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HAZELWOOD DEMOLITION

The ACV/GARDS team were very pleased to be invited out on site at Hazelwood to be shown around some of the power station and the open cut and the designated areas that will become the site for disposal of asbestos from the power station.

We were given a run down on how this will be done and time lines on the dismantling of plant equipment and deconstruction of the power station. Everyone could not help but notice how quiet the site was after 50+ years of continuous running. Vicki stated that you could hear the birds singing in the rafters above. Vicki stated she had been on site

in the past and you could not hear yourself think it was so loud. Ray Whittaker said he could not believe the silence he was so used to the humming of the machinery. Ray relived some of his working time at Hazelwood with Shane and Ross as they took us around inside the station. Engie's commitment to us is to keep us informed of each stage in the dismantling of the power station and which companies will be brought on board for the work that is to be done.

Hazelwood Project Director, Tony Innocenzi, Station Director, Wayne Buckley, OHS Manager Hazardous Substances and Materials, Shane Cane and External Communications Manager Latrobe Valley Lauren

Carey met with ACV/GARDS committee at the site on the 17th August

Hazelwood management provided an update of activities that have occurred on site in the past months. The project is now referred to as the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project, the focus of activities on site is on the safe, stable and sustainable decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Power Station block and Mine. Management explained that from the day after Hazelwood closed this journey began in earnest. Activities completed to date include phase 1 decommissioning of the power station.

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HAZELWOOD DEMOLITION



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This phase involved the shutdown activities related to decommissioning which saw external and internal cleaning of large plant and equipment including the boilers and precipitators. As well as general cleaning, the bulk of oils and other hazardous substances were safely removed from site. The project has now moved into phase 2 of decommissioning which will see the de-energisation of plant and equipment. This includes cutting off electricity supplies and



draining products from all systems. Significant upgrades to maintain and support fire prevention and readiness within the Mine have been completed as part of the Northfield development and Knuckle rehabilitation activities, which have seen the installation of additional fire services pipework. The Knuckle pipework realignment project is a major rehabilitation activity. This work occurred on the area most visible from the Princes Freeway, the realignment of the pipework will allow the progression of the rehabilitation activities. In the Mine overburden operations continue 24 hours a day. This overburden, clay material, will be used in the rehabilitation and re-profiling of the batters.

The ACV/GARDS committee were taken on a tour of the Station and surrounding areas to enable them to get a greater understanding of the Power Station decommissioning project including the waste management process which includes the safe and compliant disposal of asbestos.

ACV/GARDS on the Move....

WARRAGUL COUNTRY CLUB AND PORT ALBERT MARITIME MUSEUM



26th September saw the ACV/GARDS support group have an outing to the Warragul Country Club – a great time was had by all and some new friends made amongst some new members.

It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves – those who attended were : Moira & Davie Duncan, Rhonda Dunn, Sharyn Fenech, Jean & Ron Harwood, Doreen Jackson, Nellie Crane, Ray



Whittaker, Lorraine & Joe Biro, Jenny Snape, Clynn Lord, Lorraine Fairbairn, Vicki and Dorothy. For our next outing we have hired a



bus to take us to the Port Albert Maritime Museum on 31st Oct there are twenty of our members coming – *looking forward to it.*



Bendigo TAFE

ASBESTOS AWARENESS 2017



On the 9th of May 2017 the ACV/GARDS team travelled to Bendigo to deliver asbestos awareness to a great bunch of apprentice tradies.

It was a full day of sessions meeting and talking with our future tradies of tomorrow along with architectural design students who put a whole different angle on asbestos awareness in their workplaces of the future.

We had some very thoughtful questions about asbestos in the

work place and in a home situation. There were over 130 apprentices – plumbers and electricians, along with architectural design students, Painting and Decorating etc. All ages and with all levels of knowledge on asbestos. We would like to thank the trade teachers for supporting our efforts in coming along and trying to help apprentices be more asbestos aware. We would also like to give a special thank you to Shane Kennedy who has been the motivator behind his TAFE being involved.

Newborough TAFE



31/5/2017 saw the ACV/GARDS crew at Federation Training Newborough campus talking with 160 apprentices -

VETS – Pre Apprentices & Apprentices – plumbers, electricians, fitting and turning, painting and decorating, engineering, motor technicians, carpenters etc. It was a full house

with plenty of questions and a lively group. It was also great to have the trade teachers chip in with their experiences in the work force which gave the apprentices more insight into the experience and knowledge that was in the room. The age range was from pre-apprentice to mature age so the questions were very varied – it gave us an insight into how much the apprentices

knew about asbestos and how much more we could advance their info and make them asbestos aware. We would like to thank Davin Nicholas for being the driving force at Newborough to get the apprentices involved in the asbestos awareness sessions. Thank you to all, a really great mornings work.

Geelong TAFE Apprentices

the Gordon

7/6/2017 The ACV/GARDS crew travelled to Geelong to talk with a group of apprentice Painting and Decorators. It was a great bunch of apprentices who asked some really in depth questions.

Their trade teachers got involved in the session and that made it that much more powerful.

They told the students about their experiences as tradies. It was a really good session with heaps of interaction from everyone. Thank you to Alf Clark for making it happen – it was really nice to catch up with the trade teachers again. Looking forward to next year's intake of apprentices.



Chisholm TAFE Berwick

ASBESTOS AWARENESS 2017

Chisholm

ACV/GARDS crew were booked to do 5 sessions on a Friday starting from the 25th August through to 22nd September in that time we have seen approximately 300 apprentice plumbers and a few electricians.

Below are pictures of some of the students we have been able to squeeze into our newsletter. All the apprentices have been terrific with their questions and how they conducted themselves

in the sessions. They are a credit to their trade teachers and we are sure that they have gone away with more of an idea of where asbestos might be on their work sites and in their home situations. We felt very honoured and privileged to be able to talk openly and frankly about a subject that has so many tentacles to it. The students engaged themselves with stories of their work places and the experiences they have had out in the work place. Some of those stories were challenging and confronting, but we

worked through the issues and gave some of the apprentices the ability to be able to go back into their work places with a bit more knowledge and awareness of what they can do to protect themselves. We hope you enjoy seeing the students in these photos – they are the tradies of tomorrow – bright – intelligent and full of life. Thank you to the trade teachers for supporting the apprentices to become more asbestos aware and a special thank you to Trevor Watson for arranging the visits.





Chisholm



Nth Melbourne Polytechnic Epping



25.9.2017 – ACV/GARDS girls were out at Melbourne Polytechnic – Epping TAFE delivering an Asbestos Awareness session to 35 apprentice Builders, Painting & Decorating and Carpenters – it was a great session with plenty of questions.

Terrific bunch of apprentices and keen to know as much as possible. Their trade teachers sat in on the session and added to the conversation and experience in the room.

We hope that we have empowered the apprentices to all take care of themselves in their work places and at home. Thanks to all the staff and

apprentices for making us feel so welcome and helping with the unpacking of the equipment from the van and the packing up and taking back to the van – we never travel light so there is always a lot to carry. Looking forward to our next trip to Epping. A real privilege and honour to have met with you all.

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MASTER PAINTERS ASSOCIATION VIC/TAS 2017

14/6/2017 saw the ACV/GARDS crew at the special meeting of the Master Painters Association in June 2017.

Painters and painting companies from all over Melb - Painting and Decorating Trade Teachers from all over Victoria, along with sponsors for the Master Painters

Association came together for a night of information sharing on products for the industry – and also to talk about what is happening in the industry. ACV/GARDS crew's part for the night was to enlighten and inform those present on what is happening around asbestos issues and materials of all sorts that are coming into Australia. The night was really interesting with many great questions and a lot of

information sharing from the Master Painters reps and the painting and decorating tradies in attendance. We want to thank Mark Amos, the Chief

Executive Officer of the Master Painters Assoc Vic/Tas, for inviting us along. It was a privilege and honour to meet everyone.



PROBUS CENTRAL TRARALGON



Committee Member Norm Arnold with Vicki

21.8.2017 saw the ACV/GARDS crew conduct an asbestos awareness session at Probus Central Traralgon. It was great to catch up with some of our members who cross over in Probus and to meet so many new faces.

