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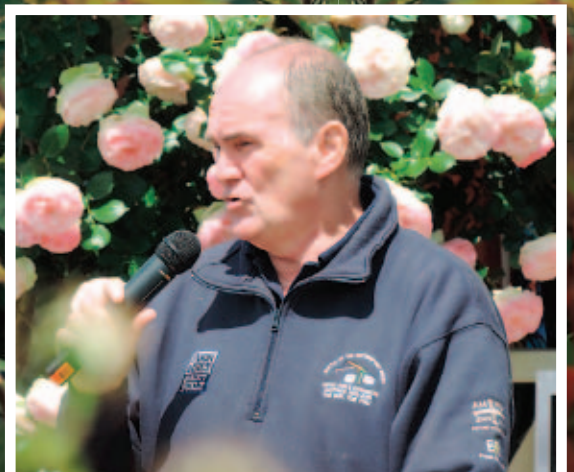
ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY 2016



On the 25th November at 11am in the Centenary Rose, Morwell the ACV/GARDS org spoke about all things "ASBESTOS" our speakers just added to a day of information in all areas from research, local council, union issues and of course all the issues that ACV/GARDS is battling.

The issues are many and varied and if anyone was under any misconceptions that asbestos was a thing of the past those who gathered certainly found out that asbestos issues are alive and kicking

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Speaker, Nicola Quin - Head of Division, Strategy and Support - Cancer Council Victoria talked about the relationship that ACV/GARDS had with Cancer Council Victoria and spoke about CCV's work with mesothelioma cancers – research and support programs. About High Mortality Cancer's Alliance, established out of concern for cancers with poor outcomes where there has been little progress.

The Government's work in policy this year, including signing on to the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness and in March the announcement of the establishment of a dedicated agency (Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency) to prioritise the removal of asbestos in Government buildings in Victoria.

Wanting to see Government commit to a long term goal of removing all asbestos in the built environment (not just schools and government buildings)

Seeking government to consider robust responses to related occupational health risks, such as adopting WorkSafe Australia's updated list of deemed diseases, and monitoring and protecting other/emerging 'at risk' occupations.

Robyn Duffy, Coordinator Health Services at Latrobe City, talked about the Asbestos in the Home Removal kit, its great success in the community addressing a very real problem of domestic asbestos removal/exposure through not enough education and awareness – also helping to reduce illegal dumping of asbestos in our environment.

Steve Dodd Secretary of the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council, spoke of the role in transition of workers being made redundant over the closure of Hazelwood Power station.

Mark Richards CFMEU organiser, spoke of the closure of Hazelwood and how much asbestos still remains in Hazelwood and the future demolition of the site and remediation.

Vicki Hamilton OAM, CEO/Secretary of ACV/GARDS, spoke about the issues of imports into Australia – the Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit and the Government kit modelled from the kit in Gippsland (Domestic Asbestos Removal Kit) and what seems to be the shelving of the government kit and no real appetite by the Victorian State Government to address a real need for this in the community – addressing the very immediate dangers around domestic asbestos home renovations - still waiting on some real answers from this State Government.

Musician/Singers - Susan Parrish, Joe Omar and Phil Edwards, played some very soulful melodies such as Wind beneath my wings, Shelter, Annie's Song – what a great sound from a wonderful trio.

The Latrobe Valley Community Choir, had a strong presence singing - You'll never walk alone and You're the voice we thank the 12 choir members their conductor and key board player with helper Torben Jones

Bag piper – Richard Harris, piped some truly wonderful music out into the crowd and community it could be heard carrying in the distance.

Minister Russell Jones conducted an Ecumenical Service remembering those who had succumbed to asbestos, those who were suffering and their families – his own personal story of his father's asbestos disease brought a reality to those who thought it only touched some in the community – asbestos touches all families and from all walks of life.

A free Community BBQ with the compliments of Gippsland Trades and Labour Council – thank you to President Val Prokopiv this just topped a very touching and inspirational event where there was indeed a great deal of information sharing and brought together a great deal of companionship/comradery from the crowd. All those who attended realised from the days events what a scourge asbestos is in communities all over Australia and the world.





ASBESTOS AWARENESS



MORNING TEA 2016

On Tuesday 22nd November we held a morning tea at our office – which was well attended.

On the menu: Scones, Jam and Cream + tea and coffee sponsored by: **Advice Line Injury Lawyers** – thank you to ALIL.

Specialists that attended on the day to talk to the general public with

questions comprised of Asbestos Litigation lawyers, Environmental Hygienists, Latrobe City Waste Education Officer and representative from the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council – all those who attended enjoyed the morning get together and all said they learnt so much just by having a chat.



ACV/ GARDS ON THE MOVE...



LADY LAVENDER'S TEA ROOM, BUNYIP ALSO SHERWOOD PARK ORCHARD

The ACV/GARDS org are organising a bus trip for our member's to two venues on Tuesday 28th March 2017 Lady Lavender's Tea Rooms and the Sherwood Park Orchard at Bunyip. If you would like to come along and join the fun we will be leaving the office at: 9.30am and will return no later than 2.30pm. You will be able to purchase a light lunch at the tea rooms at menu prices. Have a wander through the eclectic gift shop and nursery, filled with antiques, collectables and giftware. You can also stroll around the cottage garden. We will then move on to the Sherwood Park Orchard to view and perhaps purchase some locally grown seasonal fruits from producers in the area & maybe take home some bakery items. Come and enjoy the day with other ACV/GARDS members. We have a lot of fun

ACV/GARDS Christmas Lunch 2016

ACV/GARDS would like to thank all its members for a wonderful year together – as usual we have our highs and lows but there is always one thing to remember we are all there for each other. The Xmas party was a terrific time for some of our members to get together and share a meal and a laugh. Santa came along and checked out everyone to see who had been naughty and nice through the year. We would like to thank Manny and Vicki Gelagotis for the wonderful meal that we all enjoyed. To the terrific chefs

Stew & John, the food was absolutely delicious – well done boys. Silks restaurant at Michaels Golden Hen, Moe, come and check it out. Thank you to all the members who donated to the raffle prizes. The raffle raised \$218 on the day – what a wonderful effort. We hope everyone enjoyed the gift giving – there certainly were some wonderful and thoughtful presents. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all. Here are some of our members enjoying the frivolity of the day.



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Pictured are the team of the Asbestos Department at Maurice Blackburn

MAURICE BLACKBURN SPONSORSHIP 2016/17

We would like to thank Maurice Blackburn Lawyers for again 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 Jane McDermott, Principal in Asbestos Litigation at Maurice Blackburn along with Associates Sally Weir and Victoria Keays and their very capable staff 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.

Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS closing dates over Xmas/New Year/Holidays

The ACV/GARDS office will be closed over the holiday period. Our office will close on: Friday the 16th of December 2016 at 4.00pm and we will resume full operations on Monday the 16th of January 2017.

ANY URGENT ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO VICKI HAMILTON VIA THE ACV/GARDS PHONE 03 5127 7744 24/7

FROM ALL OF US HERE AT ACV/GARDS WE WISH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU A MERRY AND SAFE XMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ACV/GARDS IN 2016

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2017

3rd INTERNATIONAL ASBESTOS CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Four of our ACV/GARDS committee attended the Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency International conference in November.

