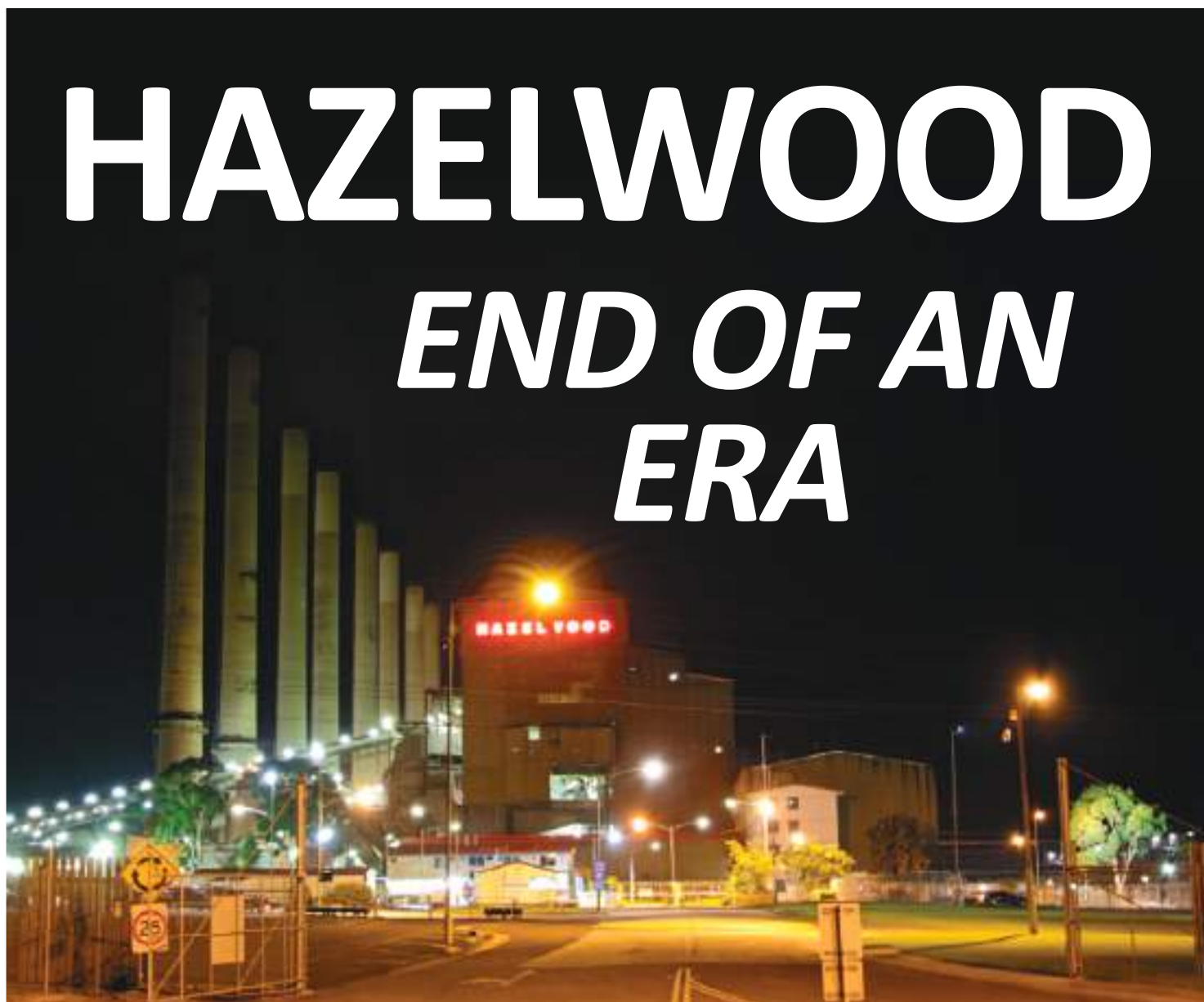
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Picture above is courtesy of Nick Graham

ACV/GARDS members Vicki Hamilton and David Fairbairn were out at the gates of Hazelwood to show their support for the workers and their families at the official close of the power station on the 31st March 2017. 50+ years of power generation to Victoria.

All eight of the Hazelwood's

power station generating units were switched off from the 27th to 30th March the last unit was turned off Wednesday and the last shift crew clocked off Saturday morning. Some 249 workers will remain for the clean-up.

The end of an era – we salute all the workers and their families for 50+ years of service to Victoria – I hope the public never forget some of the sacrifices that these power workers have made. They and their families

are our heroes. A job well done. Thank you to the workers and their families who kept the lights burning for all those years. We are proud of you.

The community now urgently need to see new jobs and investment from business to come into Latrobe Valley for not only the 750 people who have lost their jobs, but for our future generations with the offer of a diverse jobs outlook for this area to survive and thrive.



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HAZELWOOD - END OF AN ERA cont...



Photograph by Bryan Petts-Jones, Latrobe Valley Express



WHAT DOES WELLBEING MEAN TO YOU? – PETER MAC CANCER CENTRE VICTORIA

In March the ACV/GARDS girls were lucky enough to be able to attend a forum where the Peter Mac team came to hear aspirations of what the community think is best quality of care.

Many organisations/ clinicians in health care, past patients, patients being treated at Peter Mac and LRH, families, friends, service providers, specialists, individuals of different ages and ethnic backgrounds

attended the discussion which was held at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

It was enlightening and inspirational to hear from some of those present who shared their experience and knowledge amongst those who attended. We are sure that the Peter MacCallum Cancer team got some very useful information to plan and shape what they do and how they go about it.

Pictured right: Clare and Geri from Peter Mac with the girls from ACV/GARDS



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT 2017



The ACV/GARDS girls went along to the International Women's Day event at Power Works in Morwell held in March by RMIT University and Latrobe Women Creating Conversations.

It was a lovely get together of some very interesting women in our community. We had dinner together, enjoyed a chat and learnt something about each other before attending a special movie called "Made in Dagenham" and enjoying a Mr Whippy ice cream at interval. All in all a very enjoyable night.



ACV/GARDS on the Move....