We hope all that attended took something away from the session they didn't already know. Certainly there were a few in the audience that were shocked at what is still going on in the asbestos space and the amount of asbestos imports that is slipping in. We were invited to lunch by some of the members, which was lovely and it was a very enjoyable lunch together and a time for us to catch up with a few that we knew and to chat with others that we didn't know. We want to thank very much Glenda Rowley for paying for our lunch, that was a very nice gesture, Glenda, and we really appreciate it.

UNITING CHURCH OF NEWBOROUGH/YALLOURN PARISH

ASBESTOS AWARENESS SESSION & DONATION

31.8.2017 – Saw the ACV/GARDS crew invited to lunch where our CEO/Secretary was their speaker at a special get together of the Uniting Church auxiliary and church committee.

The afternoon was an enjoyable one – with many that attended having had no idea what asbestos was lurking in. There were many questions during and after the talk.

The highlight for the ACV/GARDS crew was being given a donation to the org. It was lovely to receive money that can be put to good use supporting our asbestos sufferers and their families. It was also good to catch up with many that we know with in the church. We want to thank the ladies and men for putting together a great lunch with lots of yummy home made food. We hope all who attended got a great day out of the get together, I know we did!



PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE CANBERRA 2017

21/6/2017 the ACV/GARDS whole committee attended the PGARD forum in Canberra to meet the new Director of Asbestos Disease Research Institute (ADRI) – Ken Takahashi who spoke about his new appointment to ADRI and his hopes for the Institute going into the future.

Ken has taken the reins from Prof Nico van Zandwijk who is retiring after 8 years at the helm, ACV/GARDS committee and members wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Another speaker at the forum was Associate Professor Martyn Kirk from the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the Australian National University. Martyn spoke about the health effects of living in a house with loose fill asbestos insulation in the ACT (Mr Fluffy home). It was great to catch up with some of our colleagues from the other asbestos disease support groups and to see our local members Hon. Russell Broadbent MP. We met many others from the halls of Parliament House who made themselves known to us. It was a very interesting and thought provoking

meeting. The committee of ACV/GARDS were thrilled to be in the same place at the same time altogether for an asbestos forum – this is a rare occasion that we can do this so we really were pleased to be able to share the experience together.

It was nice to catch up with a few that we knew at the gathering – all too short a time though – we wish it could have been a longer visit so that we could have caught up on everyone’s news and some of our local pollies while we were in Canberra for the day. Maybe next time if we can afford to go and find a sponsor.



ACV/GARDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Date: Saturday 27th January 2018 - Time: 2.00pm - Venue: TBA
 Election of Positions falling vacant:
President – Treasurer - Committee Member
Other business to be conducted - Election of Auditor for 2018/19
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.

LATROBE VALLEY PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION



At our support group meeting on the 25th July Ann Lovison, the President of the Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraising Association, came along to talk about what her association has been doing in the community for many years.

Helping to support those who are palliative by supplying medical equipment to people who are in need of hospital beds, oxygen, lift chairs and the list goes on. A truly wonderful organisation who have done some amazing work in our community and they are

totally voluntary. The members of this association do a great job of fundraising to help those in need of medical equipment and so much more. While Ann was with us she made a donation to our organisation to help us buy 2 x new oxygen concentrators to replace two that we are retiring after many years of service. We thank Ann and the organisation for all the support they give us as when one of our members needs something that we cannot supply them with Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraising Assoc comes to the rescue for us. They are an amazing bunch of people – *God Bless you all.*

GIPPSLAND HOME & LEISURE SHOW MAY 2017



The Gippsland Home and Leisure Show was well attended this year with many seeking information on home renos and disposal. It was quite a busy time for the crew. We had shifts this year with Dorothy, Marie and Vicki and then change-over of crew with Dennis Day, Graeme Hamilton and Ray Whittaker. It is always nice to have our members come along and talk with the public – it helps our members to understand some of the issues that the community face other

than the health side. We look forward every year to speaking with people and trying to keep them as safe as possible by giving them trusted information. The show goes on from all over Gippsland and it gives us a chance to see people we would not normally see and talk with, who may not even know we are out in the community to help. *We would like to take this opportunity to thank EnergyAustralia for sponsoring our site at the home show this year. Thank you so much.*

ASBESTOS SAFETY ERADICATION COUNCIL

Earlier this year our CEO/ Secretary Vicki Hamilton OAM was elected by the Asbestos Support Group Network to represent them as an observer on the Asbestos Safety Eradication Council.

Vicki attended her first meeting in Sydney on the 8th October and reported back to the support

group network on issues that were discussed at the council meeting. Vicki stated that she was very honoured to have been selected by the network to represent them and will endeavour to make sure that she keeps everyone up to date from the meetings she attends. The council meets 4 to 5 times a year. ACV/ GARDS committee and members congratulate Vicki on her observer position.



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LIFE MEMBER OF ACV/GARDS 2017

Earlier this year at our AGM - ACV/GARDS committee and members awarded a Life Membership to a very deserving member of the association. Graeme Hamilton was awarded this honour for his dedication to the association. Graeme has been a member for 17 years.

Graeme has been the go to person whenever anyone has wanted or needed anything done in the association. He has carted all our equipment and set it up twice a year

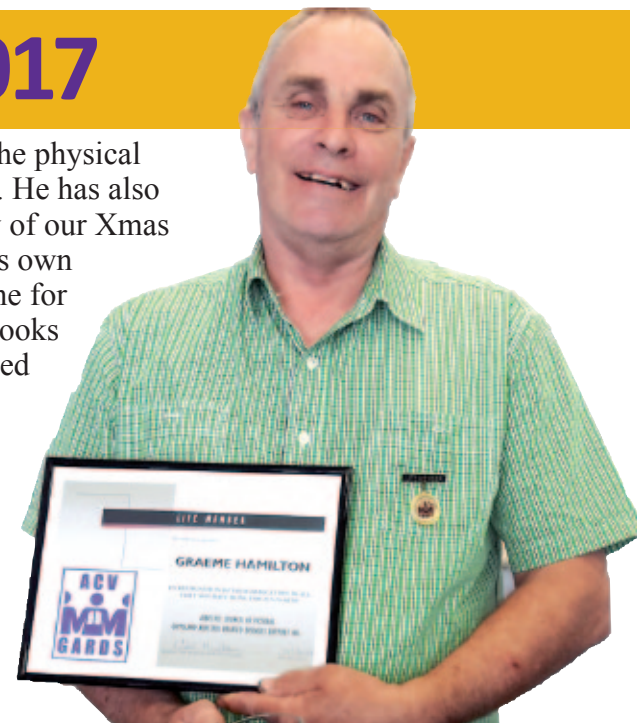
for the last 16 years where ever we have asked him to set up for our International Workers Memorial Day and our Asbestos Awareness Day event. Of course he has not done this on his own he has had help from the GTLC membership and from our own group members.

But he has been the one constant that knows how to put up our marquees and set up our speaker system. He has been working for our organisation silently behind the scenes come rain or shine.

He is also our OH&S rep for us and keeps an eye on all of our safety

needs whether that be the physical or policy side of things. He has also been our Santa at many of our Xmas events – he even has his own suit now, after hiring one for many years. He really looks the part and has delighted many with his antics while playing Santa.

Thank you for all you have done for this organisation ACV/ GARDS could not have accomplished the things it has without you there to help.



SENATE INQUIRY INTO NON CONFORMING BUILDING PRODUCTS - MELBOURNE HEARING JULY 2017



On the 14th of July 2017 the ACV/GARDS representatives were invited to make a statement about the issues they have been seeing in the community around asbestos products.

Senator Nick Xenophon and Senator Chris Ketter listened to Vicki Hamilton our CEO/Secretary as she explained what our organisation had been investigating in the last 5 years. Vicki took samples of items/products to the hearing for the Senators to view and understand what sorts of items they had picked up off Australian shop shelves and bought on line. Items such as crayons, necklaces, rocks from crystal shops and science kits for children, along with brakes and gaskets. The Senators were very interested to see the other side of the story about asbestos products coming into Australia that were not building products and how they

were purchased. Our organisation was very honoured and pleased to be able to show the issue of asbestos in a different light. Albeit just as dangerous and very insidious. You can view the Hansard transcript of evidence at this link below <http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;query=Id%3A%22committees%2Fcommsen%2Fd4a3369a-00c7-43df-a77c-d7c8e46d5ce9%2F0000%22>

To display the whole transcript, you will need to click on the PDF icon on the left hand side, marked as 'Download PDF'.

