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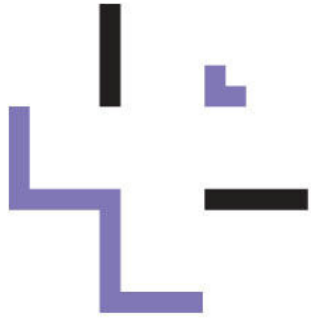
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Volunteers needed for study into Asbestos Related Disease

The Wesley Research Institute's Asbestos Research Group is seeking volunteers diagnosed with Malignant Mesothelioma who are:

- Aged over 18 years
- Willing to complete a questionnaire
- Willing to give a blood sample

The aim of this study is to gain a better understanding of genetic and environmental factors in the development of asbestos-related disease.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more information, please call The Wesley Research Institute Clinical Trials Centre on 07 3721 1523 or visit www.asbestosresearchgroup.org.au.

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President's Report

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**Asbestos
Awareness
Saves
Lives**

Amendment to workers compensation Act for Asbestos Disease suffers; our negotiations with Work Cover over the proposed changes to workers compensation were very successful; Asbestos Diseases will not be subject in any way to the proposed amendments of the Act. We find ourselves again paying tribute to The Honourable Cameron Dick (Attorney General), Simon Finn MP, Evan Moorhead MP, and Di Farmer MP as well as Paul Goldsbrough Senior Director Policy, all of whom were very supportive in our campaign to resist changes to asbestos disease legislation.

The Queensland State Government is to be commended for their support and understanding shown to people who find themselves diagnosed with an asbestos disease.

On the 30th April the National Mesothelioma Register was launched by the Honourable Julia Gillard MLA (Deputy Prime Minister), at the Bernie Banton Research Centre located at the Concord Hospital in Sydney. The data will be collected and managed by the Cancer Council of NSW. The accurate correlation of this data is essential to know the true level of Mesothelioma throughout Australia. The cancer council is very experienced in correlating this type of data as it has been keeping records of cancers for quite some time. This information will assist us to highlight the urgent need for adequate funding in the areas of research and treatment of Mesothelioma. The register will come into effect on the 1st July 2010.

As you would all probably know James Hardie is involved in many claims for compensation for asbestos diseases, what you may not be aware of is CSR known best for its involvement in the sugar and alternate fuel industries is also involved in a great many claims for asbestos disease compensation. CSR produced fibro products under the label of Wunderlich; this was sold through its building products company, which although it no longer sells asbestos products does still operate. CSR is proposing a demerger of its Sugar and Alternate Fuels from the rest of the company, or simply split the company and sell the portions off separately. This it is believed would seriously affect its ability to continue to meet its liabilities for asbestos compensation as the company as a whole is currently liable for these costs. It is estimated that CSR's liability for the foreseeable future is around one billion dollars, however this could and would change dramatically if

for some reason the James Hardie fund closed down. We must oppose the sell off and/or demerger of CSR and insist on the provision of adequate funding to be placed in trust to ensure future asbestos disease claims are paid in full.

An Asbestos Summit, "Toward a Safe Asbestos Free Environment", is being held in Sydney on the 28th and 29th June 2010, this is an opportunity to contribute to the debate, just how much asbestos can be removed and at what rate, what should be done first and what poses a lesser risk so it can be done last. The priority will of course differ depending upon the participants own circumstance, for example if a participant works at a school they will feel that all schools should be the top priority however does it make the boiler attendant at a power station or sugar mill any less important. The one thing we do know is there is thousands of tonnes of asbestos in the community and due to safety constraints it must be removed only at a rate it can be safely, handled, transported and ultimately buried. Whatever the outcome of this debate a key factor to the implementation of any recommendations will be cost, and who should pay it. I will keep you all informed.

Unfortunately the March and May General Meetings failed to attract enough people to form a **quorum**; However I do appreciate that due to health and other commitments it is not always possible to make it to these meetings. What we will do is if a **quorum** is not reached at a meeting the executive will meet and carry on the business of the society, this will ensure that decisions are made in a timely manner and ensure the smooth flow of society business will continue.