LADY LAVENDER'S TEA ROOMS & SHERWOOD PARK ORCHARD BUNYIP



The ACV/GARDS org travelled by bus for our members to visit two venues on Tuesday 28th March 2017, Lady Lavender's Tea Rooms and the Sherwood Park Orchard at Bunyip.

They enjoyed a delightful home cooked style lunch at the tea rooms. The support group members had a wander through the eclectic

gift shop and nursery, filled with antiques, collectables and giftware. They also strolled around the cottage garden or sat under the shade of trees chatting. We then moved on to the Sherwood Park Orchard to view some locally grown seasonal fruits and vegies from producers in the area & took home some bakery items as well. The ACV/GARDS members had a lot of fun and enjoyed being out and about.



GIPPSLAND REGIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER SERVICES FORUM 2017

In February the ACV/GARDS girls attended a forum being held to promote optimal cancer care.

It was held at Century Inn in Traralgon and was a great session where clinicians, specialists and community groups such as ours were able to listen to some great speakers on cancer care such as **Amanda Piper** – Acting Manager Australian Cancer Survivorship Centre, **Meg Rynderman** – Consumer Representative – Australian Cancer Survivorship Centre and Peter Mac Well Being Centre, **Nicola Quin** – Optimal Care Pathways – Cancer Council Victoria, **Mahesh Iddawela** – Medical Oncologist – Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Great line up of wonderful knowledge all doing their bit to support cancer sufferers and their families. It was really terrific to be there and hear what is going on in the cancer area.

VALE LOU WILLIAMS

We at ACV/GARDS were saddened by the news of Lou Williams passing on the 18/4/2017. She was a beautiful lady with a big heart who fought for mesothelioma sufferers everywhere. Our sincere condolences to Keith and Family. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Rest in Peace dear friend, you have done a magnificent job. It is an honour to have known you, Lou.



ASBESTOS AWARENESS SESSION TO MEDICAL STUDENTS AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

ACV/GARDS conducted a tutorial to 100 Medical students @ Monash University Gippsland campus on the 4/4/2017. 10th year with the Monash Gippsland campus – we have been conducting tutorials to medical students for some 15 years in total.

As always we had a great bunch of students and they had some terrific questions to ask of the panel of members. It is always great to see so much enthusiasm amongst the students wanting

to know more about the disease, the social, the emotional and, yes, even the environmental aspects of this carcinogen in our community.

Thank you for welcoming us into your lecture room, it was a privilege and honour to have met you all. We hope you will say Hi to us if you ever see us around somewhere - it is always nice to chat to some of the students we have met over the years and find out what they have gone on to do in the medical field. Good to see Victoria Keays & meet Leah O'Keefe who came along to tell the students about personal injury litigation.

We wish the students all the best in their chosen profession - they all have bright futures. We always tell the Monash University Med students that we would love them to go onto specialize in respiratory and the asbestos disease field or take on research - there is never enough of you in our area. We need more of you on our team - again thank you for all being so attentive & caring.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Dr Margaret Simmons for the opportunity to have been able to work with her and conduct these sessions over the past 10 years at Monash University Gippsland campus.



OUTA MI MIND

At the first support group meeting of the year Feb 28th we were very honoured and privileged to have Mario Christou – Drug & Alcohol Mental Health Consumer Consultant & Mental Health Advocate come to speak to the support group.

It was a truly interesting and inspiring talk Mario gave he had a wealth of knowledge &

information to share around Mental Health issues & Drug rehabilitation. If you are in need of services such as this please contact Mario on Mobile **0438 329 191** or email him:

mario@outamimind.com.au

web site:

www.outamimind.com.au

He is always willing to help.

AGL LOY YANG KEEPING US ON THE ROAD

Earlier this year we were happy to receive a donation from AGL Loy Yang. The money has been used to buy new tyres for the van.

This donation will keep us travelling all over Victoria to deliver tutorials to apprentices, medical students, and

community groups. It will also help us to keep on delivering our much sought after medical equipment in the Gippsland region. It is always nice to receive donations from the community and businesses in the Gippsland area as this is what keeps us going. Without the generosity of this community and further afield

in Victoria we would not be able to provide these services. We are not a government funded entity and all the money we raise goes back into our organisation to maintain and build on what we have.

Thank you AGL Loy Yang for thinking of us.



Gippsland Unions Picnic



At the beginning of this year ACV/GARDS was privileged and honoured to receive an annual donation from the union picnic.

We are very lucky to have a great bunch of unions in Gippsland and their families who assist us in our endeavours to help & advocate for

asbestos sufferers & their families, also helping us to educate the general community, apprentices, med students and community groups on asbestos and the issues. Thank you to all those who encourage this donation that is made to us each year, as this furthers our work in the community.

We couldn't do this without you.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ACV/GARDS MEMBERSHIP FEES? - PLEASE CHECK

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 cost 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.



ADVICE LINE INJURY LAWYERS SPONSORSHIP



Pictured here from left: Kirsty Osborne, Bree Knoester, Giorgina McCormack

We would like to thank Advice Line Injury Lawyers for sponsoring us for this next 12 months.

Sponsors are very important to our organisation without them we would find it extremely difficult to provide the services that we do to our sufferers and their families. Our organisation relies on the generosity of the community, firms and companies to keep providing education, awareness,

24/7 support, and all of our medical equipment that we lend to our sufferers free of charge.

So we would like to say thank you to Bree Knoester, Partner at Advice Line Jury Lawyers along with Associates Kirsty Osborne and Giorgina McCormack. Thank you for having faith in us to keep delivering the services we provide to the community. It is so good to know that companies like this have community spirit. Thank you to you all.

DONATION MADE BY ADVICE LINE INJURY LAWYERS

Just recently we were very thrilled to receive a donation from Advice Line Injury Lawyers for carrying on the vital support we give in the community.

This money will help pay for some of our concentrators to be repaired and serviced so they can go out into the community again to support asbestos sufferers who need vital oxygen in their homes. All of our equipment needs to be serviced every 6 months and checked. The servicing of the equipment is a vital part of maintaining the bank of medical

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equipment and making sure it is in good working order for our members who need this to maintain a comfortable level of support and care.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY 2017

On the 28th April 2017 the Gippsland community gathered at the Centenary Rose Garden in Morwell to support workers and their families who have been touched by work place accidents, illness and death.

