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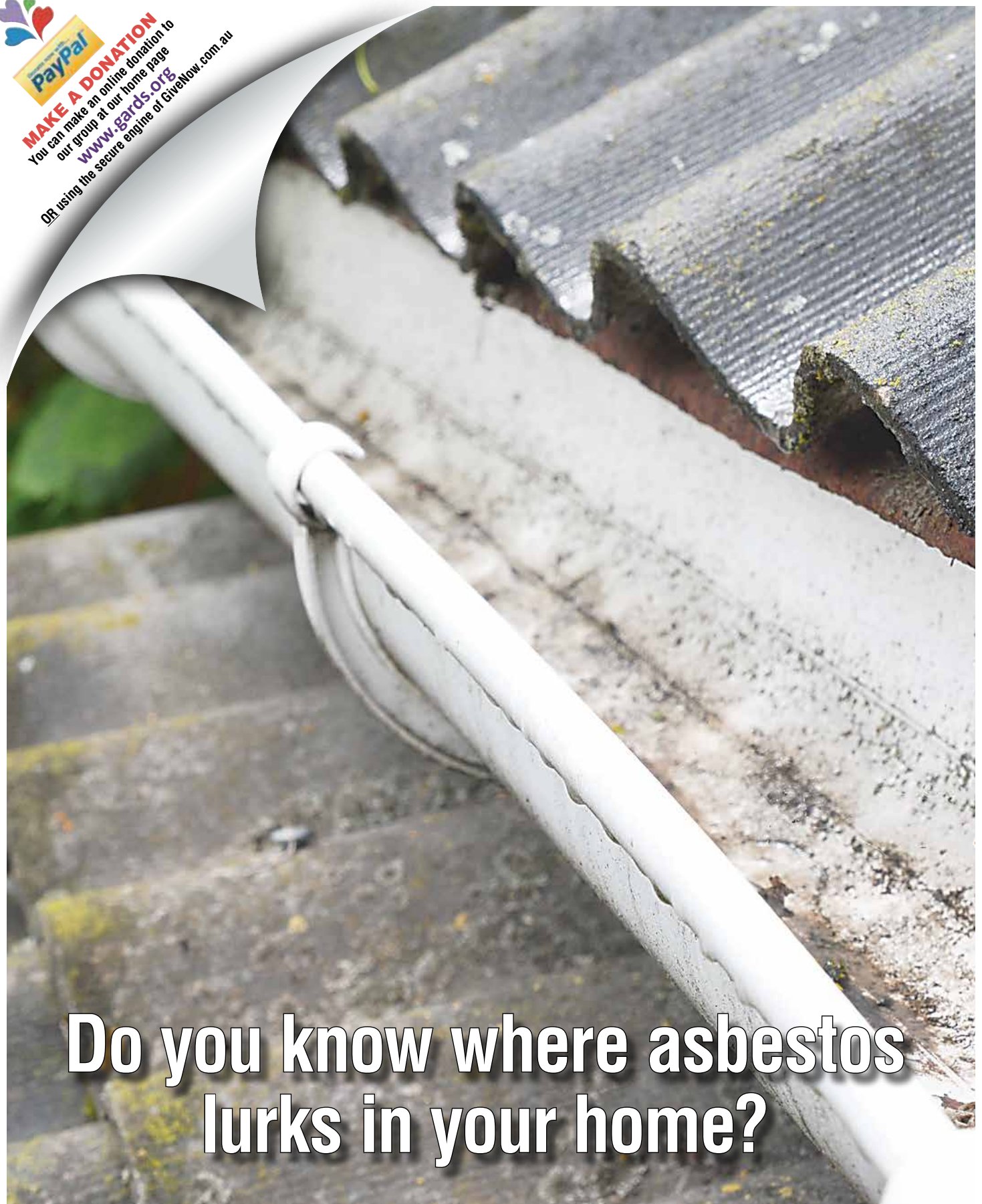
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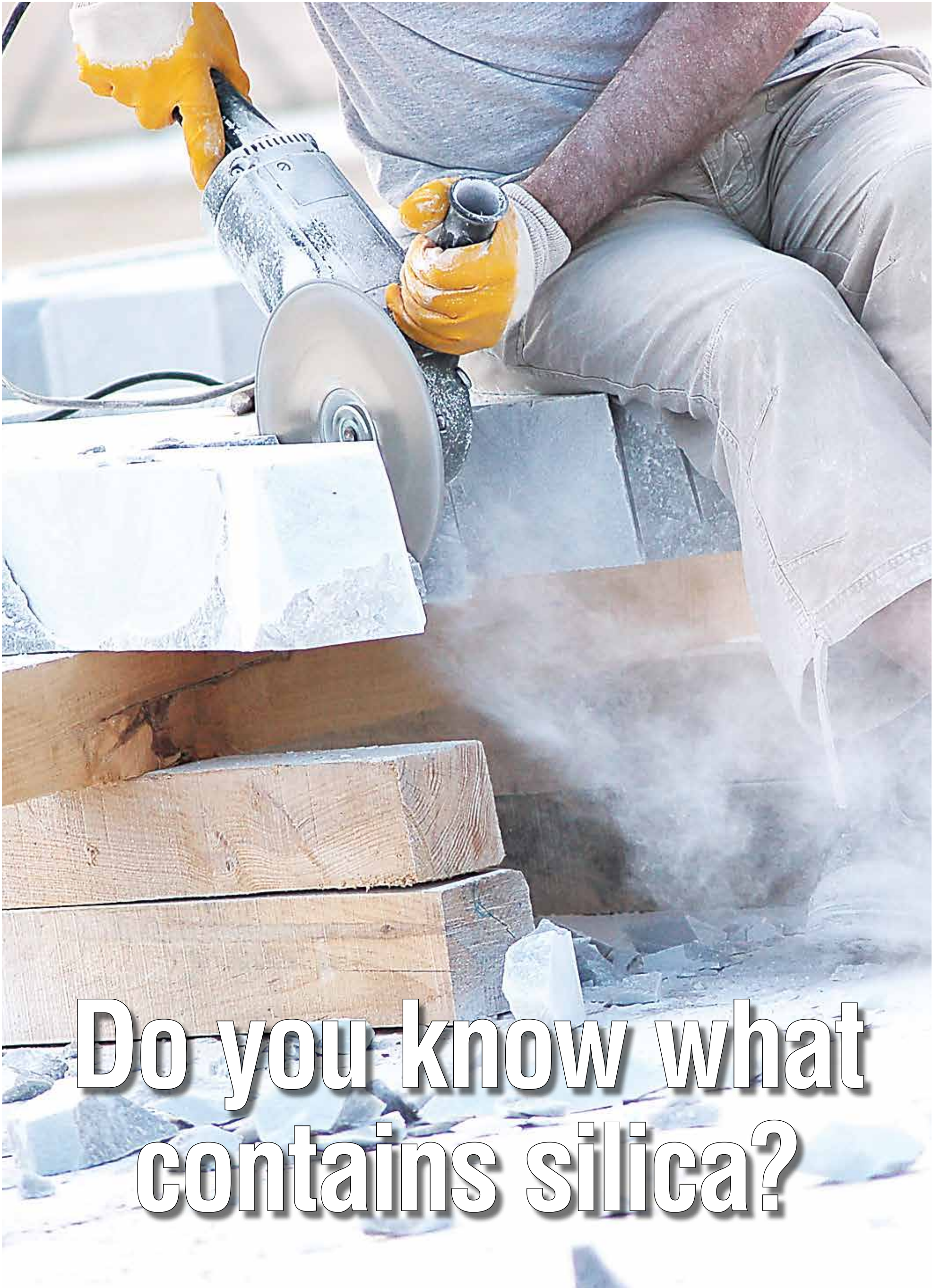