We were thrilled that 2 firms sponsored 3 of our members to attend - Mairin OHS&E and Slater+Gordon Law firm. Thank you for your generosity, it was greatly appreciated. Vicki would like to thank the Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency for sponsoring her to attend the conference as a panellist in one of the breakout sessions talking about support groups and the work they do in the community. Without sponsors we could not attend these events. The conference had many and varied people from International speakers, researchers, Oncology Doctors, Advocates/Activists, Unionists and asbestos sufferers representing the community along with Asbestos support groups from most of the states. Please go to this link to see all the conference

Wash up: <https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/3rd-international-conference-asbestos-awareness-and-management>
Here are some pics of the ACV/GARDS crew with some of the inspirational people who attended the conference.



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.



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.

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Asbestos Snippets

AUSTRALIA

New area roped off just weeks after asbestos clean-up project at Holland Park School - *Quest Community News* - October 31, 2016 - Brian Bennion

JUST weeks after major work to clear asbestos-contaminated fill from a Brisbane school was started, another area has been roped off. Holland Park State School principal Anthony Gribbin informed parents last week that access was restricted to another area at the side of the prep building after the discovery of debris found to contain asbestos.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/questnews/southeast/new-area-roped-off-just-weeks-after-asbestos-cleanup-project-at-holland-park-school/news-story/8e4692ed1c48d6a43d6e17c2b963ce9e>

Concerned parent makes asbestos discovery at Brisbane school - *South-East Advertiser* - 15/11/2016 - Paul Evers,

MORNINGSIDE State School has been given the all clear after the discovery of asbestos on its grounds.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/questnews/southeast/concerned-parent-makes-asbestos-discovery-at-brisbane-school/news-story/3ce0425a0eedbde64292b8b87e195a5d>

Aussies warned on asbestos hazards

AJP.COM.AU - 31/10/2016 - Megan Haggan

Australia was among the largest consumers of asbestos-containing materials in the world, the campaign's organisers say. Asbestos-containing products are still found in one in three Australian brick, weatherboard fibro and clad, homes including apartments built or renovated before 1987.

<https://ajp.com.au/news/aussies-warned-asbestos-hazards/>

Many buildings, including city schools, still contain asbestos - *The Courier* - 31/10/2016 - Danae King Staff Writer

The link between asbestos and health problems was discovered decades ago, but many buildings, including public schools, still contain the hazardous material. Findlay City Schools has 13 buildings with asbestos in them, and a re-inspection of those schools is set for November.

<http://thecourier.com/local-news/2016/10/31/many-buildings-including-city-schools-still-contain-asbestos/>

Asbestos dislodged in Canberra warehouse, prompting exclusion zone - *ABC News* - Updated 3/11/2016 No author name given

An exclusion zone has been set up around a warehouse in the Canberra industrial suburb of Fyshwick, after bonded asbestos was dislodged from a roof space. Workers at the warehouse on Barrier Street were cleaning the roof with a high-pressure hose when the material was dislodged on Wednesday.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-11-02/exclusion-zone-asbestos-dislodged-in-canberra-warehouse/7991068>

Governor-General homes cost \$2.3m to fix - *7 News* - 31/10/16 - Paul Osborne, AAP Senior Political Writer - AAP

Taxpayers have forked out \$2.3 million over the past year to fix Sir Peter Cosgrove's two official homes, including bird-proofing and asbestos removal.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/a/33056758/governor-general-homes-cost-2-3mil-to-fix/#page1>

Centenary celebrations for Greenwich Baths on hold as asbestos find delays reopening - *North Shore Times* 3/11/2016 No author given

GREENWICH Baths will not reopen on time after 'additional' asbestos was found during extensive renovations at the site Lane Cove Council has said.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/centenary-celebrations-for-greenwich-baths-on-hold-as-asbestos-find-delays-reopening/news-story/4e9c91e7ebe96f313493631576764ffd>

'He was even given the all clear': Megan Gale says doctors 'overlooked early signs' of her father's asbestos-related lung cancer before his death - *Daily Mail Australia* - 5/11/2016 - Greg Styles and Aneeta Bhole

Megan Gale has urged people to 'stay on top of their health' after revealing her late father had been given a premature all-clear from doctors before he died from asbestos-related lung cancer in 2014.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-3907918/Megan-Gale-says-doctors-overlooked-early-signs-father-s-asbestos-related-lung-cancer.html>

Asbestos found near Queensland dam - *News.com.au* - 7/11/2016 - Stuart Layt

Authorities have played down concerns about drinking water for residents in Brisbane's bayside, after asbestos material was found dumped near Leslie Harrison Dam.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/asbestos-found-near-queensland-dam/news-story/051eaf33eeced0053ee64994b5537c96>

Asbestos Awareness Month: Infographic - *OHS News* - 7/11/2016 - Monica

Asbestos Awareness Month, provides us all with the opportunity to 'Get to kNOw Asbestos this November.

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/11/asbestos-awareness-month-infographic/#.WEDSyYVOK70>

Another 100 former ACT residents diagnosed with mesothelioma, cancer could be identified - *The Sydney Morning Herald* - 8/11/2016 - Daniel Burdon

Another 100 former ACT residents - some of whom may be linked to Mr Fluffy homes - who have been diagnosed interstate with mesothelioma, cancer or other asbestos-related illnesses...

<http://www.smh.com.au/act-news/another-100-former-mr-fluffy-residents-later-diagnosed-with-mesothelioma-cancer-expected-to-emerge-20161031-gsemrl?deviceType=text>

Don't play renovation roulette: experts urge asbestos awareness - *SBS* - 9/11/2016 - Sonja Heydeman

SBS World News Radio: Health experts and lawyers are calling for tougher regulations to stop asbestos contaminated material ending up in landfill.

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2016/11/09/dont-play-renovation-roulette-experts-urge-asbestos-awareness>

EPA finds asbestos in Corkman pub rubble - *Herald Sun* - 10/11/2016 - ANDREW JEFFERSON

ASBESTOS from an illegally demolished Carlton pub remains at a western suburbs

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/epa-finds-asbestos-in-corkman-pub-rubble/news-story/c94bef641d7814ba20c2008ac12fa124>

Asbestos found on Sydney Harbour Bridge during road works - *News.com* - 11/11/2016 - No author given

AN UNEXPECTED discovery of asbestos during road works on the Sydney Harbour Bridge has sparked a health scare.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/news/asbestos-found-on-sydney-harbour-bridge-during-road-works/news-story/ddd283654e75b9865bd705648e40724f>

Kalamunda's history village reopens after asbestos scare - *WA News* - 11/11/2016 - David Allan-Petale

Kalamunda History Village has re-opened to the public after asbestos was found inside its iconic locomotive.

<http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/kalamundas-history-village-reopens-after-asbestos-scare-20161111-gsnd0b.html>

Illegal asbestos dumping: Kingston and Glen Eira councils spend \$33k on clean-ups - *Leader Community News* - 11/11/2016 - Sam Bidey, Moorabbin Glen Eira Leader

...Asbestos has been classified as a known human carcinogen by the US Department of Health and Human Services, the EPA, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/inner-south/illegal-asbestos-dumping-kingston-and-glen-eira-councils-spend-33k-on-cleanups/news-story/4b4a03d0638226954980607d42570b21>

Global and Australian experts gather in Adelaide to tackle asbestos issues - *Ferret* - 10/11/2016 - Mike Wheeler

Illegal importation of asbestos into Australia, the latest in the medical treatment of mesothelioma, tackling complacency among DIY home renovators, and the latest in global efforts to ban asbestos

<http://www.ferret.com.au/articles/news/global-and-australian-experts-gather-in-adelaide-to-tackle-asbestos-issues-n2526574>

Docklands blaze: Crews mopping up after huge fire at Wool Shed pub - *ABC News* - 11/11/2016 - No author given

A massive fire at the Wool Shed pub at Docklands that sent thick plumes of smoke across Melbourne's CBD.Crews were also hindered by the presence of asbestos.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-11-11/wool-shed-pub-at-docklands-on-fire/8018410>

Treatments to prolong life for mesothelioma patients closer, Flinders University researcher says - *ABC News* - 14/11/2016 - Tom Fedorowytch

Researchers have uncovered a strange way that asbestos-related tumours grow, which could pave the way towards better treatments.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-11-14/treatments-to-prolong-life-for-mesothelioma-patients-closer/8023700>

Gwelup Primary students put in stirring performance about dangers of asbestos - *Stirling Times* - 16/11/2016 - Kate Leaver

GWELUP Primary School students learnt about the dangers of asbestos and heartache of asbestos related disease through song.