We were privileged to listen to some very interesting speakers who came and talked about their areas of work and their experiences – it was truly thought provoking. It was good to see community, employers, unions and regulators all interacting and agreeing to do more towards safe workplaces. We hope that from the ceremony more will happen to renew and strengthen partnerships between regulators,

employers and the unions. We want to thank **Nigel Browne** – Mine Manager for Loy Yang, **Heather Hall** – Inspector with WorkSafe Victoria and **Steve Dodd** – Secretary of the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council and AMWU organiser. It was great to see many more faces at the ceremony and many of those faces were of younger workers. We were very lucky with the weather it had been raining all week but on Friday the rain stayed away and the sun came out. We were truly blessed with the weather. We would like to thank those at our event that made it that much more special - people such as, **Pastor Simon Fink** from City Builders Church who conducted a truly wonderful ecumenical service - **Danny Boothman**, singer/musician who sang some

inspirational songs, one especially created by him, which opened our ceremony, called Hazelwood. **Dick Henry** was our Scottish bag piper who did a tremendous job, everyone enjoyed listening to Dick play. To all those who came along to support the families and those that were suffering from work place illness, you made the event very special for them. We would like to thank **GTLC** for the free BBQ lunch that they provided to the community and the terrific guys from the power industry unions that came along to help Graeme and Barry set up for the event and stayed back to pack up when it was all finished. Thanks so much we could not do it without you all. It was a truly wonderful day filled with kindness, love and hope for a safer working environment.



Asbestos Snippets

AUSTRALIA

Hobart neighbourhood anger as demolition developer helps with asbestos clean-up - Rhiannon Shine - 2 Mar 2017 - ABC News

Neighbours to a partially demolished Hobart property are outraged the owner has returned to the site to assist with asbestos removal, despite facing hefty penalties over the demolition. Key points: Heritage-listed 1890s house purchased at auction for \$445,000 - On Sunday it was demolished without council permits - A "stop work" notice requires all asbestos to be removed within three days -The heritage-listed house was demolished without a permit on Sunday after locals and a council representative tried to intervene. On Monday, council confirmed asbestos was present at the site. The owner is facing a possible 10-year ban on any development on the property and has been served with a notice to Immediately stop work - Engage a licensed asbestos removalist - Erect signage restricting access to the site - Prevent material or debris escaping "on to or into" the road or neighbouring properties - Remove all asbestos within three days - Provide certification that all asbestos has been removed from the property and the property "is safe"

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-02/hobart-demolished-heritage-house-neighbours-outrage-over-cleanup/8319300>

Council seeks demolition video from Mt Stuart residents - Duncan Abey - 2 March 2017 - The Mercury Tas

HOBART City Council will use photos and videos taken by Mt Stuart residents when preparing a possible prosecution file against parties who illegally demolished a home last weekend. HCC general manager Nick Heath said while the council's primary objective remained the welfare of neighbours surrounding the 55 Mt Stuart Rd property — and the timely removal of asbestos detailed in an emergency order served on Monday night — that attention would soon turn to applying penalties for the damage

<http://www.themercury.com.au/realstate/council-seeks-demolition-video-from-mt-stuart-residents/news-story/36b75a49e8104f6f79dbc38f42487bf3>

Asbestos spells last drinks at Edgar's Inn - The Canberra Times - 27 March 2017

It is now a matter of when, not if, last drinks will be called at one Ainslie's most-loved watering holes, Edgar's Inn. After claiming more than 1000 homes across the city, the Mr Fluffy asbestos scandal is now set to claim the popular cafe-come-pub. While the business itself may rise again, the assessment of the loose-fill asbestos in the roof of the building has forced the government's hand.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/comment/ct-editorial/asbestos-spells-last-drinks-at-edgars-inn-20170326-gv6pmc.html>

ACT workers compensation changes for asbestos impacted workers criticised - Kimberley Le Lievre - 26 March 2017 - Canberra Times

Changes to workers compensation laws for asbestos victims in the ACT could leave terminally ill people short changed, a legal expert said. While the government admitted the new lump sum payment option was "relatively low" compared to other jurisdictions, the idea was to offer asbestos victims a simple and immediate alternative to court proceedings. The changes come into effect in the territory on July 1. Victims will be able to claim the maximum lump sum payout of \$140,000 from the default insurance fund, which is made up of levies paid by insurers.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/act-workers-compensation-changes-for-asbestos-impacted-workers-criticised-20170323-gv4um6.html>

Captain Cook Memorial Jet longevity a testament to original engineer - 25 March 2017 - Kimberley Le Lievre - Canberra Times

Lake Burley Griffin's fountain is a sight to behold for most Canberrans but for John Randall the view is even more significant - it's a memory of his late father who built it.

The fountain on the lake has come back to life after a major refurbishment caused an intermission in its iconic 47-year career. It was the first time in almost half a century the landmark needed a complete restoration, a tribute to the handiwork of lead engineer on the project, the late Ken Randall. John Randall was 13 years old when he watched on proudly as his father met the Queen at the inauguration of the monument in April 1970. Ken passed away from mesothelioma in 2003 but his legacy lives on. He was the lead engineer during the construction of the fountain, one of a variety of Canberra landmarks he was involved with during his time in the national capital.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/>

captain-cook-memorial-jet-longevity-a-testament-to-original-engineer-20170322-gv3zdg.html

Asbestos assessor recommends demolition of two buildings at Ainslie shops - Kirsten Lawson - 25 March 2017 - The Canberra Times