The transcript can also be accessed from the Committee's website for public hearings for this inquiry: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Economics/Non-conforming45th/Public_Hearings

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ACV/GARDS Membership Fees? Please check 2017 fees now due



The fees are: \$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.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY EVENT DIARY DATE TO REMEMBER

Date: Friday 24th November 2017 – 11am – Centenary Rose Garden, Commercial Road Morwell.

Speakers:

Simone Stevenson – Director – Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency
Steve Dodd – Secretary & Treasurer of the GTLC & union organiser for the AMWU

Others TBA

Musician/Singer- **Susan Parrish, Joe Omar and Phil Edwards?**

TBA- Choir

Bag piper – **Dick Henry**

Ecumenical Service will be conducted by **Pastor Simon Fink**

Free Community BBQ with the compliments of **Gippsland**

Trades and Labour Council



ASBESTOS AWARENESS MORNING TEA 2017 DIARY DATE TO REMEMBER

Date: Wednesday 22nd November 2017

10am - Venue: ACV/GARDS office

Entry fee - Gold coin Donation.

On the menu: Scones, Jam and Cream + tea and coffee sponsored by: **Slater+Gordon Lawyers** - Specialists that will be attending on the day to talk to the general public with questions will comprise of Asbestos Litigation lawyers, Environmental Hygienists, Latrobe City Waste Education Officer and Environmental Health Officer – come and have a chat with all these specialists to get as much information that you have always wanted to know.



ACV/GARDS XMAS LUNCH CELEBRATION 2017

Well, the end of year is fast approaching - so we turn our thoughts to a get together for a bit of merriment and mirth. This year's Annual Xmas party and lunch will take place at Silks Restaurant, Moe (it is situated at the rear of Michaels Golden Hen).

The menu this year will be buffet/smorgasbord style lunch all you can eat - including and not limited to 2 roast meats & more - with all the trimmings

Dessert will be plum pudding and custard/cream or Carrot cake if you so desire. Tea and Coffee.

Santa will be in attendance to see who has been naughty or nice and we will have a Xmas raffle on the day. Again as we did last year:

Everyone is invited to bring a wrapped Chris Cringle present to the value of no more than \$10 (females please bring a present suitable for a female and males please bring a present suitable for a male

These need to be given to the person in charge of tickets so that you get a ticket to pick a Chris Cringle present after lunch.

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

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

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

Date: Saturday 2nd December 2017

Time: 12 noon

Free to Financial Members of ACV/GARDS

Non-members \$25.00 per person - BYO drinks

For catering purposes please contact Vicki

Or the ACV/GARDS office RSVP by no later than the 20th November 2017



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA CONSIDERING LISTING MORWELL POWER STATION & BRIQUETTE FACTORY

Some information used in this article came from the ABC and LV Express.

The Heritage Council of Victoria issued an interim protection order for the old Morwell Power station and briquette factory in the Latrobe Valley Victoria.

The order protects the site from demolition, to allow Heritage Victoria to conduct an assessment of the site.

A Moe resident made the application.

The Moe resident wants to conserve and re-purpose the Morwell Power station & Briquette factory.

The Morwell power station and briquette factory was the first power plant to be built in the coal-rich Latrobe Valley after World War II.

Construction began in 1949 and the plant came on-line in the 1950s. Energy Brix closed the 170 megawatt power station in 2014. Some say the role that the power industry played in the development of the region should be acknowledged. There are those who liken the Morwell Power Station & Briquette factory to ironworks, power stations and coal mines in Germany's Ruhr Valley brown coal region. Apparently these industry facilities have been converted into visitor centres, interpretative educational and interactive centres for tourist visitors. Engineering Heritage Victoria ranked the power station and briquette factory as the third most significant thermal power station heritage site in Australia.

Energy Brix Australia Corporation own the site and they went into voluntary administration in October 2015.

The liquidator, PPB Advisory advertised its intention to demolish the site in December 2016 with plans to start the work in April 2017.

After demolition takes place the plan for the 92-hectare site would be to sell it as cleared industrial land.

The Environment Protection Authority said there is a tender process open to the market for the demolition of the briquette factory.

The second phase is to demolish the old Morwell power station.

Heritage Council of Victoria was sent a late submission by Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS to make the case

that Morwell Power Station & Energy Brix should be razed to the ground. Our organisation did this at the last minute as we were unaware how far the process had gone until contacted by the Latrobe Valley Express, our local paper. Ms. Hamilton said she had grave concerns about these sites being decontaminated and then opened to the public in the future. With the amount of friable asbestos, Blue, Brown and White that was used – thousands of tonnes of it over the 70+ years of its life, she stated that this could never be cleaned up enough to deem it “safe” for the general public as a tourist attraction. And also where was the money coming from to decontaminate and then set it up as a tourist attraction. Vicki went from the interview and then asked the members of her association if they wanted to see the Morwell Power Station and Energy Brix remain as a Heritage listed site the answer was an overwhelming NO. Members asked if our org could write to the Council with our reasons why the people in our group were opposed to its listing on the Heritage site.

So we set about doing this with a letter to the Heritage Council of Victoria, the response was that they accepted the late letter/submission. Then on talking with many people and orgs that our group is involved with Vicki was urged by some to talk to the submission/letter that she had sent. Our org asked the Council if this was possible and the Council said that it would deliberate it. They came back and said we needed to send a response letter/submission from us to the other submissions that had already gone in. Our org did this and was tentatively granted a hearing pending others who had already put submissions in on time agreeing. There was one written objection sent the council. A hearing date was set for the 12th October in Morwell and our organisation went along with all the other submitters to talk to the Heritage Council about the Heritage listing. The Council asked again if there were any objectors and there was still only one objector. The Council panel adjourned for a 15 minute conversation and came back saying the Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS should be allowed

to speak. When it was our turn to speak we acknowledged that the Heritage

Council had never had such a request before for a power station here in Victoria and that it was a unique case. Our org stated that we were concerned that even though they had said it is only in their remit to consider heritage value and social significance it had a duty to consider what would happen going into the future if the buildings were heritage listed. They could sit there for decades rotting because there would not be enough money to decontaminate and refurbish for whatever going into the future and they would then be a blight on the landscape of Morwell. Let alone the fact that our group did not believe they could make them “Safe” as we were hearing. We gave a documented example of the Mr Fluffy houses in Canberra and how they had been reported as safe after all the blown friable asbestos had been sucked out of the roof cavities of 1022 houses. Then 30 years later a cluster of mesothelioma sufferers turn up in these houses and on the instance of a persistent young housewife the houses were checked and found to have asbestos fibres throughout the house, friable asbestos had fallen between the wall cavities and coming out under the skirting boards, it was found in ducted heating and cooling systems and in linen presses. A well-documented case with devastating consequences. And as for audits of making sure there is no more asbestos – case in question – recently the Sydney Opera House has been having renovations to its structure and there have been two known times over the renovations that workers have been exposed on two separate occasions – it can happen and no one is infallible – we do not want to see these very heavily contaminated sites turned into tourist attractions – we feel they would be a disaster waiting to happen. And if they were to be heritage listed it would take 30 years to find out our mistake. Our org advised the council that making these industrial sites heritage value would be an insult to our members who are dying of asbestos disease due to the heavy use of asbestos in the power industry, and



one of those sites was Morwell Power station & Briquette. The sites held no love or sense of community - they hold only devastation and suffering that has gone on in this community and if it is allowed to stand it will be a permanent reminder of the industrial disaster that has killed thousands here. This community has been politely silenced and over looked for decades – I call my members the invisible ones that no one wants to admit are in our community.

Dying people have very quiet voices so you need to listen very carefully to what they have to say. Remember that an asbestos litigation lawyer once said that this was the biggest industrial disaster to befall Australia and no one knows about it. Our org has every intention of making sure all know about this area and the suffering that has gone on. 140,000 workers passed through the power stations here from the 1920s to the 1980s and they in turn took asbestos home to their families and we are seeing the devastating effects that has had on our community for more than 80+ years. The workers who worked here came from all over the world, this area was a hub of multiculturalism before multiculturalism was even talked about. Our members that we now look after with asbestos disease came from all the corners of the world to make a new life here in the Latrobe Valley after the war, they came from all over Europe - we became one community and now we all suffer the effects of the betrayal of a hierarchy who knowingly allowed a faithful work force to be exposed to an industrial carcinogen – shame on them all. Our organisation has looked at the Criteria for selection to the heritage list and one we know we fitted under was Criterion G – Social significance in the Heritage Victoria Act – and it is not of social significance to our people.