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**Do you know what
contains silica?**

PROFILE ON Monash Med Students

Hello,

My name is Henry and I am a first year medical student at Monash University. Having completed my undergraduate degree in commerce and biomedicine, I have been very fortunate to have been presented the opportunity to move down to Churchill for my first year of medicine. It has been a wonderful experience so far, and I am enjoying the many areas to explore around the

valley (as well as all the excellent food!). In my time outside of studying, I am a keen runner and enjoy exploring the area with my new colleagues and experiencing all that Gippsland has to offer.

During my first semester, I have had the pleasure of being placed at the Asbestos Council. Vicki has allowed us to experience firsthand the work she does supporting those affected by both asbestos and silicosis, as well as her continuing and tireless advocacy for those she supports. It is fair to say I have learnt a lot in my time with Vicki, particularly about how the problem of

asbestos and silicosis is still ever-present in the community, and the need for continuing support to help address this problem as well as supporting those affected by it. I think a highlight for me is being able to talk to those suffering from these conditions, and understanding the impact this has on their lives, and the importance of the support of the Asbestos Council has on their ability to live with their conditions.

This experience has highlighted to me the importance of ensuring patients have a good support system, and the role advocates such as Vicki play in ensuring these patients get the support

they need to continue to cope with their condition. In my future career, I hope to ensure patients are made aware of these support systems, as they play a critical role in ensuring they receive the best care possible.

While I will be required to spend my next few years of university in regional Northwest Victoria, I hope after my studies I will be able to come back and work in the Gippsland area as a doctor and help give back to the community.

Henry



Medical student - Emilie

Hello, my name is Emilie, and I am a first-year medical student. I grew up in Melbourne and moved to Gippsland this year to study medicine, which has been an incredible experience. I have loved having the opportunity to immerse myself in the natural beauty of the region. This experience has inspired me to seek out rural placements throughout my medical education and future career.

In my leisure time, I enjoy playing various sports and having board games nights with my friends and family. Travelling is another passion of mine, as it provides the chance to experience different environments. One of the highlights of my time in Gippsland has been camping at Wilson's Promontory, a truly beautiful and serene location.

During my placement with the Asbestos Council, I have been moved by the stories and journeys shared by the members. I am grateful to have had this opportunity to deepen my understanding of the effect of asbestos-related conditions on individuals, which has enriched my knowledge, and I will carry this forward into my professional journey.

I am eager to continue my journey through medicine and explore a wide array of specialties throughout my studies and career. I believe the experiences and insights I have gained both here in Gippsland and at the Asbestos Council will enable me to make meaningful and positive impacts on the lives of my future patients.

Emilie



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- Wine and spirits
- Large beverage pouches
- Sachets (soft plastic or foil) above 250mL that contained wine
- Some large containers including juice and flavoured milk
- Health tonics and probiotics
- Cartons under 150mL



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Profile on Jodie Deakes

CEO of the Asbestos & Silica Safety and Eradication Agency

Jodie Deakes is the Chief Executive Officer of the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency (ASSEA). Jodie has over 24 years' experience working across all regulatory functions of the Queensland and New South Wales Work Health and Safety (WHS) regulators and has contributed at the national level representing both QLD and NSW WHS regulators at Safe Work Australia meetings and other national committees. Previously, Jodie was the Executive Director, Work Health & Safety Engagement and Policy Services at the Office of Industrial Relations Queensland from 2020 to 2023 and held senior executive leadership roles across SafeWork NSW.

As the Chair of the QLD Interagency Asbestos Group, a previous member on the Asbestos

Safety and Eradication Council, and leading in support for impacted families, Jodie is passionate about preventing asbestos-related diseases.

Jodie is an alumna of the Executive Fellows Program of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government, is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and has a Bachelor of Business Management from the University of Newcastle.

At a personal level Jodie talks of her experience in all health and safety roles, of working with families with lived experience who, following the worst days of their lives, fight for change to save others.

Jodie's passion is driven by her family experience and close friends' own fight with cancer related diseases, and the dedication to service and community that her parents instilled in her.

She speaks of the privilege of fighting for better standards, technology and support that families advocate for, and which she knows will make a difference.

Jodie led the code of practice related to horse safety for inexperienced riders which was the first non-national harmonised code of practice following the death of a young girl learning to be a jillaroo.

She also led the

development of the Speak Up app following the tragic death of a young man on a building site in Sydney. The development of this app not only allows vulnerable groups to communicate unsafe activities to the regulator but allows them to do so in a way that makes them feel safe. Jodie admits that she is always up for a chat with those who have ideas but don't know what to do with them, whilst also being honest when she thinks it may not be possible at that time. However, upon reflection Jodie laughs when she remembers something someone said to her years before and realises the time has come to do more with the idea.

Jodie is unapologetic about her passion for a great culture and supporting leaders and the people she leads in the public service to be the best they can, in good times and bad. She says nothing is better when someone she has supported moves on to bigger and better things and continues to serve the community.

Reaching those who are most vulnerable and at risk, as well as those responsible for looking after them is a constant focus for Jodie. Growing up in a small regional town, with blue collar working parents, married to a tradie and having two gorgeous kids (her words) Jodie knows you can't expect to use a standard formula of education, awareness and collaboration across the community to get people to take notice and change behaviours. Jodie acknowledges that what works for one will work not for other and may not get the break-through needed. The process of how you engage is fundamental to ensuring the outcome you know you need to achieve.

Being well informed through targeted

research that is communicated in the right way and with connected data allows you to gain the credibility, trust and the impact needed. Jodie believes it's not enough to house all this great information and insight within the walls of government when others can benefit and use it in responsible and impactful ways across the community, both in national and international settings.

That's why Jodie is excited about her role as the CEO of ASSEA, allowing her to continue to engage with and learn from those with lived experience and others across the community on how to reach those she needs to.

Leading the design of two new important national plans for asbestos and silica, Jodie and her team have their work cut out for them. You can see the respect she already has for the ASSEA history, capabilities, and success, and she openly recognises that the new National Strategic Plans will step up the challenge for ASSEA, all the jurisdictions and the partners in and outside government.