The asbestos assessor investigating contamination at the Ainslie shops has recommended the long-term demolition two of the heritage buildings at the popular shopping centre - the corner building housing Edgar's Inn and the one next door. Robsons has also pointed to the poor condition of the eaves and the deteriorating roofs on the buildings, saying high winds, severe thunderstorms or a fire could result in asbestos contamination of the street, footpath and park. At 3 and 5 Edgar Street, tarpaulins over the roofs created a risk even in a less-severe weather event that damaged the roof, and water damaged ceilings could allow contamination of the buildings below. The dangerous "Mr Fluffy" loose-fill asbestos was installed in the second-level ceiling of the corner building, above Edgar's Inn almost 50 years ago. Investigations in February and March show it has now migrated into the ceiling of the neighbouring building, which houses a newsagency and laundromat on the ground floor and a therapeutic massage business on the first floor.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/asbestos-assessor-recommends-demolition-of-at-least-two-buildings-at-ainslie-shops-20170324-gv5wx8.html>

Health concerns in the Latrobe Valley - Friday 24 March 2017 - RN Breakfast - Fran Kelly

The Hazelwood power station has been central to the Latrobe Valley's economic and social identity for decades. It's also left its imprint on the region's health. The Latrobe Valley has one of the highest rates of lung cancer and cardiovascular disease in Victoria, not to mention a long history of asbestos-related disease. Studies are only now starting to determine whether there are any links between these health statistics and the presence of the coal mine and power station. There's also concern about the long-term consequences of a mine which blanketed Morwell in smoke for more than a month back in 2014

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/health-concerns-over-hazelwood/8382556>

Vic company sued over asbestos death - Jacqueline Le - Australian Associated Press - News.com - 27 Feb 2017

The family of a Melbourne man who died from mesothelioma is suing the operators of the former Wunderlich cement factory where his father used to work. Samuel Azzopardi was 69 when he died in February 2016 after developing the disease allegedly caused by his exposure to asbestos as a child. His father is said to have come home covered in dust and fibres from his job at Wunderlich. Mr Azzopardi was allegedly exposed to asbestos a second time when he used concrete sheets purchased from Wunderlich to renovate his parents' bungalow, Michael Wilson QC told a Victorian Supreme Court on Monday. "There is no issue in this case that what caused his death is mesothelioma," Mr Wilson said in his opening statement before a jury of six. Mr Wilson said between the 1950s and 1970s, Mr Azzopardi's father, Charlie, would come home covered in dust and fibres from his job at Wunderlich, which involved cutting open bags of raw fibres. "Charlie was working in a dusty environment," he said. "He would bring home the fibres on his work clothes ... and he would come into the family home and contaminate the furnishings in the house." Sam was a young boy at this stage.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/vic-family-sue-company-over-asbestos-death/news-story/385f81a1a50c16e97c3cb50d76dbdc9>

New Director Adds Expertise to Asbestos Research Institute - Tim Povtak - 27 Feb 2017 - Asbestos.com

Dr. Ken Takahashi joined the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute (ADRI) in Sydney, Australia, with some very lofty goals. The institute's new director wants to make the world a safer place. "My goal is to help establish this institute as a global centre of excellence for asbestos-related disease," Takahashi told Asbestos.com. "The mandate here is to serve the Australian people, which I take to heart. But serving the Australian people, and serving the world, are not mutually exclusive. You can do both. And we will try." Takahashi, 60, left a long time position as a professor and director at the University of Occupational and Environmental Health Japan to join ADRI, the world's only research institute focused exclusively on asbestos and asbestos-related diseases. Exposure to asbestos can lead to a number of serious health issues, including pleural plaques, asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma. He brings his expertise as a renowned epidemiologist to complement an already highly regarded institute.

<https://www.asbestos.com/news/2017/02/27/ken-takahashi-asbestos-disease-research-institute/>

Vale Trevor Grant, one of Australia's finest sportswriters of his time - News.com.au - 6 March

TREVOR Grant, who has died of the cancer mesothelioma aged 65, was short in stature and huge in principles. He was also one of Australia's finest sportswriters of his time.

He loved his children Matthew and Caroline, and his new grandchild, the written and spoken word, a noble cause, 18 holes of golf and standing up to bullies. Many AFL coaches cringed at the sight of Grant at an after-match press conference, uncomfortable in the knowledge the "fifth quarter" was going to be as thorough as any examination he and his players had just been put through

<http://www.enginenews.com.au/news/vale-trevor-grant-one-of-australia-s-finest-sportswriters-of-his-time-1307557.html>

Construction company develops free interactive asbestos guide - Haydee - Thursday 30 March, 2017 - Safety Culture OH&S News

A construction company, J Hutchinson Pty Ltd., has developed a free interactive asbestos guide to help homeowners and small businesses working with, or removing asbestos-containing products from residential areas. The guide, Working Safely with Asbestos shows what asbestos is and what type of buildings are likely to have asbestos containing materials by the build or renovation date; the types of medical conditions related to asbestos exposure; common locations where asbestos-containing materials may be found in a residential building; how to prepare the work site and utilise safe work practices when handling asbestos in a domestic environment; the right tools, materials and personal protective equipment (PPE) to use when working with asbestos-containing materials; and how to clean up and dispose of asbestos-containing materials; and how to clean up and dispose of asbestos-containing material waste and PPE. The use of asbestos has caused a global stir when health organisations around the world warned of its serious health implications. Australia has banned asbestos since the 1980s, but hundreds of Australians continue to be diagnosed with mesothelioma, asbestosis, lung cancer and other asbestos-related diseases every year. To order a copy of the guide, visit Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's website.

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/03/construction-company-develops-free-interactive-asbestos-guide/#.WPcRLYVOKU1>

NT: Safety Culture - Asbestos control set to become responsibility of Northern Territory government

Asbestos control will now become the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government following a motion to include the issue in the Public and Environmental Health Act passed the 2017 NT ALP conference. NT Health Minister Natasha Fyles said the government acknowledged the Territory communities and workers were "rightfully concerned about asbestos issues". "The Northern Territory Government takes the asbestos issues seriously and will consider all of the concerns raised at this weekend's Labor conference," she said. "NT WorkSafe isn't involved in the physical clean-up of asbestos, but they are charged with ensuring high standards are maintained and ensuring businesses, workplaces and other organisations comply with their obligations under the law." CFMEU organizer Roley Cummins following the motion's success wants to sit down and come up with the plan along with representatives from the NT Labor Government

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/04/asbestos-control-set-become-responsibility-nt-government/#.W0VhZyHR9Go>

Asbestos at Wamberal Beach remains in place nine months after being exposed - April 6, 2017 - Community Coast News Source: Apr 3, 2017 Pat Aiken, Coastal Residents Incorporated - Jackie Pearson, journalist

Mr Pat Aiken, who has recently announced he will be standing for election to the new Central Coast Council in September, has raised the alarm about what he believes to be thick asbestos roof sheeting exposed by storm damage at Wamberal Beach. According to Mr Aiken, who made a notification to the EPA about the exposed sheeting on Friday, March 31, it has been exposed, subject to the weather and accessible by the public since June 2016. In a written statement, the EPA said that it had responded to reports of bonded asbestos being discovered on Wamberal Beach after being notified by a resident through Environment Line on March 31. "Central Coast Council is the

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appropriate regulatory authority for this matter, and the EPA understands that they are treating this situation as a priority,” the EPA statement said. “The EPA is working with council and will provide assistance as required.”