<http://www.communitynews.com.au/stirling-times/news/gwelup-primary-students-put-in-stirring-performance-about-dangers-of-asbestos/>

Mulch containing asbestos used for Perth transport project - *ABC News* - 18/11/2016 - Harley Roman

A Main Roads contractor has used mulch containing asbestos while working on a major project in Perth's southern suburbs.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-11-18/asbestos-laden-mulch-used-for-perth-transport-project/8036440>

Asbestos Taskforce chief Andrew Kefford to head reform of Land Development Agency - *The Canberra Times* - 18/11/2016 - Kirsten Lawson

Asbestos Taskforce chief Andrew Kefford has been appointed to head the government's reform of its Land Development Agency.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/asbestos-taskforce-chief-andrew-kefford-to-head-reform-of-land-development-agency-20161117-gsrlxq.html>

Council urges community to be Asbestos Aware - *My Sunshine Coast* - 18/11/2016 - No author given

Does your home contain asbestos? How would you know if it did?

<https://mysunshinecoast.com.au/news/news-display/council-urges-community-to-be-asbestos-aware,46663>

Major Asbestos Violations Result in \$87K in Fines for WA Employer - *Sun News* - 16/11/2016 - Colin Fluxman

Tumwater, WA - A Kirkland asbestos removal contractor has been cited for several workplace health violations that put workers, contractors and homeowners at risk.

<http://sunnewsreport.com/major-asbestos-violations-result-87k-fines-wa-employer/>

Global Ceramic Fiber Cloth Market 2016 : Eastwell Asbestos Industries Pvt, Shree Firepack Safety Pvt, Flips India Engineering, Ningbo Rilson Sealing Material, Hangzhou Jiewei Seal - *News Maker* 17/11/16 - QY Insights

Market Research Report on Ceramic Fiber Cloth market 2016 is a professional and in-depth study on the current state of the Ceramic Fiber Cloth worldwide.

<http://www.newsmaker.com.au/news/163021/global-ceramic-fiber-cloth-market-2016-eastwell-asbestos-industries-pvt-shree-firepack-safety-pvt-flips-india-engineering-ningbo-rilson-sealing-material-hangzhou-jiewei-seal#.WETcvYVOK70>

James Hardie downgrades expected profit - *The Australian* - 17/11/2016 - Trevor Chappell- Australian Associated Press

James Hardie on Thursday booked a 24 per cent fall in first-half profit to \$US144.1 million, mainly due to greater asbestos-related adjustments in the prior corresponding period.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/latest-news/james-hardie-anticipating-increased-demand/news-story/1aa4742291a9f7de8901650f85225ca0>

Liverpool asbestos plaintiffs asked for proof of contamination in soil dumped near homes - *ABC News* - 18/11/2016 - Stephanie Dalzell

Lawyers for Liverpool Council have challenged residents to prove soil dumped near their homes was contaminated with asbestos,

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-11-18/liverpool-asbestos-plaintiffs-asked-for-contamination-proof/8038164>

Talking Point: It's tragic, 33,000 Aussies have died so far from asbestos-related illness - *Mercury* - 19/11/2016 - CATRYNA BLYK

UNTIL the mid-1980s, Australia was one of the highest per capita consumers of asbestos in the world.

<http://www.themercury.com.au/news/opinion/talking-point-its-tragic-33000-aussies-have-died-so-far-from-asbestos-related-illness/news-story/703e4c5fd281b514f75b8469099517b1>

Victims call for review of time allowed to make worker's compensation claim for asbestos-related disease - *Herald Sun* - 20/11/2016 - RHIAN DEUTROM

QUEENSLAND'S asbestos victims are calling for an immediate review of the restrictive time frames governing workers' compensation claims

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/victims-call-for-review-of-time-allowed-to-make-workers-compensation-claim-for-asbestos-related-disease/news-story/f254f1eed4465993584b4ab3a471f07>

Actor Against Asbestos - *Queensland Times* - 25/11/2016 - Pressreader

Asbestos is a killer that continues to claim lives of Australians including including men, women and young adults years after it was banned in 2003.

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

Asbestos Snippets

Asbestos Free Tasmania Foundation targets tradies with new booklet - Mercury – 24/11/2016 – Jessica Howard

ASBESTOS continues to claim the lives of 12 Tasmanians each year, says the head of the Asbestos Free Tasmania Foundation.

<http://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/asbestos-free-tasmania-foundation-targets-tradies-with-new-booklet/news-story/7c8924773a97af7b4ffc221b35070ca9>

Be aware of dangers of asbestos – News Mail – 25/11/2016 – Chris Pole

DON'T play renovation roulette. November is National Asbestos Awareness Month and through this campaign and at www.asbestosawareness.com.au people are being encouraged to know all the facts.

<http://www.news-mail.com.au/news/be-aware-of-dangers-of-asbestos/3115807/>

Rebuild lives with inquiry – The Canberra Times – 27/11/2017 – Letters to the Editor

The asbestos insulation allowed to contaminate ACT homes continues to evolve into a hellish nightmare for the occupants ("Fluffy land price stymies owners")

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/comment/ct-letters/rebuild-lives-with-inquiry-20161127-gsymvi.html>

Asbestos Awareness Week champions prevention over a cure - Safety Solutions - 24/11/2016 - Safety Solutions Staff

With approximately 14 Australians continuing to die every week from asbestos-related diseases, experts are warning people during Asbestos Awareness Week to take care and prevent their exposure to the potentially deadly material.

<http://www.safetysolutions.net.au/content/business/news/asbestos-awareness-week-champions-prevention-over-a-cure-330509340>

Children played in asbestos-contaminated dirt at Chelsea Bicentennial Park after council blunder - Leader Community News – 24/11/2016 – Emma Watson

CHILDREN played in exposed asbestos-contaminated soil that was dumped at a public park in Melbourne's inner south, before the council realised its blunder days later.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/inner-south/children-played-in-asbestos-contaminated-dirt-at-chelsea-bicentennial-park-after-council-blunder/news-story/0c921fe854d8341ea214b2d69ace7798>

Claim period for asbestos too short – lawyer – Toowoomba Chronicle – 24/11/2016 – Tom Giles

Workers in Queensland with asbestos related disease could be missing out on compensation payments because of short post diagnose claim periods.

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

Asbestos Market 2016 Lincoln Electric, Celotex, Amatec Corporation, Pacor Incorporated - NewsMaker – 23/11/2016 - Industry Marketing Management

.....A market study based on the Asbestos market across the globe, recently added to the repository of QY Market Research, is titled 'Global Asbestos Market 2016'.

<http://www.newsmaker.com.au/news/169332/asbestos-market-2016-lincoln-electric-celotex-amatec-corporation-pacor-incorporated#.WEjEJ4VOK70>

Inaugural BlueDay puts spotlight on asbestos exposure - Camden-Narellan Advertiser – 24/11/2016 – Sam Strong

Training organisation Safety Height Safety Engineers (HSE) opened its doors to local businesses and emergency services for the company's inaugural BlueDay, an asbestos awareness cause, on Nov. 18.