Jodie says that when looking back over previous plans, so much has been achieved by the Agency, support groups and partners, and the ambition is really stepping up in the next plans. Commitment is not really a choice anymore if we are going to stop exposure and prevent the horrendous impacts of asbestos and silica related diseases. With the commitment and support of others, Jodie is confident that she and ASSEA will lead the task of coordinating the national effort over the next 6 years and identify and address other challenges as they arise.



ASBESTOS & SILICA AWARENESS EVENTS IN MELBOURNE & GIPPSLAND NOV 2024

Melbourne Event

The event will take place at the City of Melbourne Bowls Club in the Flag Staff Gardens.

Tuesday 19th November

Time 11am

There will be morning tea available at approx. 10.30am and following the event there will be a light lunch served.

Speakers of interest in silica and asbestos will be present

to share info and their thoughts and experiences.

Ecumenical service conducted by Rev'd Canon Matt Williams from St James' Old Cathedral, Melbourne West will conduct this for those present with families who have lost someone to both asbestos and silica disease and a time will be made available in the service for the laying of flowers.

The choir of hard knocks will be in attendance to sing.

Gippsland Event

The event will take place at Gippsland Heritage Park, Lloyd Street Moe.

Friday 29th November

Time 11am

Speakers of interest in silica and asbestos will be present to share info and their thoughts and experiences.

Ecumenical service conducted by Rev'd Fredericks Gradwell

from the Traralgon Anglican Church will conduct this for those present with families who have lost someone to both asbestos and silica disease and a time will be made available in the service for the laying of flowers.

The choir of YES I CAN! Gippsland Choir.

There will be a community BBQ at the conclusion of the event cooked by our Moe Lions Club.

Profile on Kim Brislane

CEO Asbestos Dust Diseases Research Institute

I am a CEO, a Board Director, Company Secretary, Volunteer and an Activist. My specialisation is not-for profit leadership, and this has been honed through executive and strategic roles spanning 30 years. It was a collection of all this experience that led me to become the CEO of the Asbestos and Dust Diseases Research Institute, a job I absolutely love.

While I am all the things mentioned, I am not a Doctor, Researcher, Scientist or Nurse so my learning curve has been steep, challenging and intense. And while you won't see me in a lab coat anytime soon, after nearly three years at the helm I have developed a deep understanding of the very complex, political world of occupational disease and its dreadful impact on people and I am committed to steering ADDRI to eradicate asbestos and dust related disease head on.

My job is to grow, connect, protect, strengthen, advance and innovate the Institute. I see myself as its chief storyteller and its loudest cheerleader. Our work, as the name suggests is research into asbestos and dust diseases. We are designated by the World Health Organisation as its Collaborating Centre for the Elimination of Asbestos Related Diseases – and this is a world first. We are also the training partner for the United Nations and are currently executing projects across southeast Asia and Columbia.

Our team is small and dedicated and our scope is global; and with the continuing burden of asbestos and increase in silicosis our work is crucial.

Over the past three years we have seen a lot of change at ADDRI, and I am incredibly proud of each milestone. We have nearly tripled our team. We have established innovative partnerships that have ensured our viability and sustainability and we have secured significant grants to put concepts into action. We have strengthened and amplified our voice to speak louder for those impacted by asbestos and dust related diseases and also advocate for our entire national network.

Life as a CEO began in an unusual way and well before I joined ADDRI. I received a call to organise the 40th Anniversary of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia with special guest HRH, The Prince Edward. This opportunity led to me being contracted to the Asia Pacific team as the Award operated across 14 countries. I was responsible for rolling out regional campaigns and one that I designed and executed was nominated as the best communications strategy in the Award world (it operates in most countries around the world). I was

then invited by the London Office to manage several major global projects – again, mostly all from my little office in the Blue Mountains, NSW where I live, flying to where I was needed.

And then, another call from the Chairman of the Award in Australia asking would I be interested in becoming the National CEO of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia. I just laughed. A lot, until I realised, he was serious. I said yes and became the national CEO for exactly 5 years to the day. This job was a dream, thousands of 'pinch me' moments, but it was hard and relentless. We had the highest growth period the Award had experienced over the previous decades during those five years and the privilege of what I experienced - working with the Royal Family, a global organisation and extraordinary young people - was never, ever lost on me.

I stepped down from this role for a few reasons. I had spent a lot of those five years in a plane. I wanted to be with my husband and my two children who were about to go to high school. I was at that point, 45 years old, and I strongly believed that a dynamic youth program needed a younger face. I wanted to make room for that person.

I also came to learn what sort of CEO I was and there are two kinds, I think. You are a Consolidator, or you are a Change Agent. I am the latter. I like building, I like innovation and I love developing and implementing new large-scale strategies.

I had introduced national programs in the role which today are still in place – but the organisation needed to consolidate these programs to ensure success, so they required a different kind of leader.

I leapt.

I also had this growing, rather annoying voice inside urging me to learn how Australian politics really worked – on the ground - so when I left The Duke of Ed, I

officially joined the Labor Party, and I got my hands dirty volunteering on two election campaigns – one State and one Federal – and I was the Director of Fundraising. These were 'candidate' campaigns – meaning these people were not in government already. Reasonably complex stuff to change an electorate's voting direction. I worked in these volunteer roles as hard as I would if I had been paid. Luckily, I then joined as a paid Director and worked on another two successful campaigns where our candidates were voted in...and it was here, that I met the person who would ring me out of the blue one day to say the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute (then named ADRI) was looking for someone to head up their Philanthropy Program.

With zero experience in the asbestos space, I leapt again and said yes.

After a year in that role, I was approached to take on the CEO role. Growing the visibility of good causes is about identifying the story, the why, the point of impact. My desire to make a

difference energises my work as CEO of ADDRI, motivates me through my board member roles, and pushes me to maintain an ethical and strategic focus. I have also been lucky enough to work with some of the most passionate and driven people in this space. I have learnt a lot and am grateful to each of them for their wisdom and generosity.

I believe in giving back and serving communities and if you are all things to all people, then you are nothing to anyone. I believe that sentiment, and that's why I'm unapologetic and clear about what ADDRI stands for and what we are fighting towards.

ADDRI is doing exceptional work to improve the diagnosis and treatment options for mesothelioma, silicosis and asbestos-related diseases here and around the world.

I trust that our legacy will be that we successfully unlock better, less invasive and lifesaving treatments because the horrendous legacy of asbestos usage in the world will be with us for decades to come.

As for me, I still live in the Blue Mountains with my family - my husband Michael and son Jasper, our daughter Mia lives in London. I'm an avid reader and write about books with my blogging partner Amanda. 10 years ago we launched readhead.com.au and since then, have shared our 2 cents on books with over 50,000 people. It is a nice balance overall.



TAFE Gippsland Yallourn Campus

Silica and Asbestos session



13th March Joanna McNeill it was wonderful to have you with us today to make young students aware of silicosis - the work is emotional but so needed amongst those who know nothing about this disease nor do they know that it is in so much more other than manufactured stone.