The May Day BBQ was a tremendous success again this year and as with previous years this is only achieved through the hard work and efforts of our loyal volunteers, a very **Big** thank you must go to you all whether you manned the BBQ stall, the Asbestos Information Booth or sold raffle tickets. A **Very Special Thank You** must go to Trish Ramsay who single handily collected \$702.00 in Donations at the May Day, and to date has sold over \$1,000.00 in raffle tickets, well done Trish;

I am pleased to advise the appointment of Ms Laraine Acfield a Social Worker who commenced work with the Society on 10th May 2010. Laraine's primary role is to liaise with Hospitals throughout Queensland with the aim of contacting as many people as possible who are diagnosed with Asbestos Diseases at the time of their diagnoses allowing the society to maximise the assistance to them.

Special thanks must go to Evan Moorhead MP Member for Waterford, and Di Farmer MP Member for Bulimba for their assistance in submitting a number of government funding applications, which if successful will allow the society to continue to provide services to all Queenslanders with asbestos related diseases.

The Society has a new publication, "asbestos related diseases – information for sufferers, carers and the community". This publication was launched on Tuesday 15th June 2010, with everyone in attendance receiving a copy. The information contained in this publication has been derived from our researching the many enquiries we receive at the Society over several years in a variety of fields and topics. This informative and practical book is designed to use in conjunction with the advice of your treating Doctor's. Note:- This publication could not have been achieved if not for the many hours put in writing and re writing articles, proof reading and more re writing thank you to all those concerned, in particular those named in the acknowledgements.

Helen Colbert
Mobile: 0439 101 114



BRAKE LININGS, ASBESTOS EXPOSURE AND MESOTHELIOMA

It is fairly well known that different types of asbestos fibre are more dangerous in terms of causing mesothelioma.

There are essentially three types of asbestos that were commercially used in Australia and these are as follows:-

1. Chrysotile or white asbestos was mined in Canada and also in Australia at the Baraba Mine near Tamworth and the Baryulgil Mine near Grafton.
2. Amosite or brown asbestos predominantly came from South Africa.
3. Crocidolite or blue asbestos which came from South Africa and the Wittenoom Western Australia Mine.

Whilst there are countless products that contained asbestos, the three major types of products which contained asbestos in Australia were fibro sheeting, insulation materials and brake linings and other friction products. Brake linings almost always contained white asbestos, or chrysotile. There has been some controversy in the scientific literature as to whether white asbestos, or chrysotile, causes mesothelioma. Certainly blue asbestos is the most dangerous in terms of causing mesothelioma followed by brown asbestos. Insulation products and fibro often contained brown and blue asbestos.

The Dust Diseases Tribunal of New South Wales recently considered a case of a mechanic, John William Booth, who developed mesothelioma and he alleged that this largely arose from his occupation as a mechanic between 1953 and about 1983. Mr Booth regularly worked with brake linings containing white asbestos during this period.

In its Judgment delivered on 10 May 2010, the Tribunal held that white asbestos fibre from brake linings used by Mr Booth contributed to his mesothelioma condition.

There have not been many decided cases which have dealt with the connection between white asbestos and mesothelioma. This decision is an important decision in clarifying this issue and should make it easier for mechanics and other persons working with white asbestos to recover compensation in the future.

If you have any questions about the decision do not hesitate to contact me on 3025 9000.

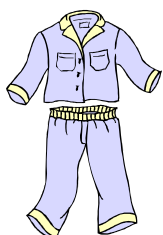
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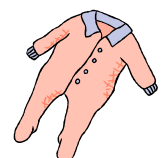
One of our greatest supporters is Di Farmer MP – Member for Bulimba. Ms Farmer has written to us, asking for our support in promoting a wonderful effort by the Pyjama Foundation to help kids who are in foster care. It's a sad fact that around 7,500 children and young people in Queensland won't get to spend the night at home because it is not safe.

When children enter a foster home they can arrive with little – or nothing – but the clothes they're wearing. Buying a new pair of pyjamas is an everyday occurrence for so many of us, but for these children it can make a real difference.

People who would like to donate to this wonderful cause are asked to drop off a **new** set of girls's or boy's pyjamas, sized between 0000 and adult, to Di Farmer's office which is located at 901 Wynnum Road Cannon Hill QLD, Monday – Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm 'or' you can send or bring them in to Q.A.R.D.S.S. office at Level 6, 101 Wickham Terrace Spring Hill.



