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PROFILE ON

Dr Gerry Ayers

Gerry has worked in the construction industry for over thirty years. He started work as a builder's labourer and is now the OHS&E Manager of the Construction, Forestry, Mining, Maritime and Energy Union (Construction and General Division – Victorian/Tasmanian Branch).

Gerry also worked in the NSW Branch of the CFMEU for 5 years. He has a PhD and a master's degree in OHS, and a Graduate Diploma in Occupational Hazard Management. He sits on many OHS committees and boards that address all manner of issues to do with OHS, has authored numerous articles, and has presented many papers (both locally and internationally) on a vast range of OHS issues.

He is also a guest lecturer at Melbourne University, RMIT University and Federation University and is a strong advocate of the right of workers to be

involved in workplace OHS decision making.

Gerry has had a relationship with ACV/GARDS for some 15+ years. Our organisation has been involved in many campaigns and issues over those 15+ years some very tough issues that needed a person like Gerry to be there and advise us.

Anyone dealing with OH&S issues would go a long way in finding anyone else who has his knowledge and ability. He and the OH&S unit at the CFMEU have helped with expertise on many issues that ACV/GARDS have had to deal with, always complicated and always confronting when dealing with asbestos – Gerry has been able to address the issues that most people shy away from – his compassion and dedication has been a real support to our organisation.

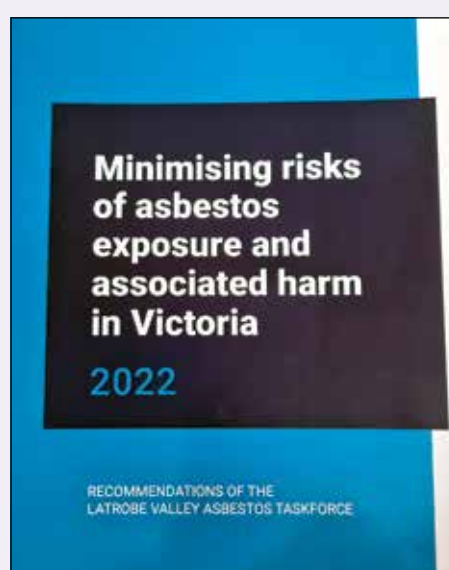
ACV/GARDS looks forward to our partnership with Gerry and the CFMEU going on for many more years – until we have rid the community of the scourge of asbestos and now silica – imitation stone bench tops – an absolute nightmare



Latrobe Valley Asbestos Task Force – 21 Recommendations to Victorian State Government

ACV/GARDS has spent the last 4 years before and during COVID with other like-minded people and organisations in a group called the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Task Force – and we have achieved so much in recognising all that needs to happen not only in Gippsland but all of Victoria in managing and addressing asbestos to try and make change in how we deal with this very monumental problem we are facing. If we don't, the ramifications will go on for decades to come and so many lives will be affected and many more will die from this silent killer.

ACV/GARDS is immensely proud to say that our organisation has worked hand in glove with all those represented and we have come up with a road map for change in addressing asbestos issues



– in fact, it was the Asbestos Council of Victoria that helped to form those who have lent their expertise to this task force for the last 4 years. Everyone who has been a part of this should be very proud at the part they have played in identifying what needs to be done – out of this 4 years there has come a road map of 21 recommendations that were delivered to the Premier of

this State at the end of September and if you are interested you can go and download it from the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Task Force web site – www.asbestostaskforce.net/ this is the blue print for the future to address asbestos in this state - We do hold hope that now the Andrew's Government has been re-elected for another term that these recommendations that have been made will be acted on and not left on a shelf to gather dust or tinkered with around the edges. Those recommendations need to be implemented to make real change and funding should be allocated to kick start what needs to happen – some things in the recommendations do not need funding to make change but will need to have laws and legislation altered. I want to thank the members of the task force for their collegiality and cooperation in working together to help try to make change.

In those recommendations the number one priority is we are asking for the State government to establish a State-wide coordinating centre to manage all

the asbestos queries, raise awareness of the prevalence of asbestos and the associated health risks of exposure, and undertake research, provide policy advice and deliver behaviour change campaigns, to provide a clear focal point for asbestos in Victoria So now it is up to the Victorian State Government to save lives into the future because if we do not the consequences are dire. The plan is in front of them - there is no excuse – the expertise is out there ready help implement change.

Australia has over 4,400 dying every year from asbestos related diseases - 4 times more than the road toll but not many know this. And around the world over 255,000 deaths a year are needlessly happening - there is one million tonnes of asbestos being exported around the world and there are only sixty-seven countries that have banned asbestos – there is so much more to do. Victoria needs to step up and create a state-wide coordinating centre/entity to really make this change

Metro Asbestos Awareness Day event



On the 14th November ACV/GARDS held their Asbestos Awareness Event at the Melbourne Bowls Club – Flagstaff Gardens – the weather was terrible – it never stopped raining but the event was one to remember.

The speakers gave informative and emotional talks – Shane McArdle, Executive of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency travelled from Sydney to be with us. He spoke

about what the Agency is doing. Dr Gerry Ayers, OHS & E for the CFMEU, Construction & General Division of Vic & Tas spoke of what the unions have been doing over the years and their role they play in workplace safety, not only for their members but for all who are in the industry. Trudy Hymas who lost her father to asbestos related disease spoke of her and the family's loss and her father's stoicism – Canon Matt Williams from St James Old Cathedral, Melbourne West officiated at our ecumenical service which saw the laying of flowers in memory of lives lost. Matt officiated at our very

first event in 2019 and we appreciated him being able to come and join with us again.