Today those students understood the gravity of silicosis and how deadly it is. We made a good tag team match today making 15 young people aware of silicosis and asbestos at the same time. Great job dear friend thank you to Davin Nicholas for making this happen at Yallourn campus.



Domestic Building & Construction Course for Young Trainees –

Asbestos Awareness & Silica session

13th March Joanna McNeill and our org were thrilled to be able to get to 15 young people doing this course at Gippsland Trades & Labour Council on the same day as the TAFE tute above

and making them aware of silicosis and asbestos – it was a very draining day for us as tutors as it was emotional but so needed amongst those who know nothing about these diseases nor do

they know that it is in so much more other than manufactured stone and the same for asbestos and where that may be lurking.

These students understood the gravity

of silicosis and how deadly it is. We made a good tag team match today making 15 young people aware of silicosis and asbestos at the same time. It is so needed amongst the younger cohort.



Elvis Presley Fundraiser

DAMIAN MULLIN

On the 1st June our dear member Marlene Cameron did a wonderful fundraiser for us it was an up close & personal show at Moe Racing Club and everyone was rocking ! It was a fun, feel-good evening dedicated to raising awareness and funds for ACV/GARDS – just under 200 people attended the event with Damian impersonating the late great Elvis. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much and Marlene and friends did a great job organizing the night. So much work goes into getting something like this off the ground and she certainly delivered. From all of us here at ACV/GARDS thank you

so much we all had a great night. We would like to thank the Moe Racing Club for hosting the event and to all the businesses in the district for donating raffle prizes on the night – all the businesses received certificates of appreciation. None of this happens without generosity from the those who help to make this happen. Travel Mangers, S & S Hire, Beta Electrical, Woolworths, Indulge Yourself, Twenty20 Tapas, Nextra, Moe Fruit Market, Harvey Norman x 3 prizes, Pam & Brian McGarrity, Changing Seasons, TM&H Hardware, Moe Hotel, Pink Petals, Coffee Pod.



**Not trained?
Work with someone who is.**

THINK TWICE ABOUT ASBESTOS



One of our members Marilyn Lindsey has been working on this piece of art work for many months and wanted to donate it to ACV/GARDS so that we could sell it to make money for our org.

She has created an art work of love and we hope that someone out there will make us an offer on this – 90cm wide x 77cm high The picture was created in thousands of thousands of glitter dots I am sure someones child or grandchild would love this framed art work. Please contact the office to offer a price on this incredible donation or arrange to come and see it on display in the office.

Unicorn For Sale Via Newsletter

Working on a pre-1990 build?

THINK TWICE ABOUT ASBESTOS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS Inc conducted its AGM on
Saturday the 3rd February 2024 At the ACV/GARDS office - 211 Lloyd Street, Moe

The vacant falling positions were for:

President -- Treasurer -- Committee Member

Other business conducted at the Election was an Auditor for 2024/25

Results were:

President

Dorothy Roberts

Treasurer

David Fairbairn

Committee Member

Karen Healy

All those elected were returned unopposed – congratulations these committee members will have a term of 2 years.

We look forward to a fruitful time ahead with positive changes for asbestos and silica sufferers and their families.



I am sure the 6 committee members will find it an exciting and busy year ahead with plenty of challenges to face. We also have a couple of extra photos in our line up of the committee showing our part time employee Tanya Fairbairn (left front)

And we have a pic of all who attended the AGM and thank you for coming. It is really lovely that you gave up your Saturday afternoon to take an interest.

Our auditor for the next AGM is Jamie Coltman

thank you for agreeing to conduct this for us. – Jamie has been doing this for a number of years expecting no reward for his effort. Thank you so much Jamie – Pictured are the new committee and those who attended the AGM.

Working on New Consensus Based Australian Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pleural Mesothelioma

#asbestos #mesothelioma #collaboration #addri

Vicki was privileged & honoured to be invited onto this wonderful team & looking forward to the result of all of us working together to produce the next guidelines going forward.

ADDRI has assembled a national team of the world's leading mesothelioma experts to write the New consensus

based Australian Clinical Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pleural Mesothelioma. The last guidelines were published in 2013 and a lot has changed. Chair Professor Sonja Klebe and ADDRI Academic and Research Director Dr Anthony Linton will lead the development of this updated document to bring the latest organisation and evidence-based approaches to the diagnostic assessment process for pleural mesothelioma, and to

enable tailored treatments for patients.

The incredible first workshop was held at ADDRI on Monday 15th July – Vicki stated that you could feel the enthusiasm in the room and the collaboration was energetic – the first meeting produced some really good thoughts and processes on the treatment of Pleural Mesothelioma into the future Below are pictured those who attended in person but there were many on line as well.

Those in attendance were:

David Order, Tim Driscoll, Catherine Jones, Dr Michael Jones, Dr Yijin Kuok, Professor Gary Lee, Dr Anthony Johnson, Prof Wendy Cooper, Dr Stephen A Barnett, Dr Jazmin Eckhaus, Prof David Currow, Vanessa Brunelli, Prof Nick Pavlakis, Prof Stephen Clarke, Prof Kenneth O'Byrne, Dr Melvin Chin, A/Prof Tom John, A/Prof Steven Kao, Dr Nick Bucknell, Dr Momo Tin, Jocelyn McLean, Vicki Hamilton OAM, Jenny Weismantel



ASSEA/FAMANZ International conference in Melbourne Sustaining Innovation

3rd March the start and welcome event of the 2024 Asbestos conference in Melbourne at the Rydges took place - great people and we looked forward to a successful 3 day conference packed with info and plenty of conversation ACV/GARDS enjoyed attending the ASSEA/FAMANZ International conference in Melbourne Sustaining Innovation 3rd - 6th March - great speakers - so many interesting topics - jammed into the 3 day conference - good conversations and many friendships made over the 3 day event. Many people came from all over the world to join in for this conference. The International speakers were so varied and informative about what was happening in their neck of the woods and how they were tackling asbestos in their respective countries. We learnt so much and gathered in a great deal of inspiration from those who attended. The Faculty of Asbestos Management of Australia and New Zealand (FAMANZ) and the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) invited all who were interested to attend the ASBESTOS 2024 conference. ASBESTOS 2024 – Sustaining Innovation – explored new ways to manage, remove and dispose of ageing asbestos containing materials as well as innovations in diagnosing and treating



asbestos-related illnesses. It considers how the industry would identify and manage other elongated mineral particles being more widely found in the natural environment.

This significant event included a series of concurrent streams, technical sessions, international speakers, panel discussions and social functions.

Additionally, a large exhibition hall showcased a host of industry suppliers, providing unique opportunities for networking throughout the conference, including during the welcome drinks commencing on Sunday evening.

ASBESTOS 2024 was for anyone in the asbestos management industry, remediation, risk management and who are from the front line through to developing regulatory policy and for support groups who are always dealing with the health issues and the awareness issues around this whole area.