I know, from experience, how generous our local community is towards those who are in need. By promoting this charity drive, you will be helping to brighten the lives of our most vulnerable children and young people. For further information about the Pyjama Foundation and/or the charity drive, go to www.pyjamafoundation.com/ or phone our office on 1800 776 412 or Di Farmer's office on (07) 3399 9492.



SAFETY ALERT



Safety and health alert

Asbestos gaskets in imported plant

Incident

Items of plant were recently imported into Western Australia and found to contain bonded asbestos gaskets. The plant was imported from New Zealand and Thailand for installation at a major industrial site. Workers at the site were unaware that any gaskets contained asbestos.

Contributing Factors

- All forms of asbestos containing materials have been prohibited imports in Australia since 31 December 2003.
- Gaskets containing asbestos are still manufactured in some other countries.
- Plant was imported that included temporary shipping gaskets containing asbestos.
- Gaskets containing asbestos may have a similar appearance to non-asbestos gaskets.

Recommendations

1. Importers should ensure that imported plant does not contain asbestos containing materials.
2. Suspect material should be analysed by a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory.
3. Any removal work must be carried out by a competent person such as a licenced asbestos removalist.
4. Removal methods for asbestos gaskets and other asbestos containing materials are found in the Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos.
5. Asbestos waste must be disposed of at a licensed asbestos disposal site.

Exposure to Asbestos

Incident

Workers were exposed to asbestos-containing material when an employee used a battery operated drill to attach a loose post to a wall containing asbestos material. The employee drilled a series of holes in the asbestos-containing wall, exposing himself and cleaners to asbestos. The building was built in the 1930s and was likely to contain asbestos material.

Contributing Factors

- Workplaces built before 1990 are likely to contain asbestos material.
- The presence and locations of asbestos at the workplace had not been identified.
- The risk due to asbestos at the workplace had not been assessed.
- An asbestos register was not present at the workplace.
- Asbestos-containing materials were not labelled.
- Workers and persons conducting maintenance, repairs and cleaning had not been informed about the presence of asbestos at the workplace and the associated risks.
- A powered hand tool without appropriate dust suppression or dust extraction attachments designed to collect asbestos fibres was used to drill holes in the asbestos-containing material.
- A conventional vacuum cleaner was used to clean up asbestos dust and material.

Recommendations

Employers, persons having control of the workplace, main contractors and self employed persons all have responsibilities relating to asbestos at the workplace, including the duties listed below.

1. Identify the presence and locations of asbestos at the workplace and assess the risks in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces [NOHSC:2018(2005)].
2. Provide a current asbestos register at the workplace and provide information to workers on the asbestos register and the presence of asbestos.
3. Label asbestos-containing materials at the workplace.
4. Make the asbestos register available to supervisors and workers prior to the commencement of any maintenance, repair or cleaning work on identified or suspected asbestos, so that safe work methods can be put in place.
5. Conduct all work involving asbestos cement building materials in accordance with Part 9 of the Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd Edition [NOHSC:2002(2005)].

Very Important Appeal

The Society needs your help!!

We have been donated a box trailer (Thankyou Bovis Lend Lease) valued at \$1500.00. Our aim is to fill this trailer with tools, outdoor furniture, TV, fridge, BBQ, whatever! So we can raffle it at our annual Race Day. Tickets would be sold at \$10 each hopefully raising \$8,000 - \$10,000.

The money raised from this raffle and the funds from race day are spent in aid of our members.

This year we will be sponsoring a Research Graduate in the field of mesothelioma research. The total cost of this is \$100,000.00, with the program being conducted over 3 years. This research is novel and potentially ground-breaking as it is aimed at ways to reduce the debilitating and currently fatal prognosis of malignant mesothelioma sufferers using unique and innovative new approaches. Our research is directed towards using this novel therapy to extend the life of sufferers using a non-invasive, self-managed and effective therapy.

If you would like further information regarding this research, please call the office on 1800 776 412.

Reminder - Raffle Tickets



The draw date for the raffle is fast approaching
– Thursday 8th July, 2010.

For your chance to win one of the four wonderful prizes, please send in your tickets. If you have been unable to sell all of your tickets, return them also as we can resell them.

Thanking you so much for your support and we would like to wish you *Good Luck* in the raffle.