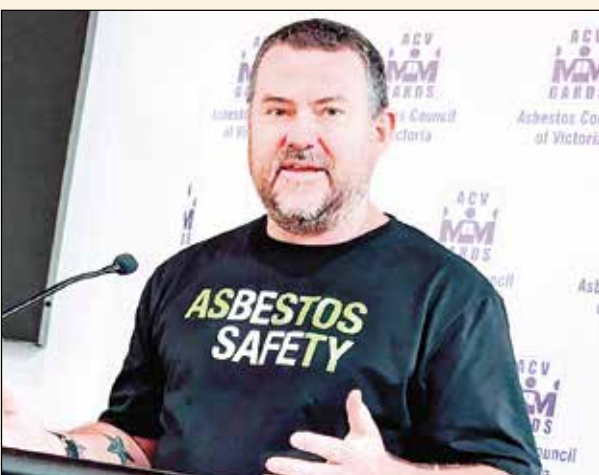
We would like to thank the following companies that donated to help make this day an immense success – CFMEU – Construction, PPTU Plumbers & Pipe Trades Employees, PROAS Professional Asbestos Removal, ATS Australian Tech Services, AWARE Australia Wide Asbestos Removal/Encapsulation, AAH Contacting Asbestos Removal, Delta Group, City Circle Group, AWE Legal, MANN Group, PRENSA.



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Slater + Gordon Sponsorship for 2022/23

ACV/GARDS are really pleased to inform our readers that Slater+Gordon Law Firm are going to sponsor ACV/GARDS for the coming 12 months. We are extremely pleased to have them on board with us.

It is really a great honour to have them support the work we do in the community. We have had a long relationship with this firm – Stephen Plunkett has been a long-time supporter of the work we do –Maryann and the team are extremely helpful and knowledgeable.

We are also grateful to have Tracy Madden help us too in supporting their clients. It has been a long relationship that has grown over time, and we hope this will continue into the future so that we may be able to bring all our support services to sufferers and their families no matter where they are in Victoria.

ACV/GARDS wants to make a difference in what in some cases can be a confronting situation for those suffering from asbestos and silica related diseases and their families.

As the year progressed we found ways to make sure COVID did not impact on our clients seeking support. We have been able to maintain our relationships with our members.

The team at Slater+Gordon does an excellent job of looking after those who have been



Pictured here is Stephen Plunkett with Vicki Hamilton at the ACV/GARDS Asbestos Awareness Day event

exposed to this deadly dust our org come in for the long haul to make sure those clients are supported. To all the Slater+Gordon lawyers and staff thank you so much for having faith in us to deliver the absolute best we can in support and information.

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**ASBESTOS
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WEEK
November 21-27 2022

ASEA - Working towards bans on asbestos in South-East Asia



ASEA and APHEDA delegates meeting with representatives of CAMCONTROL to tour their asbestos testing laboratory.



CAMCONTROL asbestos testing facilities, established with funding from ASEA and APHEDA.



Asbestos-containing roof tiles at a factory outside Vientiane, Lao PDR



Rejected ACM sheeting being dumped out the back of the production factory, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Justine Ross – CEO, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Shane McArdle – Director, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

A recent delegation to South-East Asia from the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) and Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA (APHEDA) witnessed first-hand the impact of continued asbestos production is having on local communities across the region.

Justine Ross and Shane McArdle from ASEA and Kate Lee and Steve Mullins from APHEDA travelled to Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and Vietnam in September 2022 to provide support and assistance in working towards national bans in those countries through progressing national action plans to eliminate asbestos-related diseases (NPEAD).

To facilitate this, ASEA has worked in collaboration with APHEDA for a number of years to provide in country guidance and actions to progress NPEADs, under the model established by the ILO and WHO, to protect workers and their families from asbestos exposure.

Supporting the progress of NPEADs in the four countries is vital if national bans on the production and use of ACMs are to be achieved.

‘What we saw was both confronting in the level of asbestos production and use still occurring but also encouraging that there is still strong local advocacy to rid their communities of these production factories and what they produce’. Justine Ross, CEO of ASEA.

Millions of square metres of roof sheeting are still manufactured in Lao PDR, Vietnam, and Indonesia each year. Tens of thousands of tonnes of raw asbestos is shipped from Russia and Kyrgyzstan into South-East Asia; 2,900 tonnes imported into Lao PDR and 25,000 tonnes imported into Vietnam last year.

On the outskirts of Vientiane and Hanoi where farming communities plant rice

and grow home gardens, we saw broken asbestos roof sheets being dumped in open paddocks surrounding the asbestos factories.

People who live around these factories reuse the broken roof sheet for fencing and to repair housing and sheds. They are unaware of the dangers asbestos poses to themselves and their families.

One of the highlights of the trip was the round table event in Siem Reap organised by Australia’s Ambassador, H.E. Pablo Kang and involving Assistant Minister for Trade, Senator the Hon. Tim Ayres. Following this event, the Cambodian Minister for Labour and Vocational Training, Ith Samheng called for a ban on asbestos use at the official launch of their updated National Asbestos Profile on Tuesday 4 October which ASEA and APHEDA participated in.