<http://www.camdenadvertiser.com.au/story/4313582/inaugural-blueday-puts-spotlight-on-asbestos-exposure/>

New tool to help communities manage naturally occurring asbestos - Safe To Work – 23/11/2016 - Branko Miletic

The NSW Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities (HACA) today launched a new educational video for people living and working in regional areas about the risks of naturally occurring asbestos.

<https://safetowork.com.au/new-tool-to-help-communities-manage-naturally-occurring-asbestos/>

Beware hidden asbestos risks – Gatton Lockyer & Brisbane Valley Star – 23/11/2016 – Garry Worrall

DON'T touch the asbestos is the simple warning of a Queensland Government campaign to reduce the risk of asbestos-related diseases.

<http://www.gattonstar.com.au/news/beware-hidden-asbestos-risks/3114817/>

Melanoma drug offers considerable added benefit for patients with advanced NSCLC - News Medical Life Sciences – 22/11/2016 -

Pembrolizumab (trade name: Keytruda) was initially introduced for the treatment of melanoma. Since July 2016, the monoclonal antibody has also been available for the treatment of locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) in

adults.....

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20161122/Melanoma-drug-offers-considerable-added-benefit-for-patients-with-advanced-NSCLC.aspx>

Copycat cells propel asbestos disease: research InDaily - Adelaide's independent news – 23/11/2016 -

The cells of malignant mesothelioma, a tumour caused by asbestos, can promote their own growth by changing themselves into blood vessels, new research led by Flinders University has found.

<http://indaily.com.au/news/local/2016/11/23/copycat-cells-propel-asbestos-disease-research/>

Safe Work Australia advise during National Asbestos Awareness Week - OHS News – 21/11/2016 - Stephen

This week (21–25 November) is National Asbestos Awareness Week and Safe Work Australia is reminding employers and workers that it is important to know what asbestos is, how to manage, control and remove it safely before conducting any construction work.

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/11/safe-work-australia-advise-national-asbestos-awareness-week/#.WEjPhoVOK71>

Asbestos located at Centenary Park stalls revamp worth \$128k - News Local – 22/11/2016 - David Barwell, Inner West Courier Inner City

THE discovery of asbestos has forced construction crews to down tools on the \$128,000 upgrade of Croydon's Centenary Park.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/competitions/asbestos-located-at-centenary-park-stalls-revamp-worth-128k/news-story/2ec6983c603bedf8b46a04d80fc47853>

One in three Aussie homes has asbestos – 9 News – 22/11/2016 - AAP

Home renovators need to be aware that one-in-three homes in Australia has asbestos, says Queensland Industrial Relations Minister Grace Grace.

<http://www.9news.com.au/health/2016/11/22/14/34/one-in-three-aussie-homes-has-asbestos>

Talking Point: It's tragic, 33,000 Aussies have died so far from asbestos-related illness - Mercury – 19/11/2016 - CATRYNA BILYK

UNTIL the mid-1980s, Australia was one of the highest per capita consumers of asbestos in the world.

<http://online.essentialink.com/themercury.com.au/2016/11/18/5d50be76-3a2f-4ed9-ab12-2f8f6a139043.html>

Asbestos — not here, not anywhere – Green Left Weekly – 18/11/2016 -

Asbestos is a thriving industry and asbestos lobbyists have set their sights on south-east Asia as the next frontier for new trade markets in the Third World.

<https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/asbestos—not-here-not-anywhere>

Tributes flow for Noel Raynes – The Daily Advertiser – 18/11/2016 - Rowan Forster

After a pugnacious fight, Noel Raynes succumbed to mesothelioma – a form of cancer associated with asbestos exposure – at 77-years of age.

<http://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/4301531/city-grieves-tributes-flow-for-musician/>

It's tragic, 33,000 Aussies have died so far from asbestos-related illness

UNTIL the mid-1980s, Australia was one of the highest per capita consumers of asbestos in the world. Hobart Mercury – 19/11/2016 - Catryna Bilyk

<http://readnow.isentia.com/Temp/84456/688629325.pdf>

Roof at home collapses after fire starts from unattended candles - The Advertiser – 25/11/2016 - Paul W. Purcell

A MINT of unattended candles have ignited a fire which led to the collapse of a roof at a Murray Bridge home.....Despite containing the fire within 20 minutes, the roof collapsed and an asbestos hazard was revealed to be on-site.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/south-australia/judges-order-the-bali-murder-trial-of-aussie-mum-sara-connor-to-go-ahead/news-story/7351d1d8c5c7061af2af73bcf3c11804>

New asbestos hotline now available - OHS News – 15/11/2016 - Haydee

A new hotline number is now available providing free advice and guidance on asbestos-related issues....."Calls to 1800Asbestos (1800 272 378) will be answered by the SafeWork NSW Customer Contact Centre who regularly manage general asbestos enquiries," said Mr Dunphy.

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/11/new-asbestos-hotline-now-available/#.WEjxeoVOK71>

Tribunal role grows to include motor accident and asbestos compensation - Mercury – 16/11/2016 - MATT SMITH, State Political Editor

TASMANIA'S outgoing workers compensation boss has questioned

funding and the legality of government policy.....

The tribunal is responsible for determining all disputes in workers compensation in Tasmania but has also assumed more responsibility, including the motor accidents and asbestos compensation tribunals and the health practitioners tribunal.

<http://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/tribunal-role-grows-to-include-motor-accident-and-asbestos-compensation/news-story/c1dbfc082bd444d78da31ae8ab6a856a>

Newcastle Herald Letters to the Editor: Friday, November 18, 2016 - Newcastle Herald – 17/11/2016 – Opinion - John Jarratt, ambassador, Asbestos Awareness Month

Third wave of victims - ASBESTOS is a killer that continues to claim lives years after it was banned in Australia in 2003. We're on a mission to educate more Australians about potentially dangerous asbestos products still lurking in one third of Aussie homes.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/4293603/democracy-takes-hit-when-result-is-rejected/>

FED: APH Hansard – Meryl Swanson MP – statement to HR on PGARD meeting 1 December 2016

Ms SWANSON (Paterson) (10:24): Tomorrow the Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease will hold an informal reception here at Parliament House to remember those we have lost to asbestos related disease, those who still suffer from that disease, and their families and carers. I would like to take a moment to thank my friend the member for Perth, who spent most of his former career in the legal fraternity seeking justice for victims, and the parliamentary group for organising this event.....

http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/genpdf/chamber/hansardr/0f8db77b-d8d3-4de1-958b-18847b30d0e2/0249/hansard_frag.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf

Asbestos planted near memorial at Kilburn park, mayor says - 891 ABC Adelaide - Posted Mon at 11:48am Mon 5 Dec 2016, 11:48am

A Kilburn park, which has a memorial for asbestos victims, has been closed after eight thumbnail-size pieces of asbestos were found. Port Adelaide Mayor Gary Johanson said a "low-life" had put the asbestos in the Jack Watkins Reserve because it would have been previously found by council staff who maintain the area. "Some low-life so-and-so who, you know I cannot say what I think of a person that would deliberately go and seed the reserve with asbestos particles, thumbnail size, at the time we have this incredible memorial for victims and their families, friends and supporters," Mayor Johanson said.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-05/kilburn-park-closed-after-asbestos-found/8092528>

Scientists make breakthrough in treating asbestos-related cancer - By A Current Affair - 11:05pm December 5, 2016

Scientists at the Asbestos Disease Research Institute have identified how to manipulate the gene that controls the growth of tumours. Ten-thousand Australians have already died from mesothelioma - one of the cancers caused by asbestos exposure.