Rise in Centrelink deeming rates.

From 20 March 2010, the deeming rates increased from 2 to 3 per cent for the first \$42,000 of total financial investments held by a single pensioner. For a pensioner couple, that rate applies to the first \$70,000. For financial investments in excess of these amounts, the deeming rate increased from 3 to 4.5 per cent.

The Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Honourable Jenny Macklin MP, said that the deeming rates had been reduced to historic lows in response to the Global Financial Crisis. These were maintained by the government until March to assist pensioners recovering from the impacts of the Global Financial Crisis on their financial investments. Improved returns are available to pensioners, and if pensioners earn more than the deeming rates, the extra income is not assessed.

The deeming rates are used by Centrelink and the Department of Veterans' Affairs to assess income from financial investments for pension and allowance purposes. The social security deeming rates reflect the returns available to pensioners from a range of financial investments.

Many pensioners who receive a full pension have not been affected by these changes. Based on these deeming rates, under the income test a single pensioner whose only income is from financial investments can have \$96,000 in investments and still receive a full pension, while a pensioner couple can have \$166,600 and still receive a full pension. Further information is available from Centrelink by calling **13 2300**.

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

Asbestos – Low density asbestos fibre board

Purpose

This fact sheet provides information about low density asbestos fibre board.

What is low density asbestos fibre board?

Low density asbestos fibre board is a lightly compressed board which looks similar to asbestos cement sheeting or plaster board. It is also sometimes referred to as asbestos insulating board. Generally, low density asbestos fibre board was manufactured as a flat sheet product although some perforated sheeting typically used for acoustic ceiling applications was also manufactured. The most common example of low density asbestos fibre board is 'Asbestolux', a product formerly manufactured by James Hardie Pty Ltd.



Photograph 1: Asbestolux

Samples of low density asbestos fibre board have shown it contains up to 70 per cent (by volume) asbestos fibres and is generally composed of brown asbestos (amosite) and white asbestos (chrysotile) in a calcium silicate plaster. The asbestos fibres are not bound in a cement matrix as with asbestos cement sheeting.

Low density asbestos fibre board is often soft and the pressure of a fingernail pushed into the surface can leave an indentation.



Photograph 2: Low density asbestos fibre board

Where is low density asbestos fibre board typically found?

Low density asbestos fibre board was typically used for wall and ceiling panels, often in high humidity applications. It has been used for fire protection, thermal and acoustic insulation and for general building work in industrial and commercial buildings, education facilities and domestic premises. It was manufactured in the late 1950s to mid-1960s and is unlikely to be found in buildings constructed after 1982.

What is the risk of exposure from low density asbestos fibre board?

Low density asbestos fibre board is softer than asbestos cement sheeting and will crumble easily if disturbed. If the material is in good condition and left undisturbed, it presents a low risk to building occupants. However, release of airborne fibres can occur even with minor mechanical disturbance.

During maintenance activities the potential for asbestos fibres to be released is high if low density asbestos fibre board is broken, removed or disturbed without adequate precautions.

Removal work

Due to the high percentage of asbestos fibres present in low density asbestos fibre board and the soft nature of the product, low density asbestos fibre board is regarded as a friable asbestos containing material. Friable asbestos containing material must only be removed by an 'A' class certificate holder and performed in accordance with the *Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd ed.* [NOHSC:2002 (2005)].

Maintenance work

It is essential to establish whether maintenance work can be performed without disturbing low density asbestos fibre board. Sawing, drilling or cutting into this material will result in significant fibre release. Therefore, any maintenance work carried out on or around low density asbestos fibre board must be planned and precautions taken to prevent exposure to airborne asbestos fibres.

Maintenance and service tasks on or around low density asbestos fibre board can only be carried out after a competent person has assessed the material and proposed task to determine the level of risk and appropriate control measures.

The register of asbestos containing material

It is the legal responsibility for the owner of a workplace built under an approval given by a local government before 1 January 1990 to ensure that, as far as practicable, all asbestos containing materials in the workplace are identified, assessed and documented in a register for asbestos containing material.

The location of any low density asbestos fibre board in a workplace, or low density board presumed to contain asbestos, must be recorded in the register of asbestos containing material. The type (i.e. friable), condition (i.e. damaged or intact) and type of asbestos contained in the low density asbestos fibre board must also be recorded in the asbestos register.