Despite the continued importation of raw asbestos and the manufacturing and sale of asbestos products in Laos and Vietnam, trade and consumer demand for this deadly product is decreasing.

Globally, the trade in raw asbestos has dropped 75% in the past 40 years. In Lao PDR, there were fourteen factories in 2011 and now there are eight. Vietnam used to have several dozen asbestos factories but now has sixteen, with many of the former factories permanently closing their doors and some transitioning to non-asbestos products.

The work ASEA does internationally in collaboration with APHEDA is supported under Priority 4 of the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Awareness and Management 2019-2023 in sharing the Australian experience of dealing with legacy asbestos after decades of use in the hope these countries can avoid the same problems in the future.



Vegetable and rice farms close to large asbestos factory, Hanoi, Vietnam. Broken and rejected ACM sheeting reused as garden fencing is widespread.

ASEA - Working towards bans on asbestos in South-East Asia



Asbestos awareness training being delivered to construction and brickwork factory workers outside Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

PROFILE ON Peter Clark

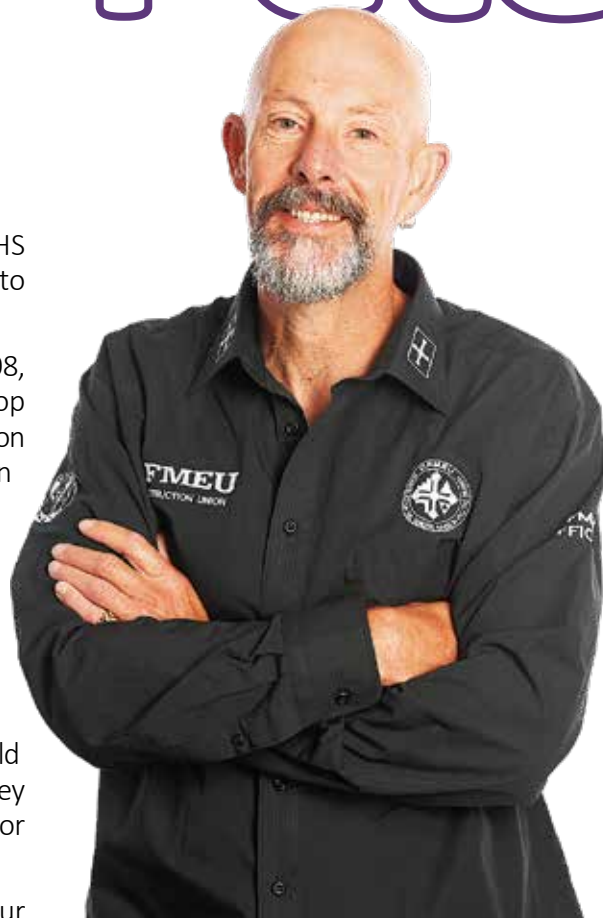
This testament was written by the CFMEU for a guy who has helped ACV/GARDS in so many ways – a true inspiration to all.

After almost 15 years, the CFMEU's OHS Asbestos expert Peter Clark, has decided to "pull-up-stumps" and retire!

Clarky first came on board way back in 2008, after a very "distinguished" career as a shop steward and OHS Rep. His first role with the union was to put together a workers compensation book, describing in both words and pictures what construction workers actually do, so when doctors needed to describe / advise "alternate": duties for injured workers, those doctors knew exactly the tasks, roles, and physical and mental capabilities that we all work under. It proved to be a master stroke for injured workers – finally they could describe to the medical fraternity, what they did, and what they were capable of doing, or not doing - until they could fully recover.