A further 25,000 are believed to have inhaled asbestos fibres and will develop mesothelioma, which doesn't appear anywhere until between 10 and 50 years after exposure.....

<http://www.9news.com.au/national/2016/12/05/17/54/scientists-have-breakthrough-in-treating-asbestos-related-cancer#002i10dtq0fPCh4g.99>

Mesothelioma and Nanotechnology - Mesothelioma.net - 7 December 2016 - Source: Mesothelioma.net

Nanotechnology is a broad term used in science to describe anything that is less than 100 nanometers in size. A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter. Nanotechnology is being used in all areas of science, including medicine. Some of the ways in which tiny, molecular devices are being used in medicine include treating degenerative brain diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, using small particles in dental surgery, in tissue engineering, in fighting antibiotic resistance, and in the treatment of cancers, including mesothelioma.

<http://apo.org.au/resource/mesothelioma-and-nanotechnology>
Super depot clean-up starts despite asbestos find - Tim Howard | 7th Dec 2016 5:29 AM

WORK will begin today on removing material, including asbestos, from the site of the controversial \$13.5million Clarence Valley Council super depot in South Grafton.

The council's director corporate, governance and works, Troy Anderson, confirmed contractors, Hutchinson's Builders, would start removing material from the site, despite the discovery last month of 900kg of buried asbestos pipes.

<http://www.dailyexaminer.com.au/news/clean-up-for-asbestos-site/3119969/>

Asbestos Snippets

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Worksafe advert under fire from asbestos cancer sufferer - NZ Herald Sun – 14/11/2016 - Kirsty Wynn

Trevarthen has incurable asbestos cancer and specialists say she inhaled the deadly fibres that cause the disease from hugging her electrician dad after work or visiting him at work as a child.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11745844

Asbestos remediation begins at QEII Park - Scoop Independent News – Regional – 17/11/2016 - Press Release: Christchurch City Council

Asbestos remediation work is getting underway at QEII Park from Monday 21 November as Christchurch City Council prepares the site for a busy period of development.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1611/S00477/asbestos-remediation-begins-at-qeii-park.htm>

Holbeck club hit with asbestos crisis - South Leeds Life – 31/10/2016 - Ed Carlisle

However, that's all been thrown into potential jeopardy by a recent survey that brought to light the presence of asbestos in several key parts of the building. Asbestos was a common building material until the 1990s.

<http://www.southleedslife.com/holbeck-club-hit-asbestos-crisis/>
Deadly substance still lurking in our schools - Cape Argus – 31/10/2016 - Cape Argus

Cape Town - Thousands of South African pupils and teachers risk exposure daily to the deadly substance asbestos. Asbestos fibres are so dangerous it is illegal for an employer to put any person at risk of exposure to them.

<http://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/deadly-substance-still-lurking-in-our-schools-2085325>

Jason Kander dumping \$25,000 in donations after questions about law firm's contributions - The Kansas City Star – 31/10/2016 - Lindsay Wise and Scott Canon

.....Once a lawyer can establish a person was exposed to asbestos, typically on the job, large awards are common and typically a third of that amount goes to legal fees

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article111613827.html>

School shut since Boxing Day floods to re-open - ITV Report – 31/10/2016 – No author given

A school in Calderdale which has been closed since last year's Boxing Day floods will re-open today. Scout Road Academy in Mytholmroyd has been shut since the hillside started to slide under the force of floodwater. Asbestos was discovered in a disused tip uncovered when the floods caused the landslide.

<http://www.itv.com/news/calendar/2016-10-31/school-shut-since-boxing-day-floods-to-re-open/>

Latest on Padiham town hall repairs - 2BR News - 31/10/2016 – No author given

.....The flooding disturbed asbestos which has had to be removed by specialist contractors before the main renovation scheme could go ahead.

<http://www.2br.co.uk/news/local-news/2138336/latest-on-padiham-town-hall-repairs/>

Kootenai Business Park Wants Out of Libby Asbestos Superfund Listing - Mesothelioma News 1/11/2016 - - Jillian Duff
Libby, Montana - The goal of the Lincoln County Port Authority is to get the Kootenai Business Park delisted from the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.

<https://www.mesothelioma.com/news/2016/11/kootenai-business-park-wants-out-of-libby-asbestos-superfund-listing-.htm>

Navy Veterans or Shipyard Workers with Mesothelioma Are Urged To Call the Mesothelioma Victims Center for Much Better Compensation Results--Avoid the Internet Lawyer Minefield - PR Newswire a cision company – 31/10/2016 – Mesothelioma Victims Centre

The Mesothelioma Victims Center would like to share a story about how mesothelioma can seem like it appears out of nowhere. Of the roughly 3,000 US citizens who will be diagnosed with mesothelioma each year, about 40% will be Navy Veterans, shipyard workers, or maritime workers.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/navy-veterans-or-shipyard-workers-with-mesothelioma-are-urged-to-call-the-mesothelioma-victims-center-for-much-better-compensation-results-avoid-the-internet-lawyer-minefield-300353758.html>

Council says 'dangerous' Powys farms need urgent work - BBC News - 1/11/2016 -

Powys council will invest £500,000 per year to fix the "dangerous maintenance backlog" on the county's tenanted farms. They

say asbestos is present on almost all farm estate properties and is "showing signs of delamination", the process where hazardous fibres are released.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-mid-wales-37834284>

Silver King to be demolished by Quinaults - The North Coast News -1/11/2016 - Angelo Bruscas

The Quinault Nation Enterprise Board has announced it is looking for a contractor to assist in the demolition of the Silver King Motel The job includes asbestos abatement, and will include the removal and disposal of all asbestos-containing materials. The 54-unit Silver King has been closed since 2009.

<http://www.northcoastnews.com/news/silver-king-to-be-demolished-by-quinaults/>

Ministers urged to fund new prison - Ballymoney and Moyle Times -1/11/2016 –No author name given

East Londonderry DUP MLA George Robinson asked the Minister of Justice Claire Sugden "to outline what action her department has taken since closing Foyleview Buildings at HMP Magilligan following the discovery of asbestos" <http://www.ballymoneytimes.co.uk/news/ministers-urged-to-fund-new-prison-1-7655153>

World \$344 Million Asbestos Market Analysis and Forecast to 2020 - Research and Markets - Business Wire 2/11/2016 – No author given

Russia remained the global leader in the supplies of asbestos. In 2015, Russia's asbestos exports totaled 191 million USD.

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20161102006155/en/World-344-Million-Asbestos-Market-Analysis-Forecast>

Asbestos Market 2016-2021 Global and Chinese Industry Forecasts - PR Newswire 1/11/2016 – Market Research Reports

Complete report on Asbestos market of 11 major chapters that offer an overview of current market scenario as well as 2021 forecasts is now available at available at <http://www.market-research-reports.com/484688-asbestos-industry> .

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/asbestos-market-2016-2021-global-and-chinese-industry-forecasts-599581101.html>

Is Asbestos Hiding in Your House? How to Tell—and What to Do - Realtor.com – 2/11/2016 Lisa Kaplan Gordon

Asbestos is a scary and extremely dangerous material that's been linked to all kinds of health horrors, including mesothelioma, lung cancer, and asbestosis.

<http://sports.yahoo.com/news/asbestos-hiding-house-tell-103040001.html>

Asbestos campaigners 'banging their heads against a wall' as employment records could be erased - North-West Evening Mail – 1/12/2016 – author not given

VICTIMS of asbestos-related illnesses could soon find themselves unable to claim compensation as new proposals are set to erase millions of employment records from history.