Central Coast Council said it had received reports of exposed asbestos on Wamberal Beach following the June 2016 storms.

<http://coastcommunitynews.com.au/2017/04/asbestos-at-wamberal-beach-remains-in-place-nine-months-after-being-exposed/>

Port Stephens Mayor Bruce McKenzie's family company has pleaded not guilty to waste dumping - NSW: Newcastle Herald - Joanne McCarthy 8 Apr 2017

PORT Stephens Mayor Bruce MacKenzie's family company has pleaded not guilty to using Macka's Sand and Soil at Salt Ash as an unlawful waste dump. The plea was entered on Friday in the Land and Environment Court after the NSW Environment Protection Authority finalised its case against the company, Grafil Pty Ltd, and directors Mr MacKenzie and son Robert. The charge, under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, carries a \$1 million maximum penalty with a further penalty of \$120,000 for each day the offence continues. The father and son also face possible special executive liability as directors of Grafil Pty Ltd, trading as Macka's. The NSW Environment Protection Authority launched criminal proceedings against Grafil in the Land and Environment Court in May last year after investigations of alleged dumping from 2013, when stockpiles of waste up to eight metres high, 40 metres wide and 100 metres long were found near and in waterways.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/4583824/dumping-charge-defended/>

Date set for Hurlstone Park Bowling Club to be demolished - Danielle Buckley - Canterbury-Bankstown Express - April 9, 2017

THE historic Hurlstone Park Bowling Club will be demolished — after asbestos and structural issues were found in the decaying building. The clubhouse, built in 1944, sits on Crown land but the club is responsible for its upkeep. An assessment of the site was prompted in 2015, after the former Canterbury Council rejected a five-year extension of the club's lease, and put the club on the open market. The assessment revealed \$200,000 worth of structural defects including loose bricks, insufficient structural support on the dance floor and friable asbestos in several parts of the building. The building was also deemed not fire safe and has no disability access.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/the-express/date-set-for-hurlstone-park-bowling-club-to-be-demolished/news-story/f4a6be2b520643c780ed8d43831812cf>

Flood safety tips: cleaning up dust, asbestos and mould - April 10, 2017 - Aslan Shand - Echo Net Daily

Cyclone Debbie has caused major damage throughout the north coast region and as people continue to clean up their homes and businesses the Northern NSW Local Health District is reminding people to take precautions against mould, dust and asbestos. Dust and mould irritate eyes, running and blocked nose, sneezing and wheezing can be caused by mould and dust leading to allergic reactions and other breathing problems. Using a P2 mask available at hardware stores when cleaning or in dusty conditions is recommended

Going back home - Returning to your home and businesses after a flood the following steps are recommended: Clean up and dry out the building quickly. Open doors and windows and use fans or dehumidifiers to dry out the building. Remove all porous items that have been wet for longer than 48 hours and that cannot be thoroughly cleaned and dried. These items can remain a source of mould growth and should be removed from the home or building. Porous, non-cleanable items include carpeting and carpet padding, upholstery, wallpaper, drywall, ceiling tiles, insulation material, some clothing, leather, paper, some wood and wood products, and food. Removal and cleaning are important because even dead mould can cause allergic reactions. Clean wet items and surfaces with detergent and water to prevent mould growth. Temporarily store damaged or discarded items outside the home or building until insurance claims can be processed. Removing mould - Routinely cleaning surfaces using mild detergent or vinegar diluted in water (4 parts vinegar to 1 part water).

To make up a 10 litre bucket of disinfectant, fill the bucket with water and then add one of the following 50mls (quarter of a cup) of 4 per cent chlorine (household bleach) OR 8 – 16mls (desert spoon) of 12.5 per cent chlorine (liquid pool chlorine). Tea Tree oil is also effective use a 3 per cent solution or (2 teaspoons in a spray bottle with 2 cups of water)

It is recommended PVC or nitrile rubber gloves, safety goggles, masks and safety shoes be used in a well ventilated room when

bleach is used. Always allow cleaning solution to remain on surface being treated for at least 20 minutes before rinsing off. Ensure the surface is dried completely once cleaned. Absorbent material, such as carpet, may need to be professionally cleaned or replaced. Asbestos - Asbestos is a concern because when it is broken up it may create airborne asbestos dust particles. Many properties built or renovated before 1987 are likely to contain asbestos, usually in the form of roof and wall sheeting. Generally, the asbestos will remain trapped in the cement matrix (bonded asbestos) and cause no harm. When it is broken up or worked on with power tools such as drills, grinders, saws etc. - small fibres of asbestos will be released into the air. It is the airborne fibres that can cause illness when inhaled.

<https://www.echo.net.au/2017/04/flood-safety-tips-cleaning-dust-asbestos-mould/>

Asbestos emergency forces closure of parts of Military Road in Sydney - April 11, 2017 - Nine News

Eastbound lanes of a major road in Sydney's lower north shore have been closed this morning due to a HAZMAT incident, causing traffic upset. Crews are hosing down a building in Cremorne due to a potential asbestos threat, which has caused the closure of one of two eastbound lanes of Military Road. Traffic is heavy in the area and motorists are urged to expect delays, Live Traffic NSW advised. Drivers are being redirected onto Winnie Street by police. It's believed several workers were found trying to remove asbestos from the building around 3.30am. Around 14 firefighters and HAZMAT officers have been working on the site this morning to remove the asbestos and secure the area. The building is currently under development.