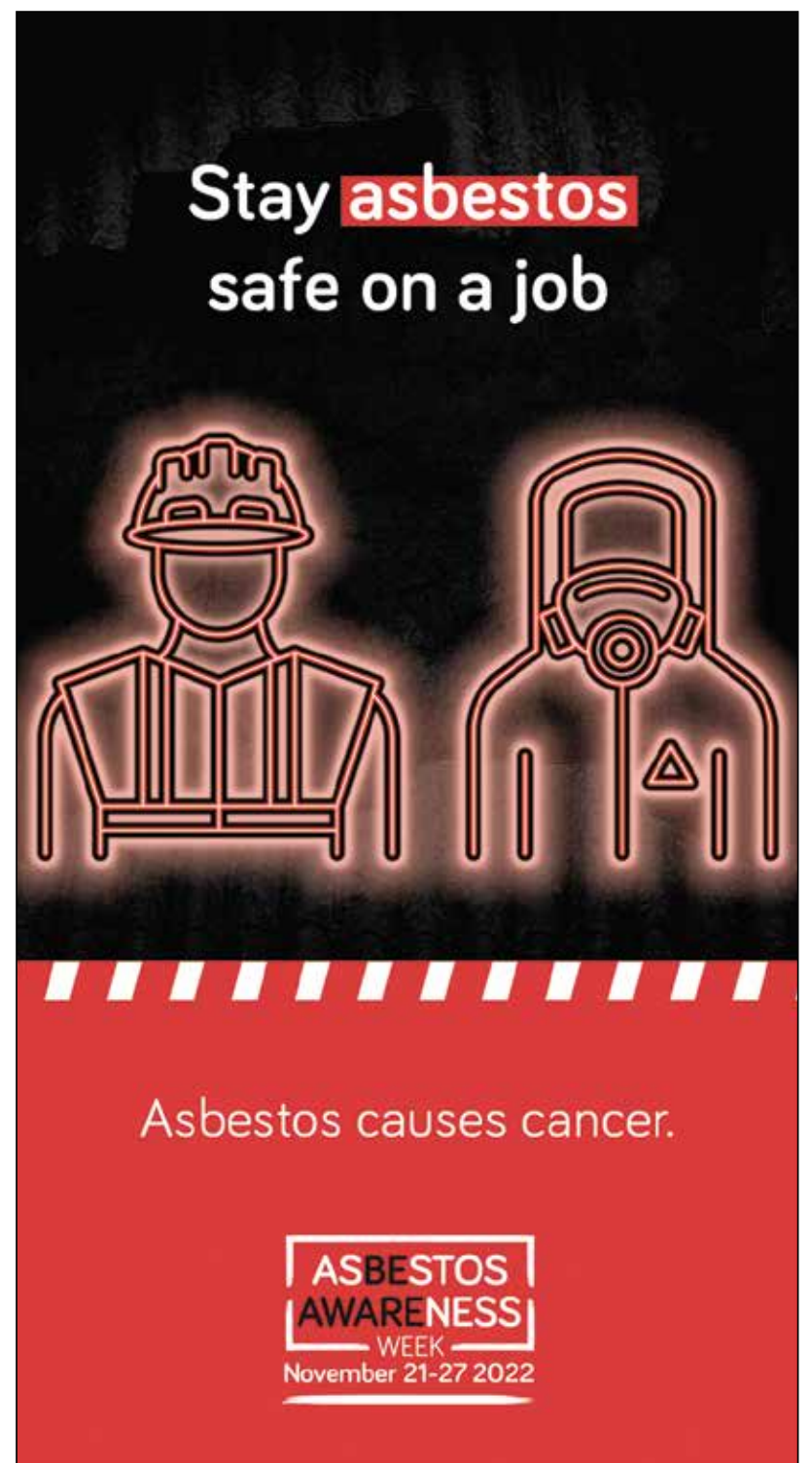
After this monumental task, Pete joined our OHS Unit and accepted the role of "asbestos" advisor with great gusto. Not only did he "advise" but through all his work, research, and readings, he became our asbestos "expert." In fact, Clarky is one of only a handful of people I know, who when he walks onto site, not only is he warmly welcomed, but his knowledge, detail and experience of asbestos means that workers, employers and WorkSafe not only seek his opinion, but follow his instructions to the letter – because they know he's right (they're only human after all...)!

But most importantly, Clarky looked after the asbestos workers not only in terms of their health and safety, but also in terms of their rights as workers - making sure they all understood what they were entitled to, and if they weren't getting what was legally and rightfully theirs, Clarky was always there to speak up for them



and represent them; ensuring they finally got what they were entitled to get.

We'll miss your laconic and humorous manner, that laid back smile and easy-going relaxed nature (until you got riled up...watch-out then people!!!) – Enjoy your retirement Clarky and look after yourself and Lee – you made the asbestos industry a much safer place for one and all. ACV/GARDS wants to endorse all these sentiments by CFMEU and just say Peter Clark you will be missed by all of us. Thank you so much for all your support of our organisation - we have appreciated your expertise and friendship – you are one of a kind mate. I am sure Lee will have plenty of work lined up for you to do, that you certainly won't get bored. Have a great retirement. You and Lee are always welcome here for a cuppa anytime you are going through.



Gippsland TAFE Newborough Campus

10th August ACV/GARDS was invited to deliver an Asbestos & Silica awareness session to a group of apprentices at Gippsland TAFE Newborough campus.

This session was being videoed by the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Task Force to produce information on what the apprentices got out of the session – ACV/GARDS were incredibly pleased to hear the comments made by the apprentices that took part.

The apprentices asked lots of questions but the messages they took away from the session will help them in their work & home situations. It gave them a basic understanding of what they may come across in their workplaces & home, how to get things tested, and who to call if they need help.

If you would like to view this video head to the ACV/GARDS web site and go to the education drop down box – it's the top video on the list.



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Maurice Blackburn Sponsorship 2022/23



We would like to say a big thank you to the team at Maurice Blackburn, Sally Weir, Leah O'Keefe, Colleen Bolger, Anita Arian, Maria McGarvie and so many more at the Dust Diseases Dept for all the support that they give ACV/GARDS.

It has been wonderful to have them support us. We have had a long relationship with Maurice Blackburn.

They helped immensely when we were setting up our Melbourne support group a few years ago as one of the three sponsors of that project.

The support group in Melbourne has had a good year – we have grown our group and been able to have regular

meetings this year working around COVID outbreaks. Our organisation is looking forward to the 2023 year with great anticipation.

Our relationship with Maurice Blackburn has been over a lengthy period of time. Our org could not survive without the help of sponsorships like this from socially minded companies. ACV/GARDS could not continue its work in the Victorian community without the good will from organisations that support us in this manner.

Again, thank you from us all we really appreciate it. Thank you to the dust diseases team for going the extra. Pictured here is the team photo a great bunch, dedicated to looking after those who are by no fault of their own exposed to carcinogenic dusts.