<http://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/barrow/Asbestos-campaigners-banging-their-heads-against-a-wall-as-employment-records-could-be-erased-461172d4-11e7-4b51-9e21-b6f32cdb62f7-ds>

Wilton properties up for sale; Webb house asbestos abatement approved - Daily Bulldog – 2/11/2016 - Ben Hanstein

WILTON - The Selectboard approved putting five pieces of tax-acquired property out to bid Tuesday, as well as approving the removal of asbestos and other material from a residence at 30 Webb Avenue.

<http://www.dailybulldog.com/db/features/wilton-properties-up-for-sale-webb-house-asbestos-abatement-approved/>

North East still facing some of UK's highest rates of asbestos-related deaths - Chronicle Live – 2/11/2016 – Craig Thompson

Areas of the North East have some of the highest number of deaths from asbestos-related cancer.

<http://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/health/north-east-still-facing-uks-12118665>

West Springfield aware of problems at rundown Coburn school; working with MSBA on a fix - Mass Live – 2/11/2016 – Connor Berry

.....A Coburn teacher contacted The Republican to complain about multiple issues at the 92-year-old building, claiming asbestos, mold and wastewater issues pose a threat to students and teachers at the Southworth Street school.

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/11/city_officials_aware_of_condit.html

Demolition costs rise for Wilton property - Franklin Sun Journal – Ann Bryant, Staff Writer

WILTON — The Board of Selectpersons voted unanimously Tuesday to approve hiring Acadia Contractors of Turner for asbestos and mold removal at a house at 30 Webb Ave.

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/franklin/0001/11/30/demolition-costs-rise-wilton-property/2022582>

Using Keytruda for Mesothelioma May Become a Reality - Asbestos.com - 2/11/2016 – Tim Povtak

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently upgraded its approval of pembrolizumab (Keytruda) for metastatic non-small cell lung cancer, inching it closer to becoming an accepted treatment option for pleural mesothelioma

<https://www.asbestos.com/news/2016/11/02/keytruda-for-mesothelioma-reality/>

Online campaign to save 'country's oldest' working men's club in Leeds - Yorkshire Evening Post – 2/11/2016 – No author given

The future of the reputed "oldest working men's club in the country" is in the balance after asbestos was found in several key parts of the building....

<http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/online-campaign-to-save-country-s-oldest-working-men-s-club-in-leeds-1-8214582>

Jury Says Baby Powder Causes Ovarian Cancer, Johnson & Johnson Losing Millions - Nature World News – 31/10/2016 – Monica Antonio

According to the American Cancer Society, talcum, in its natural form, contains asbestos which is known to cause cancer, specifically in the lungs, when inhaled. The growing concern among consumers regarding the link between baby powder and cancer stems from this idea.

<http://www.natureworldnews.com/articles/30916/20161031/jury-baby-powder-causes-ovarian-cancer-johnson-johnson-losing-millions.htm>

Jury Awards \$18M to Retired City Government Official Who Contracted Mesothelioma from Asbestos-Contaminated Talcum Powder - PR Newswire - Nov 01, 2016 – Worthington & Caron

Mr. Depoian was diagnosed with peritoneal and pleural mesothelioma in May 2015 at the age of 67. He had recently retired after a 34-year career in Los Angeles City government, serving as Special Counsel to the Mayor and Executive Director for Government and External Affairs of Los Angeles World Airports

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/jury-awards-18m-to-retired-city-government-official-who-contracted-mesothelioma-from-asbestos-contaminated-talcum-powder-300354697.html>

Centenary celebrations for Greenwich Baths on hold as asbestos find delays reopening - North Shore Times - -3/11/2016 – No author given

GREENWICH Baths will not reopen on time after 'additional' asbestos was found during extensive renovations at the site Lane Cove Council has said.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/north-shore/centenary-celebrations-for-greenwich-baths-on-hold-as-asbestos-find-delays-reopening/news-story/4c9c91e7ebe96f313493631576764ffd>

Nine in ten Nottinghamshire schools still contain potentially lethal asbestos - Notts TV – 4/11/2016 - Jamie Barlow

Nine in ten schools in Nottinghamshire still contain asbestos

<http://nottstv.com/nine-ten-nottinghamshire-schools-still-contain-potentially-lethal-asbestos/>

Manhattan Jury Awards \$12.5M in Asbestos Case - New York Law Journal – 2/11/2016 - Andrew Denney

A Manhattan jury has awarded a \$12.5 million verdict to the estate of an auto mechanic, a lifelong smoker who for nearly a decade worked on forklifts containing asbestos-laden parts and who died after an 18-month battle with lung cancer.

North East has high death rate for asbestos cancer - ITV Report – 3/11/2016 – No author given

New research has highlighted the North East as having one of the highest death rates for asbestos-related cancer.

<http://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/2016-11-03/north-east-has-one-of-the-high-death-rates-for-asbestos-cancer/>

Asbestos firm's political donations draw attention as trial lawyers eye democratic senate - Legal News Line – 3/11/2016 - Jessica Karmasek

BOSTON (Legal Newline) - As trial lawyers seek a Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate, as well as a Democratic president, a major asbestos firm in Massachusetts is catching flak....

<http://legalnewline.com/stories/511039316-asbestos-firm-s-political-donations-draw-attention-as-trial-lawyers-eye-democratic-senate>

Asbestos Snippets

Boston 'shadow donor' scandal casts shadows on Democrats nationwide - *New York Post* - 4/11/16 - *Post Editorial Board*

.....when then-President George W. Bush started pushing reforms that would let asbestos victims get paid without having to fork over a third of their awards to lawyers.

<http://nypost.com/2016/11/04/boston-shadow-donor-scandal-casts-shadows-on-democrats-nationwide/>

RSA nearing sale of £1bn asbestos liabilities - *Insurance ERM* - 3/11/2016 - *No author given*

Published in: Capital management, Financial results, Solvency II, Pensions, UK, Brexit

<https://www.insuranceerm.com/news-comment/rsa-nearing-sale-of-1bn-asbestos-liabilities.html>

Allegany Co. committee moves toward Tronetti House demolition - *Olean Times Herald* - 3/11/2016 - *BOB CLARK*

.....The discussion came after a review of the site for asbestos, which found the carcinogenic compound in thousands of square feet of siding, ceiling and floor tiles, and duct coatings.

http://www.oleantimesherald.com/news/allegany-co-committee-moves-toward-tronetti-house-demolition/article_89d47662-a1d0-11e6-9f20-93e9dced4a85.html

EC construction company agrees to pay \$5K in fines - *Leader Telegram* - 2/11/2016 - *No author*

An Eau Claire construction company recently agreed to pay a total of \$5,000 in forfeitures and surcharges related to removal of asbestos during a church renovation project in 2013.

<http://www.leadertelegram.com/News/Local-briefs/2016/11/03/EC-construction-company-agrees-to-pay-5K-in-fines.html>

Be mindful of multiemployer benefit fund pitfalls - *EBN* - 3/11/2016 - *Robert R. Perry, Paul A. Friedman, Howard M. Bloom*

Attorney for the District of Massachusetts obtained criminal indictments against a husband and wife and the two asbestos abatement businesses they owned and operated, alleging the following criminal violations:

<http://www.benefitnews.com/opinion/criminal-liability-found-in-failure-to-contribute-to-multiemployer-benefit-fund>

Andover man admits defrauding union benefit fund - *The Andover Townsman Online* - 3/11/2016 - *Paul Tennant Staff writer*

BOSTON — An Andover man who owned a demolition and asbestos removal company pleaded guilty last Tuesday to making false statements in documents related to union benefit plans as well as tax evasion.

http://www.andovertownsman.com/news/local_news/andover-man-admits-defrauding-union-benefit-fund/article_171c6d73-0bba-507c-8e04-279e8200a82e.html

Mesothelioma Advocates Celebrate Lung Cancer Awareness Month - *Mesothelioma.Net* - *No date or author given*

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, an annual event that is designed to let patients, their families and caregivers, and the community at large...