<http://www.9news.com.au/national/2017/04/11/06/52/traffic-delays-as-asbestos-emergency-forces-closure-of-eastbound-lanes-of-military-road-in-cremorne>

Vic bushland littered with waste, asbestos - AAP on April 13, 2017 - 7 News

Two business owners fined over the illegal dumping of asbestos in public bushland in Victoria may have been doing it for years, the state's environment protection authority says.

Fibrous cement sheeting, bricks, tiles and other industrial waste were found littered across several acres of the Wargan-Mallee Bushland Reserve following a tip-off to Environment Protection Authority Victoria in February. Waste had also been buried throughout the littered section of the reserve near Mildura. EPA North West Manger Scott Pigdon said some of the waste dumped near a lake in the reserve tested positive for asbestos. Two people from a business in nearby Merbein West were this week fined nearly \$4000 and ordered to clean up the mess. The EPA isn't sure how much waste was dumped, and said it had possibly been going on for years. If the waste is not cleaned up as ordered, the pair could face court action and fines of up to \$373,000.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/vic/a/35020801/asbestos-found-dumped-in-vic-bushland/#page1>

Artist Aly de Groot 'given no warning' before 80 works destroyed by NT Government contractor - Xavier La Canna 15 April 2017 - ABC News

A Darwin artist says she was given no warning before scores of pieces she had worked on were destroyed by a government contractor because asbestos was found in the building where they were housed. Artist Aly de Groot, who needed some of the works to be assessed as part of her PhD studies, said she learned at the beginning of March asbestos had been found at Tactile Arts, where she is an artist in residence. About a week ago she was told 10 pieces had been destroyed, and discovered on Thursday this week the number was in fact more than 80. "It is really disempowering that someone is in there, in my stuff, making decisions about my stuff that is going to affect my future and my livelihood," De Groot said.

"I just feel like I have been treated really unfairly and no-one is really recognising the extent of the damage that has been done to my property." Industrial hygienist determined art could not be decontaminated

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-15/aly-de-groot-says-she-was-given-no-warning-before-art-destroyed/8445806>

Berwick families fear asbestos-laden worksite - Anthony Galloway - Herald Sun - April 15, 2017

FAMILIES living next to an asbestos-laden worksite say they fear for their kids' lives. The residents of Bounty Way in Berwick say dust laced with asbestos had already flown into their backyards, when mulching works were carried out in January. Test results on samples that landed in one resident's backyard revealed chrysotile asbestos. Authorities ordered the developer to stop work on the contaminated part of the

site until the asbestos

was removed. But the Environmental Protection Authority and WorkSafe

Victoria say the risk to residents

is low. The site next to the

Bounty Way homes in the outer south eastern suburb is being turned into an 800-lot estate by the Moremac Property Group.

Resident Mark, who has two young sons and lives just metres from the site, said he feared for his family's health. "Our concern originally was they found asbestos in a couple of spots, but didn't remove it," he said. "I believe the asbestos was then spread everywhere and that some ended up in my backyard. "My kids have a full life ahead of them. My neighbours have a kid as well. It's not a small amount, it's a significant amount of material." Photos seen by the Herald Sun appear to show a worker going on to the site on March 23 and handling asbestos material without protective gear. CFMEU occupational health and safety manager Dr Gerard Ayers said anyone removing asbestos should wear a throwaway suit, respirator and glasses. "The amount of dust - displayed in the photos, potentially or knowingly contaminated with asbestos, is of great concern," he said. A statement from Moremac Property Group said the clean-up would continue "in accordance with procedures and processes appropriate". WorkSafe spokeswoman Caitlin Rode said it ordered all activity on the site to stop following "a recent complaint that this work may have breached OHS regulations". EPA southern metro manager Marleen Mathias said stockpiles of contaminated soil remained on site and unexcavated land was likely to be contaminated too. The EPA would soon issue the developer with a formal notice that required all contaminated material to be removed.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/berwick-families-fear-asbestos-laden-worksite/news-story/15630d380d607c4781995a5f7267a748>

Asbestos discovered in Edge Hill rubble - Dominic Geiger - The Cairns Post - April 13, 2017

ASBESTOS has been discovered in the rubble of a much loved Queenslander recently demolished without Cairns Regional Council's permission.

The unauthorised destruction of 23 Fleming St, Edge Hill, on Tuesday morning shocked neighbours, many who lobbied hard for its -preservation.

Following the outcry, both Cairns Regional Council and Workplace Health and Safety Queensland launched investigations. Yesterday, a WHSQ spokesman confirmed "asbestos containing material" had been found at the site following a visit by an inspector. The house was owned by Bill Burdett, who yesterday denied it contained any asbestos. There was an asbestos warning sign attached to the outside of the building prior to its demolition, but Mr Burdett said he had placed it there to "keep people out". The Queenslander, which was located in a "character area" was the subject of a long running stoush between the council, Edge Hill residents and Mr Burdett. Eight weeks ago, Mr Burdett received council approval to move the house to 1 Fleming St, but that move never eventuated. Neighbour Lawrence Woodward, who has lost friends to mesothelioma, said he was now worried about his and others' safety.

<http://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/asbestos-discovered-in-edge-hill-rubble/news-story/c0a0cb299e48708d1648bda675c1fb0e>

INTERNATIONAL

Corporate spy infiltrated anti-asbestos campaign, court told - The Guardian 9th Dec 2016 - Ian Cobain

A leading corporate intelligence firm infiltrated the worldwide campaign to ban asbestos in a sophisticated and long-running espionage campaign, the high court in London has heard. Over a period of four years, the court was told, a spy working for K2 Intelligence Ltd masqueraded as a sympathetic documentary maker in order to gather a mass of sensitive material about the leading figures in the campaign, their methods, funding and future plans. K2 was in turn passing the information to its client, an as yet unnamed corporation based outside the UK that has interests in the asbestos industry. On Monday the court ordered K2 to identify its client, although the name of the spy - who was paid in excess of £460,000 in salary and expenses - remains a secret. In a witness statement to the court, the spy - currently anonymised as DNT, by order of the high court - said K2 had paid him £336,015 and he had received £130,430 in expenses.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/dec/08/k2-corporate-spy-infiltrated-anti-asbestos-campaign-court-told>

Asbestos Snippets

CANCER RISK: City MCAS push for removal of asbestos in houses - Feb 27, 2017 - Nairobi News - LILLIAN MUTAVI

Members of Nairobi County Assembly want City Hall to replace asbestos roofing in all residential houses. The MCA's specifically want roofing of houses built in Eastlands in the 1950's and 1960's replaced because of cancer risk associated with asbestos. The push comes after MCA Caroline Muga requested for a statement by the executive on the delay in disposing of asbestos roofing in county houses Ofafa Jericho, Bahati and Kimathi.