Our organisation were very lucky to be donated money – a raffle took place at the conference and whoever won the raffle they would donate money to a charity in Victoria and as ACV/GARDS were the support group in Victoria dealing with asbestos and silica issues we were chosen to receive that money – a big thank you to - Simon Gracie - Business Development Manager - Industrial Environmental Services – Essendon Fields who won

the raffle prize for his company and pledged to donate money to a charity if they won.



HAZELWOOD PROJECTS REHABILITATION

ENGIE UPDATE 2024

Landfill works progressing

Works to close and cap the former Hazelwood Ash Pond 1 (HAP1) are well underway.

The former ash pond was repurposed as an EPA-licensed asbestos landfill during the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project demolition program. Any material contaminated with or likely to be contaminated with asbestos was safely moved to the landfill, which is less than a kilometre from the former power station block.

Now that all of the asbestos-type materials have been removed from the site, the landfill has been closed and the capping process is underway.

Large amounts of cover material have been transported to the area, to ensure the correct materials are used and to supplement material taken from on-site borrow pits.

The landfill will have a BEPM (Best Environmental Practice Method) cap, which includes clay capping, a geofabric

liner and more capping, until topsoil is sown down with grasses.

The adjoining area on the south east side of the EOD is also undergoing significant earthworks to improve drainage.

A further 12 to 18 months of work is required in this area, while monitoring will continue for a number of decades.

With photo: Earthworks at the former HAP1. A mix of cover materials have been used to ensure a BEPM cap.

Long term revegetation program starts at Hazelwood

A long-term program of revegetating a large section of the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project site has just kicked off.

Over the next six years it is expected nearly than half a million plants will be planted out across the Eastern Overburden Dump (EOD), the area where overburden was placed when excavated from the former Hazelwood

mine at Morwell. The EOD is on the eastern side of the Rehabilitation Project site, and is bounded by Monash Way, the road from Morwell to Churchill.

The focus in the first year is on the northern section of the EOD, with 65,925 plants. An appropriate mix of plants has been identified through a Revegetation Project Planting Plan.

They include blackwood, wattles, spear-grass, acacias, various gums and wallaby and kangaroo grasses.

Of note is the critically endangered Matted Flax-lily (*Dianella amoena*), and the Yarra gum (*Eucalyptus yarraensis*).

Overall plantings will be arranged to compose three different vegetation communities, Sparse Woodland, Dense Woodland and Grassy Forest. Each will attract and provide habitat for different fauna.

The revegetation works have been informed by extensive water management investigations and various studies completed between 2018 and 2021.

The work will add habitat for native wildlife, while a 25 metre firebreak will remain unplanted through the centre of the zone.

ENGIE's Project Director of the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project, Tom McDowall, said a local company has been engaged to manage the works, with a focus on local workforce participation.

"We are keen to continue to provide work opportunities and experience for local people," he said. "Programs such as these demonstrate the local skills required on rehabilitation projects such as at Hazelwood and possibly at other brown coal sites across the Latrobe Valley in the coming decades."

The scope of services required to undertake revegetation is extensive, and includes nursery propagation, preparatory groundworks for planting, planting and on-going monitoring and maintenance of planted vegetation.



Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Environmental Officer Oscar Aliotta inspects the first batch of tube seedlings that will be used in the revegetation program.

Christmas Lunch for ACV/GARDS Gippsland Members 2024

Saturday 7th Dec 2024

Christmas Break up lunch will be held at the Morwell Club Helen Street, Morwell. Time 12 noon

– 2 course meal consisting of trio of meats and all the trimmings and alternating dessert of plum pudding and pavlova – Santa will be coming and Kris Kringle exchange of presents will take place for those who wish to participate. There will be a raffle. Please notify us of your attendance in advance by 1st Nov. A flyer will come out to those who notify us that they wish to attend – the lunch will be free to financial members. If you have dietary needs please let us know and we will try to accommodate your needs. We hope to see you on this merry day for the fun and jolly good company

Christmas Lunch for ACV/GARDS Metro Members 2024

Monday 9th December 2024 – 12.15pm

(please do not come any earlier as you will not be accommodated at a table until the time listed)

Christmas break up lunch will be held at the Mulgrave Country Club we would love to see you there for 2 course lunch – your pick from menu and dessert on us - to celebrate the festive season with fun, jolly good company.

We are looking forward to seeing you there and don't forget to bring your smiles and hungry tummies. We have notified members of the date in advance but when the flyer comes out can you please confirm the booking by the date listed on the flyer – if you have dietary needs please inform us by the date on flyer

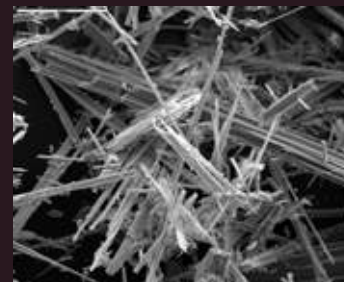
GIPPSLAND TRADES & LABOUR COUNCIL INC DOMESTIC BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

#asbestos #silica - 26th June ACV/GARDS conducted an education session to the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council Inc Domestic Building & Construction participants - great bunch of guys -, enthusiastic and asked many questions - always great to see them getting involved in the talk and we now have another bunch of young people who are now more **#asbestos & #silica** aware :) Thank you to Kellie for arranging this session.



Asbestos: New Frontiers in Management, Science, and Care

Wednesday 18 September 2024, 5-6pm AWST



Join the **National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases (NCARD)** at this public seminar. You will hear from experts about hazard management, machine learning in mesothelioma research, and the latest advances in our understanding of asbestos-related diseases.

This is a chance to hear the latest news, ask questions and network with researchers and people who have been impacted by asbestos-related diseases.

Speakers

- Samuel Jackson (Thuroona Services)
- Dr Melvin Chin (Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and NCARD)
- Prof Jenette Creaney (NCARD)

Agenda

- 4:30pm – Check in (for in-person attendance)
- 5:00pm – Asbestos: New Frontiers in Management, Science and Care
- 6:00pm – Refreshments and networking (for in-person attendance)

Location

Room G24, Harry Perkins Institute building, QEII
6 Verdun St, Nedlands WA 6009

We will also be live-streaming the event. If you can't make it in person, join us online!

RSVP is essential.

RSVP NOW
<https://bit.ly/NCARD2024>

Kangan TAFE Richmond

#asbestos #silica -

14th June - ACV/GARDS conducted an awareness session at Kangan TAFE Richmond to the Painting and Decorating TAFE teachers National Conference - teachers from other TAFES in different states came in for a get together and we were lucky enough to do an awareness session on asbestos and silica to them.

They had some great questions and the session was very interactive -

thank you for giving us the chance to enlighten you to what is happening around the issues of asbestos and silica - the teachers were a bit shy but we did get a few of them in the photo - great boutique school in the heart of Melbourne.