<https://mesothelioma.net/mesothelioma-news/mesothelioma-advocates-celebrate-lung-cancer-awareness-month/>

AAR honors NS' McDaniel, other railroaders for environmental work - *Progressive Railroading* - 11/3/2016 - *No author given*

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) yesterday recognized several railroad employees for environmental awareness...

<http://www.progressiverailroading.com/people/news/AAR-honors-NS-McDaniel-other-railroaders-for-environmental-work-49971>

Appeals to both parties in appellate race - *Capital Fax* - 4/11/2016 - *Maddison County Record*

The direct mail pieces were produced by the political action committee Fair Courts Now, a group funded primarily by asbestos lawyers

<http://capitolfax.com/2016/11/04/appeals-to-both-parties-in-appellate-race/>

Political trust is not a blank check. Years of town-hall neglect have been converted into a marketing strategy - *The Altamont Enterprise Opinion* - *No date or author given*

.....already allocated for basement asbestos abatement,

<https://altamontenterprise.com/11032016/political-trust-not-blank-check-years-town-hall-neglect-have-been-converted-marketing>

Asbestos fears for residents of Goldfinch Close, Faversham - *Kent Online* - 6/11/2016 - *Bess Browning*

People living on one of the town's biggest estates were distressed to arrive home to find asbestos warning signs over the staircase.

<http://www.kentonline.co.uk/faversham/news/asbestos-fears-for-flat-residents-115209/>

Asbestos Mining Town in Canada Searches for New Identity

- *Asbestos.com* - 7/11/2016 - *Matt Mauney*

Asbestos wasn't always an ugly word.

Once hailed as a miracle fiber in manufacturing and construction, it is now scorned for its toxicity....

<https://www.asbestos.com/news/2016/11/07/asbestos-mining-town-canada-new-identity/>

Answer Man: Non-alcoholic craft beer MIA? MHU asbestos? - *Citizen-Times* - 7/11/2016 - *John Boyle*

...Real Answer: Mars Hill University President Dan Lunsford said the building does contain some asbestos in the tile and glue for the tile.....

<http://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2016/11/07/answer-man-non-alcoholic-craft-beer-mia-mhu-asbestos/93418962/>

Developing A Site With Asbestos, Historical Buildings, Easements And Contamination - *Bisnow* - 7/11/2016 - *Julia Bunch*

.....For starters, the original six structures had lead paint and asbestos.

<https://www.bisnow.com/dallas-ft-worth/news/construction-development/asbestos-easements-and-environmental-clean-up-oh-my-67355?rt=30210>

Man one step closer to justice for mum's asbestos-related death after Daily Record appeal - *Daily Record* - 7/11/2016 - *Daily Record*

ALEXANDER Culbert lost his mother Martha to mesothelioma in May. She was 72.

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/man-one-step-closer-justice-9211183>

Activists against Schmidheiny push further - *Yale News* - 8/11/2016 - *Luke Ciancarelli*

.....what they see as clear humanitarian and ethical failures by the manufacturing tycoon, whose plants' use of asbestos have lead to over 2,000 deaths...

<http://yaledailynews.com/blog/2016/11/08/activists-against-schmidheiny-push-further/>

Electrician from Wotton-under-Edge died from asbestos exposure, inquest hears - *Gazette* - 9/11/2016 - *No author given*

.....Malcolm Smith, 66, of Coombe Road, died on May 22 this year from malignant mesothelioma - a lung cancer for which the only known cause is asbestos exposure.

http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/14874626.Electrician_from_Wotton_under_Edge_died_from_asbestos_exposure_inquest_hears/

Waste is dumped in country lane - *Newark Advertiser* - 8/11/2016 - *David Parker*

The waste contained asbestos, which means Newark and Sherwood District Council has to employ specialist contractors to dispose of it safely

<http://newarkadvertiser.co.uk/articles/news/Waste-is-dumped-in-country-lane>

Resident alleges potential health hazards - *Williamson Daily News* - 9/11/2016 - *No author given*

Throughout the fall, one resident of Goodman Manor has contacted city, county, and state officials in an effort to resolve what he believes are potential health risks at the apartment complex.

<http://williamsondailynews.com/news/7469/complaints-at-goodman-manor>

OSHA cites and fines Cayuga Centers for improper asbestos removal - *Auburnpub.com* - 11/11/2016 - *Gwendolyn Craig*

http://auburnpub.com/news/local/osha-cites-and-fines-cayuga-centers-for-improper-asbestos-removal/article_9c47d17b-3f38-5b93-ba8b-4c811f0a41ec.html

Asbestos Found In Soil At Exit 33 Project Site On I-95 In Stratford - *Stratford Daily* - 11/10/2016 - *No author*

Asbestos has been found in the soil at the site of the planned Exit 33 project on I-95 in Stratford,

<http://stratford.dailyvoice.com/news/asbestos-found-in-soil-at-exit-33-project-site-on-i-95-in-stratford/688791/>

Asbestos in skywalk no cause for concern: Project supervisor - *CTV Winnipeg* - 11/11/2016 - *Sarah Plowman*

The supervisor of a project to remove asbestos from the skywalk connecting the RBC Convention Centre to the Delta Hotel said a sign posted to warn people of asbestos is no cause for concern.

<http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/asbestos-in-skywalk-no-cause-for-concern-project-supervisor-1.3155895>

Canada's largest labour organization holds campaign hoping to ban asbestos - *CTV Atlantic* - 10/11/2016 - *No author given*

The Canadian Labour Congress is out to ban asbestos

<http://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/canada-s-largest-labour-organization->

holds-campaign-hoping-to-ban-asbestos-1.3155552

Asbestos victim's heirs win compensation battle against Works

Department -

Malta Today - 11/11/2016

- *Matthew Agius*

Several former department officers testified that, at the time, no protective respiratory equipment was provided to employees performing that particular role

http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/news/court_and_police/71514/asbestos_victims_heirs_win_compensation_battle_against_works_department#.WED2o4VOK70

Former state senator exposed to asbestos four decades ago now paying with his life - *News Channel 9* - 16/11/2016 - *Kelsey Bagwell*

Former state senator Ray Albright says a recent mesothelioma diagnosis leaves him with months left to live.

<http://newschannel9.com/news/local/former-state-senator-who-ingested-asbestos-four-decades-ago-now-paying-with-his-life>

Fines Stack Up On Trailer Park Owner - *The Mashpee Enterprise* - 11/11/2016 - *SAM HOUGHTON*

...the board could choose to fine Mr. Haney another \$25,000 per home demolished for ducking asbestos demolition permits at a hearing scheduled in December.

http://www.capeandnews.net/mashpee/news/fines-stack-up-on-trailer-park-owner/article_5778eacb-0ea6-538b-857b-770fab37437.html

World Monuments Fund helps expose the problems of asbestos - *Mizzima News* - 14/11/2016 - *Mizzima*

The World Monuments Fund will be holding an asbestos building materials workshop on 18 November at the Myanmar Engineering Society

<http://www.mizzima.com/news-opinion/world-monuments-fund-helps-expose-problems-asbestos>

The organization urges to help the misinformed public sift through alarmist claims about public health - *The Intercept* - 16/11/2016 - *Liza Gross*

Sense About Science should not surprise anyone when it promotes anti-regulatory voices on issues like asbestos.