The council heard all submitters on Thursday and have now retired to deliberate the information given to them. There should be a decision in the next 12 weeks.



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AUSTRALIA

Victorian rent reforms get mixed reviews - AAP / October 9th, 2017 7 News

Victoria's peak real estate body may have called the state government's tenancy reforms an "insult" but a former chief executive has thrown his support behind the "much needed" changes.

Announced by Premier Daniel Andrews on Sunday, the sweeping changes include a ban on rental bidding, limits on rent rises and establishing the right of every tenant to have a pet, except in "certain circumstances". Minor home modifications, such as hooks to hang pictures, would also be allowed. Enzo Raimondo, the longest serving CEO of the Real Institute of Victoria, says with one-in-four Victorian households renting, the government's reforms are "much needed". "Tenants who rent should be able to enjoy the premises they rent like anyone else and being able to hang a print or painting or keep a pet should not be the decision of the landlord," he said. But incumbent institute boss Gil King was critical of the reform, criticising the proposed 'blacklist' for dodgy landlords and agents. "The proposed Andrew's blacklist database for landlords and estate agents is an insult to our profession," he tweeted on Friday. "Let's be clear. The new rental laws have less to do with helping tenants and more to do with winning the Northcote by-election." Census data from 2016 shows 40 per cent of residents in the hotly-contested electorate are renters

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/vic/a/37391480/vic-brings-in-reforms-to-protect-renters/>

Electrical workers stop work at Opera House again over asbestos concerns - Anna Patty - OCTOBER 7 2017 - THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Electrical workers have stopped work on the \$200 million Sydney Opera House renovation for the second time in two months over asbestos concerns.

The Electrical Trades Union said workers stopped work on Friday morning after receiving confirmation that potentially-deadly friable asbestos had again been located in work areas. The unions said samples collected on Thursday were on Friday confirmed to contain friable asbestos. Electrical workers decided to walk off the job until the safety issues are resolved. "This issue was first identified 2 months ago, with WorkSafe NSW issuing improvement notices to builder Laing O'Rourke giving the company 7 days to remove the asbestos or eliminate the threat to workers through appropriate safety measures," ETU Secretary Dave McKinley said.

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/workplace-relations/electrical-workers-stop-work-at-opera-house-again-over-asbestos-concerns-20171006-gyvwm.html>

Vic council fined for burning asbestos - news.com - Australian Associated Press OCTOBER 6, 2017

Victorian council has been slapped with a fine after it burned off industrial waste containing asbestos sheeting. A Victorian council has copped a fine after it illegally set fire to industrial waste containing asbestos. The Central Goldfields Shire Council lit the fire in Flagstaff back in June and the Environment Protection Authority Victoria investigated after a tip of from a member of the public, the authority said on Friday. Fibrous cement sheeting found on site was later confirmed to contain asbestos and the council has been fined almost \$8000 for not disposing of it in a licensed facility.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/vic-council-fined-for-burning-asbestos/news-story/e30254a2ee451727c151cd1c8eac47f>

Kembla Grange site put on notice for asbestos - Glen Humphries - 6th October - Illawarra Mercury

An Illawarra company has been ordered to clean up asbestos-contaminated building material delivered to four sites - including Wollongong's Blue Mile Tramway Project.

The Environment Protection Authority has issued Wollongong Recycling with a clean-up notice for four sites, which also include the Calderwood Valley Estate and a road reserve in Shellharbour. The EPA notice stated it was aggregate material that was contaminated and that it came from the business' Kembla Grange property. "The EPA's investigation commenced following a complaint that contaminated aggregate from Wollongong Recycling's Kembla Grange facility was being sold to consumers who assumed they were purchasing clean aggregate for activities like levelling land," an EPA spokeswoman said. "Some of the aggregate recipients also contacted the EPA with concerns the material they had received was contaminated."

The spokeswoman said that failure to comply with the clean-up notice can incur a maximum penalty of \$1 million for a corporation and a further \$120,000 a day for a continuing offence.

Waste company Bingo Industries bought Wollongong Recycling

earlier this year. "This incident relates to a period shortly after the Kembla Grange facility was acquired," a Bingo spokesman said. "Wollongong Recycling has subsequently brought the facility in line with ISO 14001 (environmental standards) including training staff on its systems and processes." The spokesman said that it was "the nature of the business that from time to time building and demolition materials received from customers can be contaminated". The business has to remove and dispose of the contaminated waste at all sites by October 15 and supply documentation related to the removal by October 27. "To date Wollongong Recycling has not had access to the sites in question and is not aware of any further contaminated materials at Kembla Grange," the Bingo spokesman said. "The material in question was quickly identified and quarantined. The company is working closely with the EPA and steps are being taken, including with the co-operation of all affected parties, to comply with the EPA notice." The single truckload of contaminated material delivered to the tramway project was to be used to "top up" an access road, a Wollongong council spokeswoman said. It was not used before the asbestos was identified and the load removed.

The material delivered to Shellharbour had been used at backfill at a Wattle Road address but has since been removed.

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/4968439/kembla-grange-site-put-on-notice-for-asbestos/>

Funding to remove asbestos in school by COURIER COBRAM OCTOBER 06, 2017

Cobram and District Specialist School will have \$5000 allocated to the removal of asbestos as part of an \$85million funding program as the next phase of the Victorian school asbestos removal program. Acting Education Minister Jenny Mikakos this week announced the next 119 schools to undergo the removal of asbestos that may pose a risk in the future. Under the program, \$1.6million will be invested to remove asbestos from schools around the state. The program of works will start during the current school holidays and be completed by early next year.

Works to be carried out include removing asbestos from cabinets and safes along with the removal and reinstatement of some cement sheet ceilings, walls and eaves. The government undertook an extensive, statewide audit of 1712 government schools, which found 497 schools contained high-risk asbestos. This high-risk asbestos was removed from all of these schools by March 2016. "There's nothing more important than the health and safety of our kids and we are getting on with the job of ridding schools of this harmful product," Ms Mikakos said

<http://www.riverineherald.com.au/regional/2017/10/06/113121/funding-to-remove-asbestos-in-school>

Yamaha Motor Australia Pty Ltd — Yamaha youth quad bike YFM90R (Raptor 90) - Wednesday, 16 August 2017

What are the defects?

Front and rear brake shoes in affected quad bikes (and these parts sold as spare parts) may contain asbestos.

The importation of asbestos or goods containing asbestos into Australia has been prohibited under the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 since 31 December 2003.

What are the hazards? Available information indicates that these quad bikes do not pose a measurable health risk through normal use. Exposure to asbestos can result in asbestos-related diseases. What should consumers do?

Consumers should not perform any maintenance, repairs or modifications on these quad bikes that may contact or disturb the brake shoes. Owners will be contacted about this recall by a letter to their Yamaha-registered address. Parts are expected to be available for repairs from the end of August 2017. From September 2017, owners of affected vehicles should contact their nearest Yamaha dealer to make an appointment to have the front and rear brake shoes replaced with parts that do not contain asbestos. This repair is conducted free of charge.