Gippsland Trades & Labour Council Inc Domestic Building & Construction

#asbestos #silica -

On the 10th May the ACV/GARDS team delivered an awareness session of asbestos and silica to the GTLC Domestic and Construction program to young persons to extend their knowledge for job ready, -

We were lucky to have Joanna Mcneill, Silicosis sufferer come along to help us deliver the session on silica. Vicki, our CEO delivered the asbestos component. Great questions asked by the attendees and feed back was that they really got a lot out of the session. That is what we like to hear.



INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY 2024

29th April International Workers Memorial Day – ACV/GARDS were a part of the memorial service in Latrobe Valley - our CEO Vicki Hamilton

OAM spoke at the event along with a WorkSafe representative and union members - it was a very moving moment remembering all those workers who have

lost their lives in workplace accidents and those who have contracted an illness through their working environment. The weather was not kind to us with

it raining through the ceremony but it did not dampen anyone's spirit in talking about good OH&S and the reasons why this day is so important.



TAFE Gippsland – Yallourn Campus



20th March

ACV/GARDS was invited to conduct an asbestos and silica awareness session to secondary students and apprentice painting and decorating cohort - we were fortunate to have Joanna McNeill along to conduct the silica part of our program and explain her exposure - we also had our 1st year medical students from Monash University along to see the interaction and listen to the tute - great questions from everyone - these students are now asbestos and silica aware!!!

ACV/GARDS Reps Meet with Professor Dean Fennell UK & Other Aussie Respiratory Leaders in Melbourne

Monday 19th August business dinner in Melbourne with some really good company talking about all things asbestos and silica - we met Prof Dean A. Fennell FMedSci from the UK.

This invaluable opportunity was made possible by the recently launched Commonwealth Mesothelioma Research Network (CMRN) - a partnership between ADDRI and Mesothelioma UK, supported by the Biaggio Signorelli Foundation - which will open a pathway between Australia and the UK to expand the opportunities for clinical trials and clinical research; increase specialist mesothelioma nurse training at ADDRI; and, partnering on essential international training projects in Commonwealth countries. Ultimately, the efforts are driven by one goal: to improve outcomes and support for patients. For us at ACV/GARDS this allowed us to meet

him and listen to what is happening in the UK - it was extremely exciting.

It was so good to catch up with A/Prof. Anthony Linton -Academic and Research Director |Asbestos and Dust Diseases Research Institute (ADDRI) along with Associate Professor Tom John Medical Oncologist and Dr Ryan Hoy, respiratory and sleep disorders physician in The Alfred Occupational Respiratory Clinic, and Karen Walker-Bone - Director, Monash Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health, Monash University. It was a wonderful night of exchanging information and listening to break through trials that could change the path for asbestos and silica sufferers into the future. Thank you to ADDRI for organising this most fantastic get together. Pictured below are Vicki and Tanya from ACV/GARDS with our esteemed guests - such a fun night for us.



Gippsland Trades & Labour Council Inc. Labour Day Dinner

Friday the 15th March was a lovely night full of surprises at the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council Inc Labour Day Dinner - our very own Vicki Hamilton OAM and CEO/Secretary was awarded the John Parker Community Activism Award - congrats Vicki - pictured here with her grandson Ethan who was very

excited for her Vicki was overwhelmed and shocked to receive the award and thanked all who had nominated her for the award. On the night Toby Thornton CFMEU was awarded the John Parker award for his involvement with the union movement and his retirement



Union Aid Abroad APHEDA - ASSEA/FAMANZ Asbestos Conference 2024

#asbestos #APHEDA #asbestosnothereotanywhere -

ACV/GARDS attended a function at Coopers Inn Exhibition Street Melbourne - Monday 4th March to honour a delegation of our Asian neighbours on the great work that is going on in their countries with the help of #APHEDA #ADDRI #MAURICEBLACKBURN #PAULSIGNORELLI #Tanyaplibersek #ACTU- The welcome took place to Union Aid Abroad's delegation of 12 trade union, government, and NGO representatives from Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos to Melbourne for ASBESTOS 2024, the conference of the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA).

The delegation attended the conference to learn from Australia's tragic history and current challenges in dealing with asbestos, particularly safe removal, as well as the latest advances in disease diagnosis and treatment.

Great conference in Melbourne this week to boost the asbestos ban campaign in Asia. Great to hear Minister Tanya Plibersek and Lisa Chesters MP speak on the strategy in Australia in dealing with remaining asbestos and also hear from our campaign in SEAsia. There were 13 from government, trade union and NGOs there learning and sharing. Fantastic and generous cooperation from so many. APHEDA

also linked some to accredited training in asbestos removal while they were here. Thanks to all those who took time to meet and share. #ASBESTOS24 #BanAsbestos #ASSEA #AustralianAid #actu.

One of the special guests for the evening was Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water. The Minister welcomed the delegation and provided remarks on the importance of the campaign to eradicate asbestos in our region, as well as the Government's work on the reform of the Rotterdam Convention, which regulates hazardous chemicals globally.

In addition to close collaboration with the ACTU and the Australian Government on the Rotterdam Convention, Union Aid Abroad's campaign 'Asbestos - Not Here, Not Anywhere' is making strong progress in the region. Our delegation hopes to use the conference to better understand the risks and build networks that can help achieve asbestos bans in the region.

This event was co-hosted by Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA and the ACTU with support from Maurice Blackburn terrific support for a wonderful cause to save lives into the future for our neighbours.

Pictured right are some photos taken on the night.



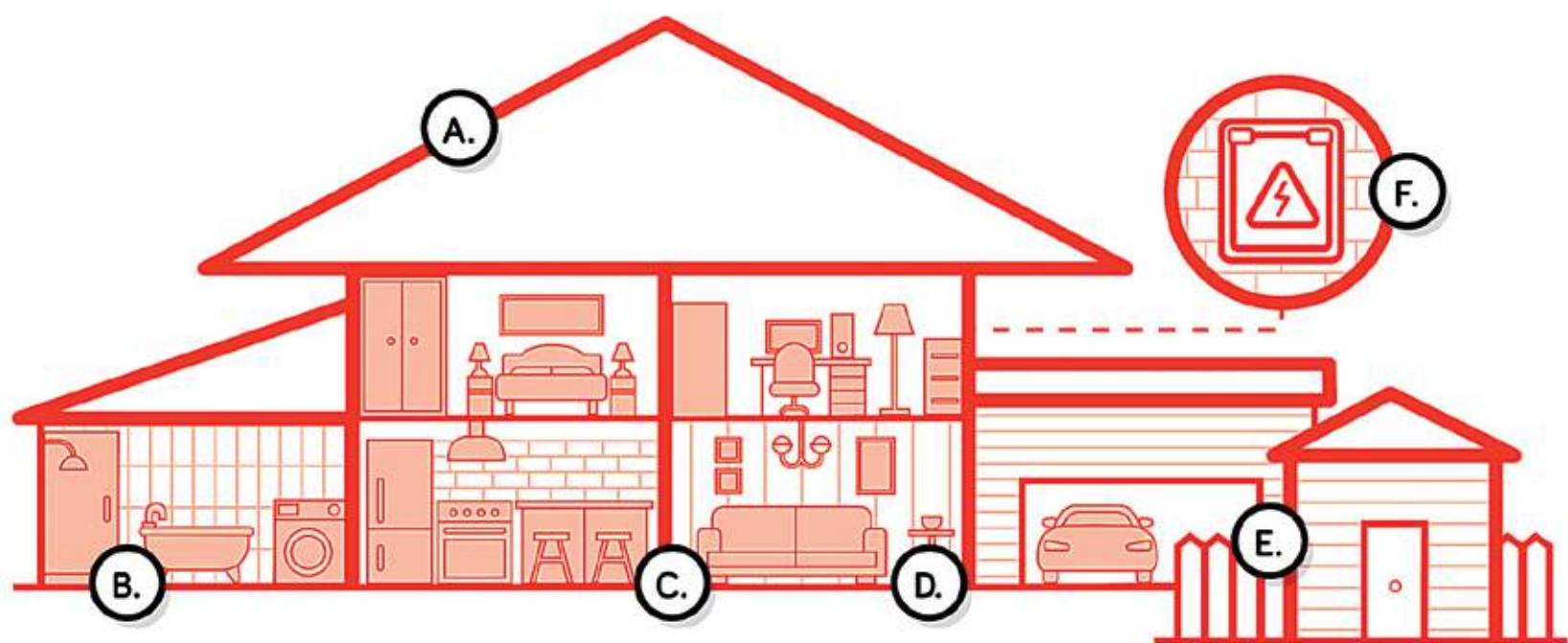
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Asbestos locations diagram