<https://theintercept.com/2016/11/15/how-self-appointed-guardians-of-sound-science-tip-the-scales-toward-industry/>

Late Monday night, voters approved Article 23, a \$900,000 funding request for asbestos abatement at Teaticket Elementary School. - *Cape Cod Times* - 15/11/2016 - *Sean F. Driscoll*

The school has been closed since August, when contractors working on a project to replace heating and ventilation units in the building disturbed ceiling tiles containing asbestos

<http://www.capecodtimes.com/news/20161115/falmouth-voters-allocate-money-for-more-turbine-legal-fees>

Pressures rise on Canada to ban asbestos - *Phys.org* - 16/11/2016 - *No author given*

Canada's largest union and the third party in the Commons ramped up pressure Wednesday on the government to make good on a promise to ban asbestos.

<http://phys.org/news/2016-11-pressures-canada-asbestos.html>

NDP tables private member's bill to ban asbestos in Canada - *CBN News Ottawa* - 16/11/2016 - *No author given*

A New Democrat MP has tabled a private member's bill to ban asbestos in Canada

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ndp-private-bill-asbestos-ban-1.3853386>

Woman died of asbestos-related cancer 'after inhaling dust from dad's overalls as a child' - *Mirror* - 16/11/2016 - *Mirror.co.uk*

An inquest heard 59-year-old Julie Elizabeth Lawless, of Wrights Lane, Torquay, Devon died on New Year's Eve 2015 from mesothelioma

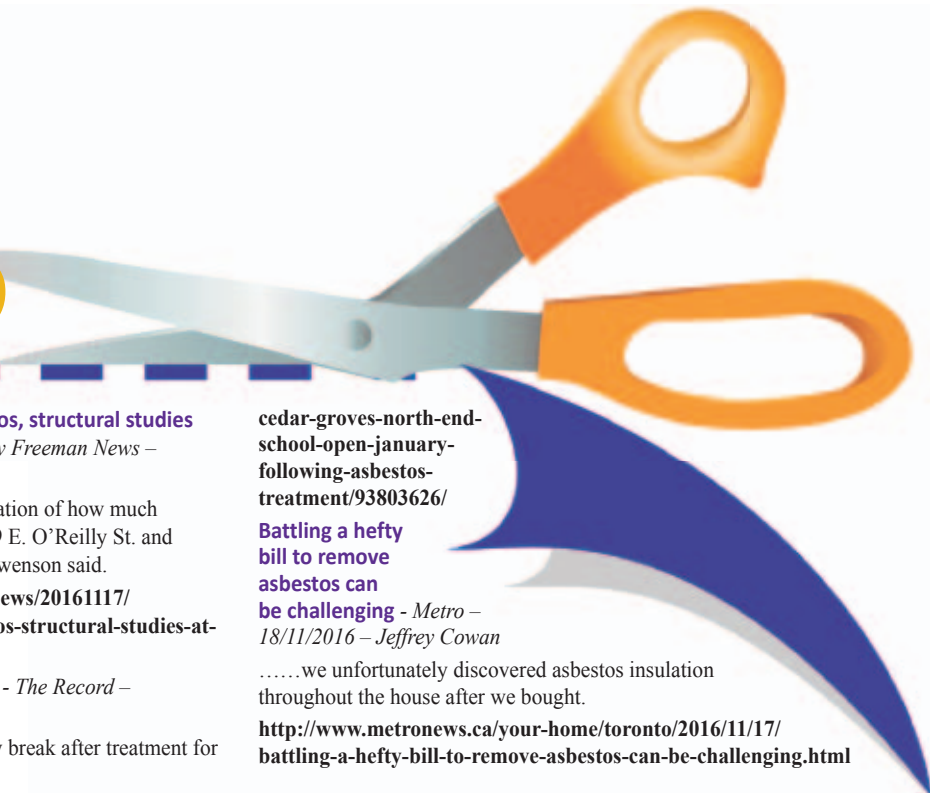
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/woman-died-asbestos-related-cancer-9273303>

Asbestos Firm Facing Racketeering Lawsuit Drops Case Against Accuser - *Business/The Verdict Legal Newslne* , Contributor - 16/11/2016 - *Jessica Karmasek*

A Dallas asbestos firm facing a racketeering lawsuit

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/legalnewslne/2016/11/16/asbestos-firm-facing-racketeering-lawsuit-drops-case-against-accuser/#36cc69096db3>

Asbestos Snippets



École St-Paul to remain closed until next week for air quality test analysis - CBN News Ottawa - 16/11/2016 - No author given

Last Thursday teachers voted to walk out — taking the school's more than 400 students with them — over concerns about possible asbestos exposure.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ecole-st-paul-gatineau-asbestos-fears-1.3852605>

Asbestos removal efforts almost underway at old motel - Local Government News - 17/11/2016 - Caleb Bedillion

TUPELO — Early efforts have begun to remove toxic asbestos building materials from a deteriorating motel building on North Gloster Street.

<https://djournal.com/news/asbestos-removal-efforts-almost-underway-old-motel/>

Engineering firm will undertake asbestos, structural studies at Kingston's Central Fire Station - Daily Freeman News - 17/11/2016 - Paul Kirby

The study will begin soon with an examination of how much asbestos insulation is in the firehouse at 19 E. O'Reilly St. and where it is located, City Engineer Ralph Swenson said.

<http://www.dailyfreeman.com/general-news/20161117/engineering-firm-will-undertake-asbestos-structural-studies-at-kingstons-central-fire-station>

North End School to reopen in January - The Record - 16/11/2016 - Joshua Jongsma

.....this school year following the holiday break after treatment for asbestos contamination.

<http://www.northjersey.com/story/news/education/2016/11/16/>

cedar-groves-north-end-school-open-january-following-asbestos-treatment/93803626/

Battling a hefty bill to remove asbestos can be challenging - Metro - 18/11/2016 - Jeffrey Cowan

.....we unfortunately discovered asbestos insulation throughout the house after we bought.

<http://www.metronews.ca/your-home/toronto/2016/11/17/battling-a-hefty-bill-to-remove-asbestos-can-be-challenging.html>

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Our committee and members would like to thank Graeme for the generous donation he made to us. Each year Graeme makes a donation in Memory of his father David. Again Graeme thank you so much

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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!

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ACV/GARDS organisation was thrilled to receive a wonderful donation from the volunteers at the Thrift shop in Newborough. The donations made to us help us to help asbestos sufferers and their families in so many ways. The volunteers at the Thrift shop work very hard and we deem it an honour that they decided to donate some of that money to our organisation. We thank all of them very much. The money has gone towards much needed equipment.

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From the ACV/GARDS committee and members we would like to thank Val Prokopiv - Steve Dodd and the rest of the committee and members of the GTLC for all the support they have shown our organisation over the past 12 months. It was greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

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

- 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

UP AND COMING EVENTS IN 2017

- **Support Group Tuesday 28th February – 1.30pm**
Mario Christou – Drug & Mental Health Consumer Consultant & Mental Health Advocate – OUTA MI MIND
- **Tuesday 28th March – Bus trip to Lady Lavender Tea Rooms & Sherwood Park Orchard at Bunyip – leaving at 9.30am from ACV/GARDS office**
- **International Workers' Memorial Day Event 28th February 11am – Centenary Rose Garden Morwell**
- **Support Group Tuesday 30th May – 1.30pm**
Mikaela Power – Stakeholder Engagement Advisor - EPA

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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

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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