Further information is available by phoning 1300 593 600. You can locate your nearest Yamaha dealer by searching on <http://www.yamaha-motor.com.au/>

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recall/yamaha-motor-australia-pty-ltd-yamaha-youth-quad-bike-yfm90r-raptor-90>

Polaris Sales Australia Pty Ltd — Polaris youth quad bikes and parts for these models (extended recall) - PRA No. 2017/16150 Date published 19 Jun 2017

Certain parts in the affected quad bikes (and some of these parts sold as spare parts) may contain asbestos. The importation of asbestos or goods containing asbestos into Australia has been prohibited under the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 since 31 December 2003. What are the hazards? Available information indicates that these quad bikes do not pose a measurable health risk through normal use. Consumers should not perform any maintenance, repairs or modifications on these quad bikes that

may contact or disturb the bike parts that may contain asbestos - brake parts, gaskets, clutch carrier and heat shield washers, depending on the vehicle. What should consumers do? Consumers should not perform any maintenance or repairs on these quad bikes that involves contacting or disturbing any potentially affected parts, as outlined in the 'Product Description' section above. Owners will be contacted about this recall by a letter to their Polaris-registered address. Owners of vehicles other than the Ace 150 should contact their nearest authorised Polaris dealer to make an appointment to have any parts that potentially contain asbestos replaced with parts that do not contain asbestos, free of charge. This excludes replacement of the clutch carrier and gaskets in these vehicles, which will be replaced free of charge when normal in-service replacement of the gaskets and clutch carrier is required. Ace 150 vehicles will be repaired free of charge when normal in-service replacement is required. Further information is available by phoning the Polaris Customer Service Department on 1800 982 593 or visiting www.polarisindustries.com.au (link is external)

Your nearest Polaris dealer can be located using the search available at

<https://www.polaris.com/en-au/atv-ranger-rzr/dealer-locator>

Product description:

- Polaris youth quad bikes sold since 01 January 2000:
- Scrambler 50, Phoenix 200 - front and rear brakes
- Outlaw 90, Outlaw 110, Sportsman 110 - front and rear brakes, gaskets
- Predator 50, Outlaw 50 - front and rear brakes, heat shield washer, gaskets
- Scrambler 90 - front and rear brakes, clutch carrier
- Predator 90, Sportsman 90 - front and rear brakes, gaskets, clutch carrier
- Sawtooth 200 - rear brakes
- Ace 150 - gaskets
- Certain parts for the above vehicles sold since 01 January 2000:
- Front brake shoe 0450422
- Rear brake shoe 0450434
- Front brake pad 0454664
- Heat shield washer 0453861
- Rear brake shoe 0452705
- Head cover gasket 0453578
- Cylinder cover gasket 0453538
- Breather cover gasket 0453580
- Clutch carrier 0450204

What are the defects?

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recall/polaris-sales-australia-pty-ltd-polaris-youth-quad-bikes-and-parts-for-these-models-extended-recall>

Asbestos scare at Two Wells site - The Bunyip - Tom Staggard - Oct 12th

LARGE quantities of building material waste containing traces of asbestos have been illegally dumped at one of Adelaide Plains Council's hard waste disposal stations. Council recently discovered a significant portion of asbestos-ridden waste at its Two Wells Transfer Station (TWTS), which was immediately closed off to the public. Adelaide Plains Council chief executive James Miller said, once council was made aware of the potentially hazardous material, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was notified and appropriate action was taken. After the waste was examined, it was taken to council's Carlslake Road quarry site, in Dublin, where it awaits final inspection before it can be disposed of appropriately. Former Mallala Mayor Steve Kennedy owns adjoining land to the privately-owned quarry site, and said he was angered that council didn't notify him that the material was going to be transported in the vicinity of his property.

"I'm absolutely disgusted that it's been dumped there," he said. "It's not just a small amount, it's hundreds of tonnes worth of waste and spread out across a very large area." Mr Miller said council did not notify any of the adjoining landowners prior to the transportation of the waste, based on information it received from an asbestos consultant, and he was confident council had dealt with the issue accordingly. "The early advice from SafeWork SA is that council has managed this incident well," he said. "I will be preparing a report to our Governance Advisory Panel to ensure all aspects of this are thoroughly investigated and corrective action taken, should any shortcomings be identified."

<http://www.bunyippress.com.au/asbestos-scare-at-two-wells-site>

Asbestos Snippets

Asbestos in Fence Sparks Safety Fears in Chifley – Sherryn Groch – *The Canberra Times* – ACT news – 13th Oct

A concrete fence containing asbestos has sparked safety concerns for residents in Chifley, who claim debris has still not been cleared away after the fence was demolished six days ago.

Last Thursday, a Chifley homeowner was slapped with a WorkSafe ACT improvement notice after incorrectly removing the fence the same day. WorkSafe ACT issued a “strong reminder” that only licensed asbestos assessors can remove the dangerous material.

But, almost a week on, neighbours reported asbestos fragments were still uncovered on the front yard of the property and fibres had been blowing up and down the street. The fence, which has now been replaced with another, backed on to a public laneway. There is also concern asbestos fibres may have been blown across the road to the YMCA health and wellness centre. On Wednesday, small, white fragments could still be seen on the grass and the path near the house. Access Canberra confirmed the fence had since been disposed of properly as asbestos waste and inspectors had determined the risk in the area was “very low”. Neighbours said WorkSafe inspectors had been out to the house at least twice but said their “hands were tied” until a private asbestos assessor was called in. “The fragments and fibres are still everywhere, it hasn’t all been bagged up or wetted down, I think it’s ridiculous that something hasn’t been done,” one resident said. A YMCA staff member said they heard about the asbestos fibres in the air on Thursday and had contacted Access Canberra. “We are concerned but we haven’t heard anything back, we haven’t been notified” she said on Wednesday. “It was a hot, dry Thursday afternoon and they were smashing up asbestos in their front yard with hammers,” a resident said of the fence removal. “It only takes one fibre to get you, that’s what’s so evil about it. “Now it’s warm and the wind’s howling again!” An Access Canberra spokeswoman confirmed another complaint was received about asbestos on the property, which is close to the Chifley shops, on Tuesday.

“Access Canberra is aware an asbestos assessor has been engaged by the home owner to rectify this issue,” the spokeswoman said. Once an improvement notice has been issued, it is the responsibility of the owner to arrange the removal and clean-up of asbestos through a licensed removalist, she said. The assessor would then issue a clearance certificate and WorkSafe could finalise the investigation. “WorkSafe have determined there is no risk to public health or safety,” the spokeswoman said. ACT Policing confirmed they attended the property on Saturday in response to a verbal dispute about the asbestos.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/asbestos-in-fence-sparks-safety-fears-in-chifley-20171010-gyyddu.html>

Up Grade To Rid School of Asbestos – Tate Papworth – *The Star Weekly* – Oct 9th

Glengala Primary School is set to receive a long-awaited upgrade during the summer months. The Sunshine school will receive a new permanent modular facility to replace its asbestos-affected south wing, which will be demolished. The new structure will contain a library and general purpose classrooms. Glengala Primary School principal Kris White says it will help match the school’s facilities with its teaching style. “These upgrades allow us to house half our school, so they’re incredibly significant,” he said. “The buildings are a flexible space, which is a key feature and the open plan allows our teachers to collaborate with students. “The other major advantage with the modular building is that the way in which it’s designed means it can be added to quite easily and allows flexibility.” The work is being done under the auspices of the state government’s Victorian School Asbestos Removal Program. The 2017-18 Victorian budget included \$85 million for the next phase of the Victorian School Asbestos Removal Program, which aims to eventually rid the toxic fibre from all Victorian schools. Demolition of Glengala’s south wing is scheduled to begin in December, with the project scheduled for completion in April 2018. “The goal is to complete the demolition work in December when there are no students on site,” Mr White said. “Once that’s complete, the plan is to be using the new facilities at the beginning of term two next year.”

The upgrades are just the second time the school has received new facilities in 40 years. “We received new facilities as part of Kevin Rudd’s Building the Education Revolution Program, however before that you have to go back to the 1970s,” Mr White said. “We’re really excited. The kids and parents are thrilled to be having some brand new facilities to match what we’ve tried to build for the past four years.”

<http://www.starweekly.com.au/news/upgrade-to-rid-school-of-asbestos/>

Darwin-based building company charged for illegal asbestos removal work – by Haydee – *Safety Culture* – *OH&S News* – 4th Oct

A manufacturing and building company in Darwin has been charged by NT WorkSafe with five breaches of the work health and safety

legislation for illegal asbestos removal work. It is alleged that the company was contracted to refurbish three properties and allowed unlicensed workers to remove asbestos from two of the properties in October and November 2015. The workers were allegedly given no training or appropriate safety equipment, despite knowing the properties contained asbestos. The company has been charged violation of section 32 of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act, for failing to comply with health and safety duty, two charges contrary to Regulation 300 of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations for failing to comply with a safe work method statement for high-risk construction work; one charge contrary to Regulation 422(1) of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations for failing to have asbestos identified by a competent person; and one contrary to Regulation 458(1) of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations for failing to ensure the asbestos removalist was licensed. A breach of the Act carries a maximum penalty of \$1,500,000 for a body corporate, and \$30,000 for each breach of the regulations. The matter has been listed for mention in the Darwin Local Court on Wednesday 25 October 2017.