National Asbestos Awareness Week

Brian Healy
Mesothelioma sufferer

ACV/GARDS Brian Healy participated in an ad for WorkSafe Victoria for Asbestos Awareness Week 2022

Please got to the link and watch it We are proud of him for taking the time to do this – watch his video at this link

www.youtube.com/watch?v=27gS6legE6g

ACV/GARDS Xmas and Holiday Information

Office will officially close for Xmas from the 16th of Dec a week before Xmas

Vicki will be on call over the Xmas and New Year break via phone and will help those who need it. We will resume the office on 23rd Jan 2023.

Thank you to all our supporters and clients and see you in 2023



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Christmas



3rd December was the annual Xmas lunch get together – which might I say was enjoyed by all who attended especially because we have not met for a few years.

Santa did his usual appearance and gave out plenty of laughs and pressies – our venue was the Italian Australian Club and we want to thank the club for the lovely food – it was very yummy. The table service was wonderful, and the room was made special with all the decorations. Our Xmas raffle was an immense success and thank



Christmas Lunch 2022



you to our members who donated to the raffle – Big Thank You Petra Webster! – All presents for the raffle were donated by our members this year. Thank you to you all. We raised \$159 without all of you who make this day possible we could not pull this off. We created wonderful memories of a fun day for everyone who attended. Thank you to you all it has been fun enjoying each other's company once more after so long being a part – Take a look at our members in these pics taken on the day – moments in time - memories for a lifetime. We want to thank the Hazelwood Project and Thomas McDowall for helping support this event .



Master Plumbers Narre Warren

6th of September – ACV/GARDS were invited to present asbestos & silica awareness to thirty apprentice plumbers at Narre Warren.

They were a terrific bunch of apprentices who had a lot of questions to ask during and after the presentation – Their trade teachers joined in and were happy to tell the apprentices of what they had learnt in some situations when working on jobs - this added to the session. So great to have enthusiastic plumbers eager to learn about where asbestos could be in the jobs they might go to and what to look out for – the apprentices were given bags of information that they can share with others in the trade. Thank you to Anthony Cerquarelli and the other trade teacher for inviting us to their premises and making us feel welcome.



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Parkinson's Support Group - Leongatha

19th August - Great to catch up with the group at Leongatha – a few years ago we visited the group, and they were keen to get us back for another session.

The group was amazed to see the information we presented them with this time and some of the projects that we have accomplished since our last visit. They were very complimentary

of the Breathtaking renovations and that the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Task Force put together – ACV/GARDS were delighted to have input into this commercial and its contents. It has been an immense success on all mediums it has been shown on. The members asked many questions, and we were delighted to be able to enlighten them so that they can take that info out into the community to share with friends and family. Thanks Suzi Marshman for inviting us back



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Thank you to RAY WHITTAKER Retiring from the ACV/GARDS committee

On the 28th of November 2003 Ray joined ACV/GARDS, and he has been with us all that time – coming to events and helping where he could – Ray spent the last 5 years as a committee member coming diligently to our monthly meetings.

He has been a valued member and we have been grateful to have him. Rays other love is lawn bowls, we believe he is exceptionally good at this sport and has been in high demand to play teams competition. Unfortunately, Ray's health has not been faring as well lately so he has decided to reluctantly stand down from the committee – and we sadly accepted his resignation - he will be missed greatly. ACV/GARDS Secretary visited Ray in the nursing home he is now residing to give him a gift of a mantle clock with many thanks from the committee and members. Ray was presented with a certificate of appreciation. Ray is one of the best and we wish him well into the future.

THANK YOU RAY



NOVEMBER 2022
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Baw Baw Probus - Warragul

ACV/GARDS was privileged and honoured to conduct an asbestos & silica awareness session to the Probus group.

It was a delight to meet them all. We had lots of questions asked of us. The members gave so much feedback to us

about what they had all learnt about asbestos and silica. So great to have such an enthusiastic audience – the session went well over time as there was so much to talk about – thank you so much for inviting us to speak and making us feel very welcome. They took bags of info away to share with others.



Asbestos Awareness Day Event - Gippsland



25th November – 11am saw the annual AAD event take place – held in Gippsland Heritage Park at Moe – many turned out for the event.

The speakers were inspirational and informative – Justine Ross CEO of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency – Shane Cane OH&S Manager

for the Hazelwood Project – Jessie Dean mother of Jarni a teenage mesothelioma sufferer. Each speaker gave a unique perspective on how asbestos has been a part of their life in vastly different ways. We want to thank Thomas McDowall from the Hazelwood Project for helping to sponsor our events and big thank you to Delta Group for their sponsorship of our events this year. Thank you to the

Gippsland Trades and Labour Council for the supplying the BBQ at our events this year. To Brian Healy and Dennis Day our dedicated members who help us – nothing is too much trouble for them. Big thanks to Karl our dedicated union rep and other union members who helped. Thank you to the many other people/organisations who support our work in the community by coming and showing how much you

care for our sufferers and their families and helping ACV/GARDS to make change around the issues that plague us today from the legacy of asbestos. Take a look at our picture gallery of the day – thank you to all those who helped in some way to make this day the success it was. We hope you will support us into the future there is so much more to do.