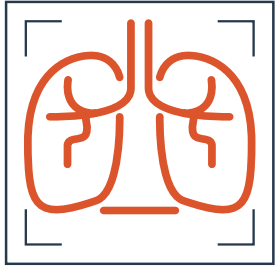
Asbestos Council of Victoria



| A. Exterior | B. Bathroom, toilet and laundry | C. Kitchen | D. Living areas | E. Backyard | F. Other areas |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Roof sheeting, gutters, downpipes, ridge capping, imitation brick cladding and lining under eaves. | Wall and ceiling panels, vinyl floor tiles and backing for wall tiles. | Wall and ceiling panels, backing for splashbacks, vinyl floor tiles, backing of vinyl flooring and insulation in stoves. | Wall and ceiling panels, carpet underlay and insulation in domestic heaters. | Fences, garden sheds, garages, carports, outdoor toilets, dog kennels, buried and dumped waste materials. | Backing of electrical switchboards, insulation in roof cavities, hot water pipe insulation, textured paint and plaster patching compounds. |

ASBESTOS

An estimated **4,000 Australians** die annually from asbestos-related diseases³



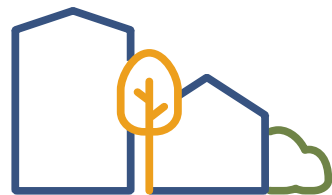
Approximately **6.4 million tonnes** of asbestos materials remain in our built environment⁴



Asbestos is in one in three homes across Australia⁵



Increased asbestos removal from buildings can prevent up to **28,000 deaths** by 2100⁶



Time and cost to recover from a disaster increases significantly if asbestos is present⁷



Asbestos materials are degrading, increasing the risk they pose⁷



Every dollar spent on increasing the rate of asbestos removal can return a positive net benefit to the Australian economy⁶



128 countries still use asbestos, although worldwide consumption halved in the past decade, decreasing to **1.3 million tonnes** in 2022⁸



Source: ASSEA Operational Plan 2024-25

Was your home built before 1990?



THINK TWICE ABOUT ASBESTOS



20 YEARS ASBESTOS TOTAL BAN IN AUSTRALIA

But... there is more to do to prevent disease

Asbestos is dangerous. And it could be in your home.



THINK TWICE ABOUT ASBESTOS



20 YEARS ASBESTOS TOTAL BAN IN AUSTRALIA

But... it is still found in 1-in-3 homes

Is asbestos in your home?



THINK TWICE ABOUT ASBESTOS



RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA (RCS)

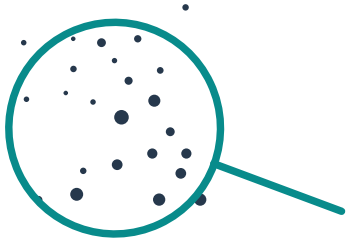
A 2022 study estimated **584,000** Australian workers are **exposed to RCS** in 2016⁹



If uncontrolled, this exposure could result in up to **103,000** silicosis cases and **10,000** lung cancers⁹

103k

RCS particles are typically **100 times smaller than a grain of beach sand**^{10,11}



Exposure to RCS can cause serious lung disease leading to **permanent disability and death**¹²



Globally, silicosis accounts for **90%** of all **pneumoconiosis cases** and is a serious public health issue¹³

90%

Silica-related diseases are **preventable**¹²



Crystalline silica is a common, naturally occurring mineral found in most rocks and soils¹⁴



RCS is generated when crystalline silica products are subjected to **mechanical processing**¹⁴



Source: ASSEA Operational Plan 2024-25

Did you know!! engineered stone has now been banned since the 1 July 2024, it applies to engineered stone benchtops, panels and slabs. A national ban on the product is now in place.

Crystalline silica is a natural mineral found in construction materials such as: concrete, bricks, tiles, mortar, sandstone quarries, and construction.

The amount of crystalline silica in products can vary.

Examples include:

Brick: 5-15%
Concrete: less than 30%
Ceramic tiles: 5-45%
Reconstituted stone:
more than 90%
Granite contains . 30% silica
Slate 40%,
Quartz 93%
Sandstone is almost pure silica

Silica that is less than 10 micrometres are known as respirable crystalline silica & they are small enough to breathe in & penetrate deep into the lungs

MEETING DATES

INCORPORATING OUR ASBESTOS/SILICA SUPPORT GROUPS IN GIPPSLAND & METRO

GIPPSLAND MOE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 2024

Last Tuesday of the month -
1.30pm to 3.30pm

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

- 24th SEPTEMBER 2024
- 29th OCTOBER 2024
- 29th NOVEMBER 2024 [asbestos & Silica awareness day] – Gippsland Heritage Park, Moe
- 7th – December 2024 - Xmas Breakup – Morwell Club
- GIPPSLAND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 2025
- Last Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM-3:30PM
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025 – our office**
- 25th FEBRUARY 2025
- 25th MARCH 2025
- 29th APRIL 2025
- 27th MAY 2025
- 24th JUNE 2025

METRO CHADSTONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 2024

Second Monday of the month,
1:30PM-3:30PM

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

- 9th SEPTEMBER 2024
- 14th OCTOBER 2024
- 19th NOV 2024 [Asbestos & Silica awareness day] – City of Melb Bowling Club
- 9th December - Christmas Breakup – Mulgrave Country Club
- METRO CHADSTONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 2025
- Second Monday of the month, 1:30PM-3:30PM
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025 – our office**
- 10th FEBRUARY 2025
- XX MARCH 2025 – Public Holiday date to be advised
- 14th APRIL 2025
- 12th MAY 2025
- XX JUNE 2025 – Public Holiday date to be advised