<http://content.safetyculture.com.au/news/index.php/10/darwin-based-building-company-charged-illegal-asbestos-removal-work/#.WeMOY7puKUI>

EPA issues \$29,000 in fines after asbestos and waste dumped in Mowbray Park – *The Daily Telegraph - Macarthur Chronicle Camden, October 3*

TWO men and two businesses have been issued with \$29,000 in fines by the NSW Environment Protection Authority after waste, including asbestos waste, was deposited at a private property in Mowbray Park. The EPA launched an investigation after dirty fill was deposited at the property on Barkers Lodge Rd. The property owner was approached by a man who offered to supply clean fill to the property owner as he worked on his driveway. Wollondilly Council referred the matter to the EPA in September last year after confirming that fill material received at the site contained asbestos. After investigating the matter, the EPA considered that Christopher Binos and George Kolistasis were responsible for transporting the asbestos contaminated material to the site. Mr Binos was issued with \$16,250 in fines, which included a \$7500 fine for failing to comply with EPA directions. Mr Kolistasis, who is known to operate under the banner Decca Australia, was fined \$8250 with Decca Australia Pty Limited and Decca Australia Holdings Pty Limited fined \$4500 for failing to comply with notices issued by the EPA. The EPA will continue to monitor the site and take action to ensure that the site is cleaned up. EPA acting regional manager of waste compliance Steven James said this incident should serve as a warning to residents that there are unscrupulous operators at work in the clean fill space. “Unfortunately, there are operators out there who are delivering fill with false promises that it is clean,” Mr James said. “Residents need to be on the lookout for these operators and take steps to ensure that what they are receiving on their property is clean fill and not waste material. “Operators acting outside the rules can expect to get caught and can expect action from the EPA when they do.” More information on steps property owners can take are available at epa.nsw.gov.au/illegaldumping/landfill.htm. Residents with concerns about the unlawful transport or disposal of waste can report it to the EPA Environment Line on 131 555. Penalty notices are one of a number of tools the EPA can use to achieve environmental compliance including formal warnings, official cautions, licence conditions, notices and directions and prosecutions.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/macarthur/epa-issues-29000-in-fines-after-asbestos-and-waste-dumped-in-mowbray-park/news-story/8984c3e0e4cabf2bc237e53cc4a3c6e4>

Edgar’s Inn in Ainslie closes as asbestos removal begins – Emily Baker – *The Canberra Times* – 4th Oct

Work has started on the removal of dangerous loose-fill asbestos from Edgar’s Inn at the Ainslie shops. The cafe and pub will close for the next fortnight as the 10-day remediation takes place. Other shops will remain open. Ainslie Newsagency owner Niki Kats said she welcomed the removal of the Fluffy asbestos but believed her business would be affected. “I think it will have an impact on us with customers not coming around the area,” she said. “Hopefully loyal customers will stick with us while they clean up the mess next door.” Ainslie IGA owner Manuel Xyrakis said it was business as usual for the supermarket.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/edgars-inn-in-ainslie-closes-as-asbestos-removal-begins-20171003-gytdpn.html>

Demand for asbestos contamination to be cleared from Arcadia ‘illegal tip’ – Jake McCallum, *Hills Shire Times* – Oct 3

AN OFFICIAL clean-up notice with a list of demands has been sent to the owners of an Arcadia property being investigated for the alleged dumping of asbestos and other pollutants in fill material. NSW Environmental Protection Authority waste compliance head Trevor Wilson issued Arcadia Investment Holdings’ David Levy

with a formal Notice of Clean-Up Action last month, following a series of investigations by the EPA and Hornsby Council at 22 Geelans Rd, Arcadia. The owners of the property were directed to “install measures to ensure asbestos fibres are not mobilised at the premises, engage an occupational hygienist or other suitably qualified and experienced person/s to oversee and supervise the sampling and classification of fill material at the premises and submit to the EPA a Waste Classification Report prepared by a suitably qualified expert to provide results of sampling and classification of the fill material”. “Waste materials was observed in the fill material including, but not limited to soil, bricks, concrete, timber, metal, ceramics, plastic and fibre pieces suspected as potential asbestos containing material,” Mr Wilson said in the notice to the property owners. “The EPA officers conducted sampling to confirm the presence of asbestos. “Ten potential asbestos containing material fragments were collected from the premises and sent for analysis at a NATA accredited laboratory.” Concerns were raised by Geelans Rd residents over what they were convinced was an “illegal tip” operating at the site, which led to preliminary investigations by Hornsby Council and the EPA. “The EPA believes that more than 10 tonnes of asbestos waste has been placed in or on land at the premises,” the notice reads. “The EPA believes that the fill materials contaminated with asbestos that have been placed on land at the premises is causing a pollution event, being the pollution of land.” An EPA spokesman said officers inspected the site on September 27 and the landowner had complied with the notice requirements.

<http://online.isentialink.com/dailytelegraph.com.au/2017/10/02/2b9c03ab-26a2-4f72-bb44-41295d45f125.html>
Ridding Victorian Schools Of Asbestos- Minister for Education – 2nd Oct

More Victorian students will be safe from asbestos thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Acting Minister for Education Jenny Mikakos today announced the next 119 schools to undergo the removal of asbestos that may pose a risk in the future. Under the Victorian School Asbestos Removal Program, \$1.6 million will be invested to remove asbestos from 119 schools in the regional centres of Wodonga, Wangaratta and Shepparton, as well as parts of Melbourne’s east. The program of works will start during the current school holidays and be completed by early next year. Works to be carried out include removing asbestos from cabinets and safes along with the removal and reinstatement of some cement sheet ceilings, walls and eaves. The Government undertook an extensive, state-wide audit of 1,712 government schools, which found 497 schools contained high-risk asbestos. This high-risk asbestos was removed from all of these schools by March 2016. The Victorian Budget 2017/18 included \$85 million for the next phase of the Victorian School Asbestos Removal Program. Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Education Jenny Mikakos “We are delivering on our promise and removing asbestos from more Victorian schools.” “There’s nothing more important than the health and safety of our kids and we are getting on with the job of ridding schools of this harmful product.”

List of the next schools to undergo asbestos removal – Please go to list as it is too big to fit into news article

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/ridding-victorian-schools-of-asbestos/>

Asbestos cancer misdiagnosis prompts call for greater awareness of symptoms of mesothelioma - By Georgia Hitch 2nd Oct – *ABC News*

An Australian woman whose asbestos-related cancer was misdiagnosed twice says doctors and patients need to be more aware of the symptoms of mesothelioma. Two months ago Ruth Rose and her husband, Geoff, from Tuross in NSW, were getting ready for the trip of a lifetime — they were headed to New York to travel along Route 66. But when she got off the plane in New York, Ms Rose could barely breathe. “I was shocked to find that I had a chest cavity full of fluid, because it’d never entered my head that that was the problem,” she said. Her lung had collapsed; one doctor said it resembled a sponge full of water. “I remembered that my brother had fluid with his mesothelioma, so I told them I’d been exposed to asbestos and [the doctors] knew what to look for, then,” Ms Rose said. “It gave them the clue to do further tests to prove that that’s what it was.” After surgery to drain the fluid, a biopsy from the lining of Ms Rose’s lung confirmed she had developed the asbestos-related cancer that her brother is also fighting. “It was like I was outside my body, like it was happening to somebody else not me,” she said. Read more on link.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-02/asbestos-cancer-misdiagnosis-greater-awareness-symptoms/9004252>

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INTERNATIONAL

Johnson & Johnson ordered to pay \$417 million in lawsuit linking talcum powder to cancer - Michael Balsamo Associated Press - Aug 21st - Los Angeles

Los Angeles jury on Monday ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay a record \$417 million to a hospitalized woman who claimed in a lawsuit that the talc in the company's iconic baby powder causes ovarian cancer when applied regularly for feminine hygiene. The verdict in the lawsuit brought by the California woman, Eva Echeverria, marks the largest sum awarded in a series of talcum powder lawsuit verdicts against Johnson & Johnson in courts around the U.S. Echeverria alleged Johnson & Johnson failed to adequately warn consumers about talcum powder's potential cancer risks. She used the company's baby powder on a daily basis beginning in the 1950s until 2016 and was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2007, according to court papers. Echeverria developed ovarian cancer as a "proximate result of the unreasonably dangerous and defective nature of talcum powder," she said in her lawsuit. Echeverria's attorney, Mark Robinson, said his client is undergoing cancer treatment while hospitalized and told him she hoped the verdict would lead Johnson & Johnson to put additional warnings on its products. "Mrs. Echeverria is dying from this ovarian cancer and she said to me all she wanted to do was to help the other women throughout the whole country who have ovarian cancer for using Johnson & Johnson for 20 and 30 years," Robinson said. "She really didn't want sympathy," he added. "She just wanted to get a message out to help these other women."