Photos supplied by Tanya Fairbairn



Asbestos Awareness Day Event - Gippsland

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Asbestos Support Group Network Meeting

6th Oct – the Network of asbestos support and advocacy groups from around Australia met at the ACTU offices in Melbourne to talk about asbestos issues that the groups are tackling with and to hear what is happening in each state and overseas.

We had a presentation from the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute, ASEA trip to our Asian neighbours and how we are collaborating around asbestos issues in their countries. See the report in this newsletter from ASEA Director Shane McArdle, also a presentation from Mathew Werfel who is a part of the South Australian Asbestos Coalition and their "3 asks" document they have developed to approach the SA



Government to seek better resourcing to respond to asbestos legacy issues. Talked about NAAW and the campaign starting 21st – 27th Nov - lots more was on the agenda – but we ran out

of time unfortunately for all we would have liked to talk about. It was really nice to meet new members of some of the support group network and catch up with old friends. Vicki pictured here



with the retiring General Manager of the Asbestos Diseases Support Society QLD - Trevor Torrens. Group shot of those present and on virtual hook up.

MEETING DATES

INCORPORATING OUR ASBESTOS/SILICA SUPPORT GROUPS IN GIPPSLAND & METRO

ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR 2023

GIPPSLAND - MOE

Last Tuesday of the month -
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Meetings are held at
ACV/GARDS Premises
211 Lloyd Street, Moe

- Tuesday 28th February
- Tuesday 21st March
- Friday 28th April - International Workers Memorial Day – Gippsland Heritage Park – Moe
- Tuesday 30th May
- Tuesday 27th June
- Tuesday 25th July
- Tuesday 29th August
- Tuesday 26th September
- Tuesday 31st October
- FRI 24th NOV - Asbestos Awareness Day, Gippsland Heritage Park - Moe
- CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP TBA

ACV/GARDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FOR 2023

METRO - CHADSTONE

Second Monday of the month -
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Meetings are held at Amaroo
Neighbourhood Centre
34 Amaroo Street, Chadstone

- Monday 13th February
- Monday 13th March – Public Holiday - Labour Day – Alternate day being sort
- Monday 10th April – Easter Monday – Public Holiday -m Alternate day being sort
- Monday 8th May
- Monday 12th June – Public holiday –Kings celebration - Alternate day being sort
- Monday 10th July
- Monday 14th August
- Monday 11th September
- Monday 9th October
- Monday 13th November
- CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP TBA

ACV/GARDS NIGHT MEETING – OPERATIONAL/BUSINESS FOR 2023

GIPPSLAND - MOE

Third Tuesday of the month -
7.30pm to 9.30pm

Meetings are held at
ACV/GARDS Premises
211 Lloyd Street, Moe

- Tuesday 21st February
- Tuesday 21st March
- Tuesday 18th April
- Tuesday 16th May
- Tuesday 20th June
- Tuesday 18th July
- Tuesday 15th August
- Tuesday 19th September
- Tuesday 17th October
- Tuesday 21st November
- CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP TBA

ACV/GARDS METRO SUPPORT GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Pictured here are: Sandra Hymas and Trudy Hymas along with Vicki Hamilton and Dorothy Roberts and Ethan Fairbairn - thanks to Tanya Fairbairn for taking the photo.

9th Dec 2022 our metro support group members gathered at the Shark Fin Inn in Keysborough - there were 13 members in all who enjoyed the lunch, laughter and chatter that went on.

A big thank you to Maitea Lovric

for arranging the get together to celebrate the groups achievements of keeping together through this year and being there for each other.

Look forward to seeing everyone in 2023.