NIGHT MEETING, OPERATIONAL/BUSINESS FOR 2024 - GIPPSLAND MOE

Third Tuesday of the month,
7:30PM-9:00PM

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

- 17th SEPTEMBER 2024
- 15th OCTOBER 2024
- 19th NOVEMBER 2024
- Christmas Breakup – as advertised
- NIGHT MEETING, OPERATIONAL/BUSINESS FOR 2025
- Venue GIPPSLAND MOE
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025 – our office**
- 18th FEBRUARY 2025
- 18th MARCH 2025
- 15th APRIL 2025
- 20th MAY 2025
- 17th JUNE 2025

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NEW WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING FOR ACV/GARDS
THANK YOU TO ALINTA LOY YANG B Community Partnership Program & the CFMEU Construction & General Vic/Tas

Loy Yang B Power Station
Powering  alintaenergy

Alinta Loy Yang B Community Partnership Program 2024/25

ACV/GARDS applied for a grant from the Community Partnership Program this year for the very urgent need for a laptop to be able to conduct our awareness sessions when we are out and about – at TAFES, Community orgs, etc. and

we were lucky enough to be granted the money to purchase this much needed equipment. Thank you so much from all of us it will be well used and has had a plaque placed on it saying who generously donated this.

Loy Yang B Power Station

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VALE RAY WHITTAKER

It is with great sadness that ACV/GARDS would like to announce the passing of Ray Whittaker earlier this year.

Ray was on our committee of management for over 5 years and stood down when he became too ill to continue in his

position. We were honoured to pay tribute to him at his funeral service and give him a farewell with love in our hearts and fond memories to those who attended RIP Ray



VALE Robert Vojakovic AM

Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia Inc. Our deepest sympathy to Rose Marie, Melita and Simone. Robert was a great Australian and over 4 decades did some wonderful support and advocacy for asbestos sufferers in WA and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Robert was a trailblazing advocate who spent decades fighting tirelessly for the rights of asbestos-disease sufferers while also raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos in the community.

Robert will be remembered for his innate sense of justice. As the founder of the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia, he assisted some of the earliest Wittenoom mine workers with

their workers' compensation claims. After recognising that the entitlements they received were grossly inadequate, Robert then found himself fighting for fairer compensation for mesothelioma sufferers and was a driving force in early cases against CSR Ltd.

Through his advocacy work and campaigning for asbestos law reforms, Robert brought about positive changes which have benefited countless Western Australians and their families who have been impacted by asbestos diseases.

ACV/GARDS will always remember Robert for his unrelenting dedication, compassion and kindness.

Every year,
more than
4,000
AUSTRALIANS
die from asbestos

Asbestos is in
1 OUT OF EVERY 3
Australian homes

Special People and Organisations

Thank You

Regular donations made to us by these generous companies – thank you to:

Sam & Matt 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 diverse ways over the last six months – Carolyn Davis regular donations each month, Denise and Greg Siinmaa donation of a chair, Maureen Westhorpe & Stephen Nachorny, Jenny Snape, Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, Hazel Sargeant, Doreen Jackson, Ian Lee, Malcolm Fabiny, March Waltham, Chris Healy, L Raines, Maree Hall, Rodney Mannix, Paul Roche.

Latrobe Health Assembly

- Thank you so much to the Latrobe Health assembly for their generous donation to our event in the park for Asbestos Awareness day in Nov 2023 – we very much appreciated you attending and supporting our event.

Thank you so much to Mairin OHS&E Consulting for fundraising for ACV/GARDS we really appreciated it. The money raised came from the selling confectionary at the office – terrific effort people and so appreciated.

- ACV/GARDS would like to thank Eden Disipio from Dasma Services Pty Ltd for helping us out earlier this year – it was very much appreciated Eden – your kindness was noted.

Donations made in Memory of - Craig and Ann Watson

- Ray Watson and family

Donations made in Memory of - Peter Fenech

- Sharyn Fenech, Michelle Fenech & Jason Fenech

Donations made in Memory of - Alan Roberts

- Vicki & Graeme Hamilton, Dorothy Roberts

Donations made in Memory of - Richard Roberts

- Dorothy Roberts & Vicki Hamilton



We would like to thank this org

for supporting us with a monetary donation/ sponsorship and helping us in so many ways – it is a real honour to have you in our corner.

CMV STAFF CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

- Earlier this year we were lucky to be given a donation from the CMV Staff Charitable Foundation located in SA – we are so thrilled to be honoured with the donation – thank you so much.

Donations made in Memory of – Jim Sargeant

- Hazel Sargeant, Mary & Liam Rossney

- Uniting Church Parish of Yallourn – thank you so much to the Thrift shop and the volunteers – they do such a great job – it is always wonderful to receive a donation.

Thank you so much Minister Harriet Shing MP for your donation to us it was a lovely gesture to make for a worthy project we were undertaking – you are a special lady.

A big thank you to Michael Hutchinson & family for their generous donation to our org – it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the CFMEU Construction & General Vic/TAS team of Gerry Ayres – Jason Deans and Brendan Mizzi – you have been fantastic to our org and we very much appreciated all your help you have given this year – you are our champions.

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Thank you to Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project - Engie For the wonderful donation/sponsorships to us.



A big thank you to Petra Webster for all the rugs and scarfs she makes for us that go into our raffle and for others to purchase her creations – she is so clever.

Thank you to Brian & Karen Healy setting up our fundraiser for Recycling and looking after the disposal of the recycle as it comes into the office – it is very much appreciated.

- Thank you so much to - Simon Gracie Business Development Manager and all the staff of- Industrial Environmental Services – Essendon Fields who won the raffle prize at the ASSEA/ FAMANZ conference and pledged to donate to a worthy charity if they won. How wonderful was that – it was us !!



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:

Committee of Management

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Sharyn Fenech
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Member:

Karen Healy
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ACV/GARDS Fees

Joining Fee: \$5.00

Annual Fees:

Pensioner/Concession

Unemployed \$5.00

Employed persons \$15.00

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: ____/____/____

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 - 9.00pm

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

Have you paid your ACV/GARDS Membership Fees

All fees are due and payable 30th September of each year

**The fees are: \$5 for concession & \$15 for employed persons -
Joining fee remains the same at \$5**

Up and coming events 2024 & 2025

Asbestos & Silica Awareness events

Tuesday 19th Nov

At the City of Melb Bowls Club – Flag Staff Gardens commencing at 11am – all are welcome.

Friday 29th Nov

at Gippsland Heritage Park – commencing at 11am – all are welcome.

Details of events can be found in the newsletter

AGM scheduled for Saturday February 8th 2025 –

2pm at the ACV/GARDS office 211 Lloyd Street, Moe – all are welcome to attend.



Online donations

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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, 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.



ACV/GARDS Inc. would like to thank these sponsors and supporters



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