<http://nairobi.news.nation.co.ke/news/cancer-risk-city-mcas-push-for-removal-of-asbestos-in-houses/>

Asbestos found in the paint on Ward-Craycraft bleachers in Kenova - By NIKKI DOTSON MERRITT HD Media - Feb 27, 2017 - The Herald Dispatch.com

CEREDO - The Wayne County Board of Education revealed during a meeting this past week that paint used on the Ward-Craycraft stadium bleachers contains asbestos. Interim Superintendent Steven Paine said there is no cause for concern from the community, although this is a bump in the road to either refurbishing the bleachers or tearing them down. "The bleachers are in fact safe, so no one needs to panic, they are in a good state," he said. "However, there is a procedure to either abate or encapsulate the asbestos."

http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/asbestos-found-in-the-paint-on-ward-craycraft-bleachers-in/article_4bb272ce-8398-5967-862e-d9aeaf38b7cb.html

Dundas library asbestos removal delays renovation - Dundas Star News - Craig Campbell - 17 Feb 2017

Ministry of Labour issued stop work order in November - Additional asbestos removal at the Dundas library branch has delayed the start of renovations at the Ogilvie Street building. The building closed in September, with a temporary location operating at 55 Cootes Dr. and Bookmobile stops in a nearby parking lot every Friday, but Hamilton Public Library staff don't expect renovations to begin until March. A November stop-work order from the province has prevented the on-site contractor from starting the planned renovations until asbestos abatement is completed. "Abatement has taken longer than anticipated," said Karen Anderson, the library's director of public service. "Basement abatement is complete. The main floor should be complete at the end of the month. They need the green light to continue construction."

<http://www.thespec.com/news-story/7146932-dundas-library-asbestos-removal-delays-renovation/>

Man killed by asbestos related disease - 27 Feb 2017 - Suffolk Free Press.co.uk

A Hadleigh man, who died from an asbestos-related disease, was first exposed to the material after being called up for National Service, an inquest heard. John Gant, 82, died at his home in Woodthorpe Close on September 26. On February 13, an inquest in Ipswich heard that, after working in the building trade, Mr Gant had, as a young man, been called up for National Service. It was while working as a motor vehicle mechanic that he was first exposed to asbestos dust from components containing the material. Assistant Suffolk coroner Kevin McCarthy said that, after ending his military service, Mr Gant had continued to work as a mechanic. Doctors confirmed last year that Mr Gant was suffering from the fatal condition mesothelioma, which is linked to asbestos exposure. Mr McCarthy recorded a conclusion that Mr Gant died as a result of an industrial disease.

<http://www.suffolkfreepress.co.uk/news/man-killed-by-asbestos-related-disease-1-7839143>

Letter: Concern regarding Turner Brother's Asbestos site - 27 February 2017 - Rochdale online.co.uk

Dear Editor, Following on from your recent article on the Turner Brothers Asbestos site, the only replies I have received to an email I sent to my local councillor on the 2 February have been vague and did not answer the questions. Email: What is the update on the TBA site? I think it reasonable to have answers to the questions below. Most are yes/no answers. - When will the survey be completed? - Are there any closures (of footpaths, roads) still to be made? If so, where and when? - Have any councillors been on the site during the survey? - Have you been on the site? - Have any council officers been on site? - If so, have they reported back to councillors? - Are there any preliminary results shared with councillors, council officers, SSV members or experts? - Is there any intention by the owners to share preliminary results with any of the above? - What action is the Environmental Agency going to take with regard to the dumping of rubbish? - Have you seen the disgusting and unhygienic state of the dumped rubbish? Do you see this as a threat to public health? - Is public health a council concern

and duty? - Has the council asked the owners to deal with the rubbish? - Have they replied? - These questions are not unreasonable and I would ask for serious answers to these questions, not evasion or passing the buck. - Just a reminder, I live next to the site, as do a lot of people who would also like answers. - I am concerned that councillors, and or council officers are not addressing the problems of this site and are keeping people in the dark. This is either deliberate or is a failure to carry out the role of representing electors. Either way it is unacceptable. Residents deserve to be consulted and kept informed. - Save Spodden Valley has access to experts and knowledge that would help the Council to resolve the problems of this site but are ignored. It should not be forgotten that we are dealing with owners choosing to operate from a Caribbean tax haven which has allowed rubbish to be dumped on the site illegally and done nothing to remove it. There are three councillors who should be representing local residents, it's time they focused on this role. Yours, Mick Coats

<https://www.rochdaleonline.co.uk/news-features/129/letters-to-the-editor/108397/letter-concern-regarding-turner-brothers-asbestos-site>

Hundreds sign anti-cuts petition threatening Barrow benefits centre - Jonathan Rees - 28 February 2017 - NW Evening Mail UK -

A PETITION to save vital services has attracted almost 1,500 signatures. Budget cuts proposed by the Department of Work and Pensions has left an axe hanging over the heads of workers at Barrow's Phoenix House. On Saturday members of the Public and Commercial Services Union were canvassing in Dalton Road to rally people against the closure. PCS Cumbria branch secretary Kris Houghton said: "We set up around 11am because the weather wasn't great. We had good support from our staff, we had delegates from the Trades Union Council, asbestos support groups and ex staff members." Phoenix House in Barrow has provided essential care and support for victims and the families of industrial disease. Among the functions undertaken by the 70 staff at the Stephen Street location is fighting for families to claim compensation for those living with asbestos-related illnesses.