Gordon Legal Sponsorship for 2022/23



Victoria Keays



Tess Dickie

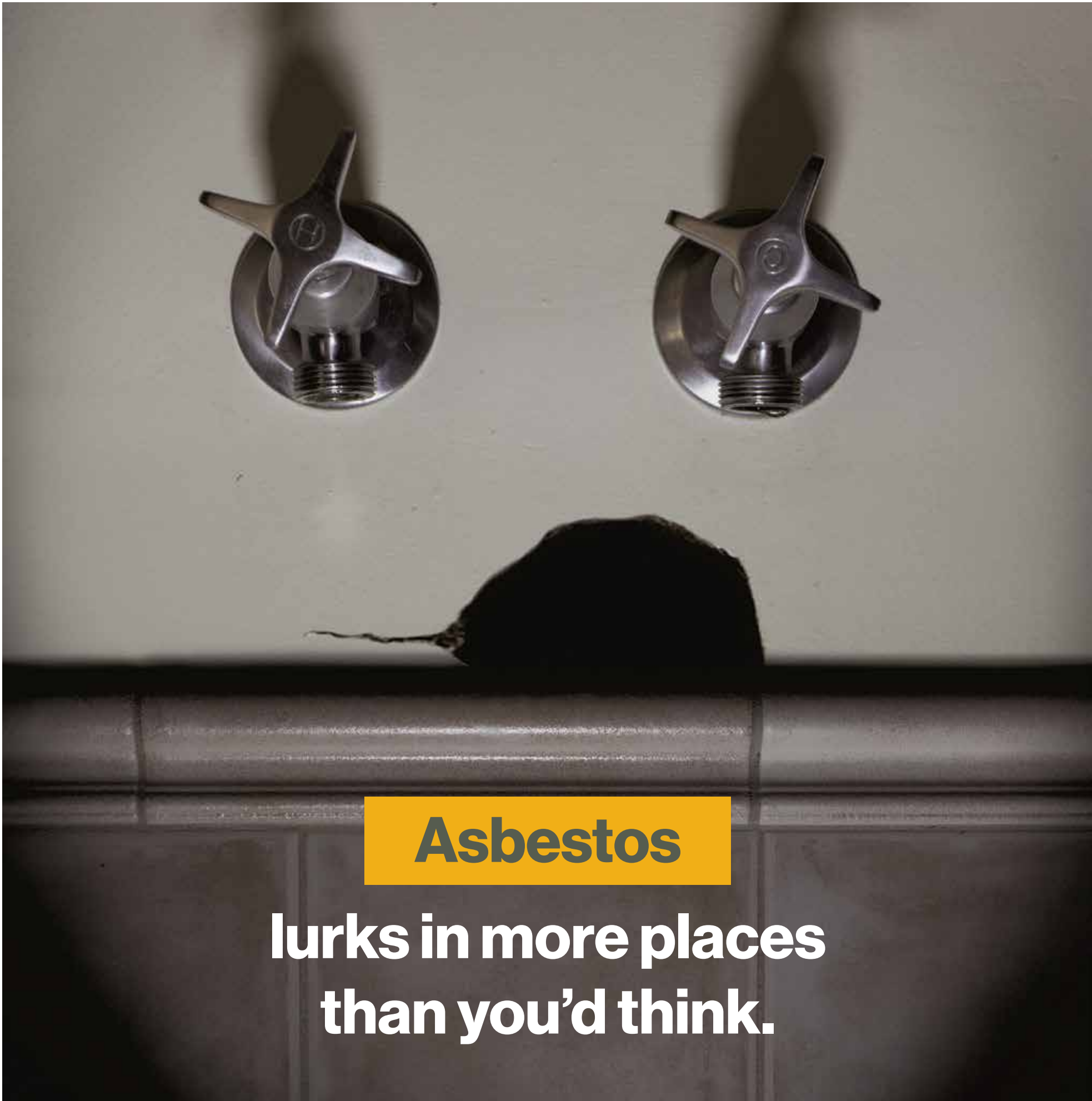
Our sponsorship from Gordon Legal has been a wonderful help to our organisation.

Gordon Legal was one of our three sponsors who helped to get our support group in Melbourne set up. Fortunately, the group in Melbourne have been able to regularly meet this year and grow – Gordon Legal have been supporting us for the last couple of years, through some extremely tough times and this sort of sponsorship has been invaluable.

Donations have been lean for charities and we were lucky to have Gordon Legal keep up their generosity to us so we can help all of Victoria whether it be asbestos or silica. The work ACV/GARDS does in the community of Victoria is far reaching and crosses many issues around both asbestos and silica as well as health, environment etc. Without this sort of support from socially minded companies

like Gordon Legal some of the most vulnerable would not have a voice nor get the support they so desperately need.

Thank you to Peter Gordon and Victoria Keays and Tess Dickie for making this happen. There is so much work to do in eradicating asbestos out of our community and we are facing some very serious issues with silica exposure – this is proving to be a big problem amongst our community and needs some serious attention around whether we should be even using this man made stone at all and making sure that concrete cutters, ceramic tile cutters, quarry workers etc. all these workers need to be very aware of what they are working with and how to protect themselves. No one should be cutting these products without the correct protection and tools and in the appropriate places in most instances. Thank you to the team at Gordon Legal.



Asbestos

**lurks in more places
than you'd think.**

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Special People and Organisations

Regular donations made to us by these generous companies – thank you to Sam Erbs and all the team at Mairin OHS&E Consulting – Moe – We thank you for your continued support – Steve Day and all the team at Latrobe Plumbing and Asbestos thank you for your support

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

- Peter Clark, ■ Lee Archer, ■ Carolyn Davis – multiple donations, ■ Thady Blundell, ■ Thea Robinson, ■ Barry & Elaine Quirk, ■ Anne Bishop, ■ Chris Badger, ■ Mick Chopping, ■ Wayne Young, ■ Allan Young, ■ Marian Carrigy, ■ Marilyn Reid, ■ Karen & Brian Healy, ■ Peter Collins, ■ Margaret Simmons

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- Vicki & Graeme Hamilton

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- Dorothy Roberts

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- Tanya, David & Ethan Fairbairn

Donations made in Memory of - Kenneth Edebohls

- Glenda Edebohls

THANK YOU!

Uniting Church of Australia – Yallourn Parish Thrift Shop Thank you for your donation to our organisation in Aug it was very much appreciated. The money will be put to effective use.

Big thank you to Marlene Cameron for raising money from her social get together in September and donating some of that to ACV/GARDS – really appreciate it Marlene

CFMEU – Construction & General Div Vic & Tas, PPTU Plumbers & Pipe Trades Employees, PROAS Professional Asbestos Removal, ATS Australian Tech Services, AWARE Australia Wide Asbestos Removal/Encapsulation, AAH Contacting Asbestos Removal, Delta Group, City Circle Group, AWE Legal, MANN Group, PRENSA – Thank you again for sponsoring our Metro Asbestos Awareness Day

A big thank you to Barry Mansfield for his help and dedication over the years with setting up for events and helping us with the newsletter – You Are a Star Mate!!!!