The jury's award included \$68 million in compensatory damages and \$340 million in punitive damages, Robinson said. The evidence in the case included internal documents from several decades that "showed the jury that Johnson & Johnson knew about the risks of talc and ovarian cancer," Robinson said.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-johnson-johnson-talcum-cancer-lawsuit-20170821-story.html>

Winston Police Headquarters Construction Bid Approved - John Dickey - The news review - Oct 2017

The Winston Urban Renewal Agency approved a bid Thursday to remodel a vacant building into a new police station. The agency unanimously authorized the city manager to enter into a \$369,952 contract with Renco General Contractors LLC, of Roseburg, to remodel a vacant building into a new police building. Renco submitted the lowest bid on the project, with two other companies bidding on the job, according to the city. The bid was above cost estimates of \$321,096. The agency also authorized a \$12,879 contract with First Response Restoration Services, which has an office in Roseburg, to remove asbestos from the building. The city recommended First Response's bid because it included removal of plumbing fixtures not included in another bid that was several hundred dollars lower.

http://www.nrtoday.com/news/government/city/winston/winston-police-headquarters-construction-bid-approved/article_68b118a1-d3f6-5c7d-b6b3-5b0cea0bceb0.html

Report: U.S. Imported 705 Metric Tons of Raw Asbestos in 2016 - Matt Mauney - October 6th - Asbestos.com

New data from the Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission show the amount of raw asbestos imported to the U.S. nearly doubled from 2015 to 2016.

The federal organizations estimate 705 metric tons of raw asbestos was imported last year — a significant and alarming increase from the reported 343 metric tons imported in 2015.

Asbestos, a known carcinogen, is highly regulated but still used in the U.S., mainly by the chloralkali industry, which uses asbestos diaphragms in its chlorine manufacturing process. It is also found in imported clutches and brake linings, gaskets, cement corrugated sheets and other products. Mining asbestos in the U.S. is illegal, and the last domestic production of asbestos products ceased in 2002. But despite more than 60 countries around the world having comprehensive asbestos bans, the U.S. continues to import the toxic mineral in large quantities.

"So many Americans believe asbestos is a problem of the past, but this is cold, hard, proof that it's not only a current, but a growing issue," Linda Reinstein, president and co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, told Asbestos.com. "Coupled with this increase in imports is concerning data from the Center for Disease Control from March 2017 that shows a nearly 5 percent increase in mesothelioma death rates."

<https://www.asbestos.com/news/2017/10/06/asbestos-imports-double-united-states/>

Teenager charged after blaze at disused building containing asbestos - by Press Association 05/10/2017 - Evening Express Scotland

A 15-year-old boy has been charged in connection with a fire at a disused building containing asbestos. Local residents were advised to stay indoors to avoid potential noxious gases while firefighters tackled the blaze at Hillend Industrial Estate in Dalgety Bay, Fife, on September 6. Police took the precaution due to the presence of a small amount of asbestos within the building, however it was not affected by the fire and there was no risk to the community. A 15-year-old boy has been charged in connection with the incident and will be reported to the children's panel. Sergeant Kenny Bow said: "This fire caused fear and alarm to the local community and specialist resources were required as a result of the potential asbestos concerns. "Fortunately, this did not present any risk to the public, but the consequences could have been far more serious." He added: "We would also urge parents and guardians to remind children in their care not to access disused or derelict buildings, as doing so can place themselves and others in danger." Firefighters were called to the scene at around 6.40pm and extinguished the blaze shortly after 10pm.

<https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/news/scotland/teenager-charged-after-blaze-at-disused-building-containing-asbestos/>

Newmains residents speak after explosion at former convent while workers cleared asbestos - Stacey Mullen - 6th October - Evening Times - Scotland

TWO people are fighting for lives in hospital today after an explosion in a former convent where workers were removing asbestos. Terrified locals heard a loud bang before their houses shook following the explosion at the pastoral centre in Bonkle Road in Wishaw's Newmains. Mercy crews, including a trauma team, rushed to the scene while an air ambulance landed on a hill nearby to treat casualties "covered in blood" at around 1.30pm today. A man and a woman were then rushed to Glasgow Royal Infirmary for treatment to serious injuries. It is understood the woman was a passerby. Jim Vallance, who has lived in the area for 10 years, said: "We heard a man scream so I knew instantly it was bad. "I am still shaking. It was an almighty boom. I have never experienced anything like it." Jim explained dust poured out the building following the explosion while the pastoral centre's ornate doors blasted out. Another neighbour, Nicola Allan expressed her shock. She said: "I heard a bang and I thought someone was coming through my front door. "Our windows shook - that is how big it was. I got a fright as I didn't know what was happening. I have never heard anything this big before." Shortly after the explosion, residents were evacuated from the area while police officers set up a cordon. Gas engineers from SGN then arrived at the scene. A spokeswoman for the firm said their engineers made the situation safe by turning off the gas supply to the building. She added: "The cause of the explosion is under investigation." The pastoral centre is owned by the Catholic Church and closed due to financial constraints. Father Jim Thompson, who is a priest at St Mary's Church in Lanark, told The Evening Times that workers had moved in on Wednesday to remove asbestos in preparation for the demolition of the building. Those workers were sat outside the police cordon. One of the workers looked visibly upset with his hands on his head. A spokesman for the Diocese of Motherwell said that they would assist the authorities with any investigation going forward. He said: "The Diocese of Motherwell is aware of an incident which took place on Thursday afternoon at a disused pastoral centre in Newmains, Motherwell. Our thoughts and prayers are with those injured. "Every assistance will be given to the emergency services in any investigation going forward." Police Scotland also said that their investigations were ongoing.

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15579726_It_was_an_almighty_boom_Residents_speak_after_explosion_at_former_convent_in_Newmains_while_workers_were_clearing_asbestos/

Blackburn fire clean up officially kicks off - 2BR Lancashire

A huge clear up operation's kicked off at the Blackburn factory that went up in flames last week. The old plastics mill on Patterson Street was attended by more than 70 firefighters.

Now Lancashire Fire and Rescue are working with the Environment Agency and Blackburn with Darwen council on the clean-up. Debris from the fire had littered neighbouring properties - many of which were residential houses. Carole runs the Clifton Arms pub nearby and says it was terrifying; "All the people - children, families. The smoke damage - what if that had collapsed and gone in the house? It doesn't bare thinking about. "It's frightening because the fumes are so toxic - even standing outside for an hour is bad for you". The owners of the site have re-secured it, and it's also being monitored by a private security company. Now we're being told to remain vigilant as the site's still hazardous and unsafe. Carole

says something needs to be done; "It needs to be addressed - second time now, third time might not be too lucky.

It might take a life - which god forbid, it's frightening. "I just want them to move it to make everyone feel safe. You get paranoid thinking people are in the factory - it's playing with people's lives". There's also warnings about a small amount of asbestos cement board which has spread in the area.

A specialist contractor's been brought in to carry out the clean-up operation. But we're reassured that risks to health in the area are low, and exposure to the asbestos is unlikely. Work's also underway to break-up the plastic piles and make the site less hazardous. Cllr Jim Smith, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's Executive Member for Environment, said: "I would like to reassure residents that this Council has been in constant contact with Fire and Rescue Service colleagues and partner agencies, such as the Environment Agency and Public Health England in terms of the need to monitor the situation carefully and provide information to the local residents." Officers along with fire officers and Environmental Protection colleagues have been keeping residents and local businesses up-to-date, with further visits taking place today to give people information on the next steps. "Letters and a frequently asked questions fact sheet are also being hand-delivered to local residents and businesses." Fire officers and Environment Agency officers are also carrying out a door-knock in the area to keep people updated on the works being carried out. "The Council is working with Lancashire Fire and Rescue to support their investigation" At the height of the blaze, over 70 firefighters were at the scene to tackle the fire.