<http://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/barrow/Hundreds-sign-anti-cuts-petition-threatening-Barrow-benefits-centre-7e0dbab0-a4ce-4ab8-8219-73f991a86ddb-ds>

To build or not to build? How agencies decide whether to renovate - Lauren Wood - February 27, 2017 - WKBN First News 27

Renovations have the tendency to turn up unexpected costs, but building new comes with its own set of challenges. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (WKBN) - There are many factors that come into play when a school, business or non-profit organization considers renovating or starting new. Renovations have the tendency to turn up unexpected costs, but building new comes with its own set of challenges, including where to build and what to do with the old building. In 2013, Bishop George Murry told First News that asbestos was making them think twice about renovating. Ultimately, school officials say renovating was the best option. It was a big undertaking, especially with the asbestos, but it's one they're glad they did. "We decided to take it all out rather than do it in bits and pieces to get it done. Even the tile, you have to take that out. It's asbestos tile. So we take that out, do it right," Landers said. Private schools like Mooney don't have the option of state dollars. That funding is what makes it possible for so many public districts, like Hubbard, to build new campuses.

<http://wkbn.com/2017/02/27/to-build-or-not-to-build-how-agencies-decide-whether-to-renovate/>

Poorly Managed Asbestos Raises Mesothelioma Risk in English Schools - Surviving Mesothelioma - March 5, 2017 - mesothelioma lawyer info.com

A brand new authorities report has some sobering information for academics and college students in England: Nearly 20 % of faculties could also be failing to adequately shield them from asbestos, the first reason for malignant pleural mesothelioma. The asbestos administration report, issued by the Education Funding Agency, is predicated on knowledge collected on-line from greater than 5,500 faculties in 2016. It provides a disturbing view of mesothelioma risk amongst England's academics and college students as a result of poor administration of the lethal toxin. Asbestos in English Schools Before asbestos was linked to sicknesses like malignant mesothelioma, lung cancer, and asbestosis in the 1960s it was prized as an affordable, plentiful, and efficient insulation and constructing materials. During the rebuilding in England after World War II, public buildings, homes, and many faculties have been constructed utilizing asbestos-containing constructing merchandise and insulation. Although a few of these buildings have been changed, many

others are nonetheless standing. According to the EFA report, four,646 of the faculties that participated in the survey stated that asbestos was current in their constructing.

<http://mesotheliomalawyer-info.com/poorly-managed-asbestos-raises-mesothelioma-risk-in-english-schools-surviving-mesothelioma/#sthash.iT9FBrMl.dpbs>

DOWN IN THE DUMPS - Fly-tippers dump tonnes of stinking, festering waste including asbestos in industrial estate 'after back door was left open - Carl Stroud - 7th March 2017 - The Sun, a new UK company

Dozens of trucks with reg plates covered 'responsible' for astonishing mess in Islington, London - THIS is the mountain of waste left by fly-tippers at an industrial estate "after someone left the back door open". Dozens of trucks deposited hundreds of tonnes of potentially dangerous, stinking rubbish on ground which backs on to £700,000 terraced houses. Its thought the vehicles responsible had their reg plates covered meaning they will be hard to trace. Environment bosses say "tough action" has been taken to ensure the mess is cleared but locals in Islington, London are demanding why the fly-tippers have not in been caught in the act using the site's only entrance. Local councillor Claudia Webbe said: "We are extremely angry at this fly-tipping and are working with the landowner to restore necessary security.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3032904/fly-tippers-dump-waste-industrial-estate/>

Malignant mesothelioma due to asbestos exposure in dental tape - Markowitz SBI, Moline JM2. Author information - 2017 - Abstract below

Although most cases of malignant mesothelioma of the pleura are caused by one or more readily recognized sources of exposure to asbestos, cases of the disease with more occult exposure occur, especially since asbestos has been used in over 3,000 products. Dental lining tape contained asbestos from the 1930s until at least the 1970s and was used in the lost wax method of casting crowns, bridges, and other metal dental prosthetic devices. We report six cases of pathology-verified malignant mesothelioma, mostly among dentists, following exposure to airborne dust from asbestos dental tape, which resulted in asbestos tort litigation. According to evidence available at present, chrysotile asbestos was the type of asbestos used in dental tape in the past in the United States, and the described cases followed relatively brief and intermittent exposure to this type of asbestos. These cases underscore the need for comprehensive exposure histories to determine exposure scenarios. Am. J. Ind. Med. 60:437-442, 2017. © 2017 Wiley Periodicals, Inc

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28244608>

Trump Will Likely Support Asbestos FACT Act - Mar 07, 2017 - Beth Swantek - Asbestos.com

A House Judiciary Committee approved the Fairness in Class Action Litigation and Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency Act of 2017, one of numerous iterations of the legislation since 2004, which asbestos foes claim will hurt those seeking much-deserved compensation. Repeatedly stalled in the legislature in previous years with a promised veto from President Barack Obama, supporters are hopeful President Donald Trump will support the bill as part of a reform package. Republican sponsor U.S. Rep. Blake Farenthold of Texas introduced the bill in February. Opponents Fear Asbestos Victims' Privacy Is at Stake Linda Reinstein, president of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, vehemently opposes the bill and its previous version known as the FACT Act. "The FACT Act is designed to make it even more difficult for asbestos victims, including our ADAO community, to receive our 'day in court' and the compensation we deserve," Reinstein wrote on the organization's website. At issue is claimants' privacy. Under the bill, the asbestos trusts would disclose the claimants' private information in order for them to receive compensation. Formerly confidential data, such as their name, Social Security number, exposure history, as well as reason for compensation, would become public information.

<https://www.asbestos.com/news/2017/03/07/trump-asbestos-fact-act/>

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SUPPORT:

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EVENINGS:

3rd Tuesday of month,
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Monday to Thursday
10am - 4pm

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ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR 2017

1.30PM – 3.30PM

Meetings are held at –

**ACV/GARDS Premises
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- 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

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- **Support Group Tuesday 30th May – 1.30pm**
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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

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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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