Thank you to Delta Group for your donations to us this year it was really appreciated

Donation made in Memory of - Barney. Big thank you to Jean Evans for her donation to us it's really appreciated, Jean.

EnergyAustralia Generous donation

In the later part of this year ACV/GARDS applied for a community grant with EnergyAustralia for a portable oxygen concentrator to add to our bank of equipment. Thank you to Energy Australia for giving us the opportunity to purchase the equipment which will be very much appreciated by those who need it.



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Gordon Legal Corporate Team a Big Big thank you for your help with an issue ACV/GARDS has been dealing with over asbestos disposal. I want to thank the team – Liam – James and Hamish for supporting us with their expertise.



Those ACV/GARDS members who attended the GTLC Annual Labour Day dinner would like to thank Slater+Gordon for sponsoring 6 of the dinner tickets. We really appreciated the gesture in giving us the chance to attend.

Moe Art Group at ACV/GARDS Support Group Meeting

At the October support group meeting in Gippsland ACV/GARDS was lucky enough to have Ken Downs come along and give a great talk on what the Moe Art group are all about and how this group support each other and up and coming artists in the community.

Ken brought along water colour paintings and oils also sketches and some of the tools of the trade. ACV/

GARDS was lucky to have Ken donate one of his water colour paintings to us frame – so we have hung this in our meeting area for all to enjoy and we have placed a plaque alongside it to say who created this art- work.

So pleased Ken could stay for afternoon tea with our members, having a laugh and chatter about the work Ken does and where he goes to get his inspiration for his paintings. Thank you Ken for an enjoyable afternoon chatting.





ACV/GARDS Inc. Membership Form

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

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

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone: Email:

Occupation:

ACV/GARDS NEW MEMBERS Joining Fee Initial Fee of: **\$5.00**

PLUS Concession or Full Rate below in first year – each year after only annual fee

ACV/GARDS Annual Subscription 20 _____

1. Concession (Pensioner/unemployed) **\$5.00**

2. Full Rate (employed) **\$15.00**

All membership prices include GST

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

Signature: Date: ____/____/____

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

Office Use Only

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

Signature of Proposer: Date: ____/____/____

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

Signature of Seconder: Date: ____/____/____

Committee of Management

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ACV/GARDS Fees

Joining Fee: **\$5.00**

Annual Fees:

Pensioner/Concession

Unemployed **\$5.00**

Employed persons **\$15.00**

Meetings

Operations at this present time

GIPPSLAND - MOE

SUPPORT:

Last Tuesday of month,
1.30pm - 3.30pm

211 Lloyd St, Moe

All meetings are face to face at our office

METRO - CHADSTONE

SUPPORT:

2nd Monday of month,
1.30pm - 3.30pm

**Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre -
34 Amaroo St, Chadstone**

Contact Maitea Lovric or
Vicki Hamilton – all meetings are
face to face

ORGANISATIONAL/OPERATIONAL

EVENING:

3rd Tuesday of month,
7.30pm - 9.30pm

211 Lloyd St, Moe

By telephone conferencing and
face to face

Office Hours

**Monday to Thursday
10am - 4pm**

Friday - By appointment

**Our support group
Facilitator Maitea Lovric, who
conducts our ACV/GARDS
Metro support group can be
contacted by mobile #
0481987953**

Up and coming events 2023

**AGM coming up on 4th Feb 2023
28th April 2023 – International Workers
Memorial Day**

Annual General Meeting
**Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS Inc will conduct its AGM
 Saturday the 4th February 2023 - 2.00pm**
 Venue: ACV/GARDS office - 211 Lloyd Street, Moe
 Election of Positions falling vacant:
Vice President - Secretary – Committee Member
Other business to be conducted - Election of Auditor for 2022/23
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 – 211 Lloyd Street, Moe.**
If you are intending to join us please make sure that you if you feel unwell that you stay at home.



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ACV/GARDS INC. SUPPORT

ACV/GARDS provides support and information to asbestos & silica sufferers, their families, and carers. This includes a telephone information/support service 24 hours, 7 days a week. ACV/GARDS has an office, which is open for sufferers, their families, carers, and the general community to access at the times listed in the information section.

ACV/GARDS INC. Support also conducts a 2x monthly meeting (1.30pm – 3.30pm) one on the last Tuesday of the month in Gippsland at 211 Lloyd Street, Moe & one on the 2nd Monday of the month at Chadstone – Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre – 34 Amaroo St, Chadstone) 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 or silica, their families, and the public.

ACV/GARDS loans out free of charge to asbestos & silica sufferer's members – (Gippsland only) - oxygen bottle regulators, conserving devices, oxygen home concentrators wheelchairs, oxygen bottle carriers, nebuliser, walking frames & walking sticks, shower & toilet chairs.

We also have an extensive library of books, DVDs and CDs on asbestos & silica 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 or silica related diseases and their family members. If preferred telephone counselling can be arranged.

ACV/GARDS INC. ORGANISATIONAL/ OPERATIONAL 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 at our office.

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 & silica sufferers, their families, and the public. Thus, ensuring asbestos & silica related issues are kept in the public eye and trying to rid our built environment of these carcinogens



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