"An investigation has been launched by Lancashire Fire and Rescue to establish the cause".

<https://www.2br.co.uk/news/local-news/2395148/blackburn-fire-clean-up-officially-kicks-off/>

ARP Schools Replacing Asbestos Pipes - Meothelioma.com - Jillian Duff - Oct 12th

ARP, Texas - Arp Schools have begun replacing their asbestos pipes and seeking another water source in the meantime. Water Coolers and filters are currently being used to ensure students, faculty, and staff aren't drinking contaminated water. The possibility of getting water from another rural water supply company is being explored, City sewer lines would still be utilized, but the legality and cost need to be decided. Construction is currently underway to replace roughly one mile of the city's asbestos pipes. "said Arp Mayor Terry Lowery "A completion date cannot be given on the project because the city is currently seeking funding to replace the remaining 3 miles of asbestos throughout Arp" In August the amount of asbestos in Arp's drinking water was found to be over the Environmental Protection Agency's maximum contaminant level. At that time the district began providing bottled water for drinking and filter systems in its schools for cooking in its schools. We had started noticing something in the water, but we weren't sure what it was. "said Mayor Lowery. " We had tested it and when it came back, it was asbestos.

Arp ISD Superintendent Dwight Thomas had said. "It was very discoloured water, so obviously there's impurities in it. Whether it's safe, whether it's not safe I just don't want our kids drinking it". Asbestos is often found in cement pipes and other building materials. It was first used in cement pipes in the U.S. from a mixture of Portland cement and asbestos fibre. The addition of asbestos increased the pipes durability and resistance to corrosion. By 1953 the American Water Works Association had put standards into place governing the use of asbestos cement pipe in municipal water systems throughout the country. Today, asbestos cement pipe remains a part of Arp's and a number of other city's water delivery systems. Those pipes are now starting to reach the end of their useful life span. The main risk from asbestos cement pipes comes from the possibility of ingesting water contaminated with loose fibres. Arp isn't the only city in Texas with an asbestos water concern. Last year, the city of Devine warned its residents of high levels of asbestos present in their water. For apparently close to a year, the levels had been too high. The water samples taken had 14, 17, and 18 million fibres per litre. Due to the effects of asbestos exposure, the maximum amount permitted is 7 MFL. Another reading revealed 44.3 MFL. From 1999-2015 nearly 2,200 Texas residents died from mesothelioma. You can view a full list of cities in Texas where asbestos use in the workplace is known to have occurred.

<https://www.mesothelioma.com/news/2017/10/arp-schools-replacing-asbestos-pipes.htm>

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SHARYN FENECH THANK YOU

The ACV/GARDS Association would like to thank our committee member Sharyn for making a donation in Memory of Peter Fenech. A loved husband and father to Jason and Michelle. Thank you for supporting other families into the future who will unfortunately fall foul to this deadly carcinogen as yours did. Thank you so much.

THANK YOU TO A WONDERFUL BUNCH OF PEOPLE – FRANK FARRUGIA & CO

We would like to say a big thank you to some very special people who travelled to Bowen in Queensland for holidays and while they stayed there they all got together with the Bowen Bowling Club to raise money for our organisation. They raised a total of \$760 – a wonderful achievement. We want to thank those who donated goods for the raffles who have businesses in Bowen. We were so humbled at what was achieved. To dear Frank Farrugia and his tireless band of volunteers Narelle Farrugia, Kay Farrugia, Tia Dykstra, Evol Davidson, Janet Cronin, Alex Brodie and Helen Brodie we thank you all and all those who helped you in the Bowen Bowling Club Queensland. You have touched so many hearts and lives with what you have done. Thank you one and all.

DOREEN JACKSON THANK YOU

We would like to thank Doreen and the family very much for making a donation to us in Memory of John Jackson a very loved and cherished Husband, Father and Grandfather. Thank you for supporting other families in this manner it is very much appreciated.

SUMMIT THANK YOU TO SPONSORS OF ACV/GARDS

A Big Thank you to our sponsors who donated money to get some of the ACV/GARDS crew to the ASEA Summit in Canberra in November- Mairin OHS&E, Gippsland Trades & Labour Council and a donation from Arnold Thomas & Becker Lawyers & Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency for our registrations. It was very much appreciated without this we would not be able to attend.

THANK YOU SO MUCH HARRIET SHING MP

ACV/GARDS would like to thank Harriet Shing MP very much for the generous donation she made to our organisation. You can be assured Harriet it will be put to good use supporting asbestos sufferers.

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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!

AIR LIQUIDE & EAST GIPPSLAND AGENT FOR AIR LIQUIDE

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

JOHN MARSHALL THANK YOU

ACV/GARDS would like to thank John and his family very much for making a donation of pre-loved medical equipment to us in Memory of Lorraine who did not have asbestos disease but John wanted to give it to a good cause that could use the equipment. Among that equipment was a moveable tray, 2 x nebulisers and an oxygen concentrator. We thank you so much for thinking of us. All the equipment has a plaque on it to say who donated it and in Memory of Lorraine.

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ACV/GARDS Fees

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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 2018

1.30PM – 3.30PM

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

- Tuesday 27th February
- Tuesday 27th March
- Friday 27th April - International Workers Memorial day, Rose Garden, Morwell
- Tuesday 29th May
- Tuesday 26th June
- Tuesday 31st July
- Tuesday 28th August
- Tuesday 25th September
- Tuesday 30th October
- Friday 30th November – Asbestos Awareness Day, Rose Garden, Morwell - 11am
- Christmas Break-Up TBA

ACV/GARDS NIGHT MEETINGS FOR 2018

7.30PM – 9.30PM

Meetings are held at –
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Monash Road, Newborough

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

UP AND COMING EVENTS 2017/18

- Tuesday 31st October – Bus trip to Port Albert – Maritime Museum
- Wednesday 22nd November Asbestos Awareness Morning Tea – Gold coin donation entry – ACV/GARDS office – Monash Road, Newborough – all welcome – scones, jam & cream
- Friday 24th November Asbestos Awareness Day – in Centenary Rose Garden, Commercial Road Morwell – 11am – all welcome – community BBQ
- Saturday 2nd December – 12 noon – ACV/GARDS Xmas lunch – Silks Restaurant – Moe
- Saturday 27th January 2018 – 2pm – Venue TBA – ACV/GARDS AGM
- Tuesday 27th February 2018 – 1.30pm Support Group meeting



Speaker- Ellen-Jane Browne – Principal Advisor – Latrobe Health Innovation Zone – Dept of Human Services

Other speakers for 2018 meetings TBA

Thank you to all our speakers this year 2017

- 28th February – Mario Christou – Outa Mi Mind
- 28th March – Bus adventure to Lavender Farm
- 30th May – Mikaela Power – Stakeholder Engagement Advisor – EPA
- 27th June – Kay Radford – Rotarian – Community fundraiser
- 25th July – Ann Lovison – Palliative Care Fundraising Assoc.
- 29th August – Renee Switzer – Stakeholder Relations Manager AGL
- 29th September – lunch outing at Warragul Country Club
- 31st Oct – Excursion by bus to Port Albert Maritime Museum



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ACV/GARDS INC. SUPPORT

ACV/GARDS provides support and information to asbestos sufferers, their families and carers.

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

ACV/GARDS INC. Support also conducts a monthly meeting (1.30pm – 3.30pm) on the last Tuesday of the month) where guest presenters are invited to provide information about support services of all kinds and any other topics of interest that the members might find of relevance. The meetings also provide a gathering place for experiences; ACV/GARDS Support is open

to anyone whose lives have been affected by asbestos, their families and the general public.

ACV/GARDS loans out free of charge to asbestos sufferers - oxygen bottle regulators, conserving devices, oxygen home concentrators, wheel chairs, oxygen bottle carriers, nebuliser, walking frames & walking sticks.

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ACV/GARDS INC. EVENING MEETING

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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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