For more information

Visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on 1300 369 915.

Visit the website to download:

- *Identifying and recording asbestos in the workplace* fact sheet
- *Air monitoring when removing asbestos* fact sheet
- *Clearance inspections for asbestos work areas* fact sheet
- *Asbestos flooring* fact sheet
- *Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces*
- *Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd edition*
- *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995*
- *Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2008.*

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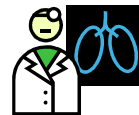


Asbestos Awareness Stickers

Did you find your Asbestos Awareness Stickers enclosed in this newsletter?
Please place it on your car and give some to your friends and neighbours to help spread the word
'Asbestos is Dangerous'



From the Desk of Dr Maurice M Heiner – *Pneumonia*



Pneumonia is a condition where the gas exchange area of the lung is infected. Pneumonia may be caused by many bacteria and/or viral or atypical infections such as mycoplasma, legionnaire or Chlamydia pneumophilia. Influenza A and B also cause pneumonia.

Pneumonia may occur in healthy adults and have a very acute onset. Patients may be well and then suddenly deteriorate, presenting with high temperature, chest pain and frequently coughing up blood. This type of pneumonia is referred to as “typical pneumonia” and is usually caused by bacteria. The pneumococcus (streptococcus pneumoniae) is the agent which typically presents in this manner and is the most common organism causing pneumonia in adults. Pneumonia may also occur in patients who have smoker’s induced lung disease (chronic obstructive airway disease) or asthma and may follow colds, flu-like illnesses or exacerbations (deteriorations) in their asthma or airway disease. Atypical pneumonias present in a slightly different fashion. They start usually as a sore throat and are typical of other respiratory infections. Later a dry cough develops. A few days later the cough may become productive and then of course the sufferer may become extremely short of breath, develop chest pain and increasing respiratory distress. Headache and gastrointestinal symptoms together with muscle aches and pains, may accompany these symptoms. This is referred to as “atypical pneumonia”.

Patients who have underlying lung disease such as pulmonary fibrosis (asbestosis) are more prone to infection and pneumonia when they develop colds or flu-like illnesses. The illness may present with increasing shortness of breath and many of the symptoms described above. Because the lung is compromised (affected) by the pulmonary fibrosis (scarring), the illness may be more difficult to treat and require longer courses of antibiotics. Hospitalisation is frequently necessary. Readers who suffer from pulmonary fibrosis or asbestosis or underlying lung disease are always advised not to take common cold and upper respiratory infections for granted. They should see their doctors to determine whether or not lung infection or pneumonia is present. Sometimes it can be difficult to diagnose, particularly because the noises in the chest (crackles) that are present in patients with asbestosis, may be difficult to ascertain from crackles that may be caused by pneumonia. If there is any doubt your doctor will undoubtedly perform a chest x-ray. Readers are advised that a healthy person may take six weeks to fully recover from pneumonia and in those who suffer from pulmonary fibrosis (asbestosis) the recovery period may be a great deal longer and require longer treatment with antibiotics.

Maurice Heiner

Asbestos Support Group Morning Teas

Sunshine Coast

1st Monday of the month 10 to 12pm (Feb - Dec)
Maroochydore RSL, Memorial Drive, Maroochydore

Chermside

3rd Monday of the month 10 - 11.30am (Feb - Nov)
Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Road (Cnr of Kittyhawk Drv)

Bethania

4th Monday of the month 9.30 - 11.30am (Feb - Nov)
Bethania Community Centre, Station Road, Bethania

Brisbane

2nd Tuesday of the month 10 - 12noon (May to Nov)
QARDSS, Venue to be advised for July meeting

Capalaba

4th Tuesday of the month 9.30 - 11.30am (Feb - Nov)
Main Hall, Capalaba Place, 14 Noeleen Street, Capalaba

Tweed Heads/Gold Coast

1st Wednesday of the month 10am (Qld time) (Feb - Dec)
The Secret Garden, South Tweed Sports Club, 4 Minjungbal Drive,
Tweed Heads

North Lakes

2nd Wednesday of the month 9 – 11.30am (Feb – Dec)
Pathways Library, The Corso, North Lakes

Robina

2nd Thursday of the month 9.30 – 11.30am (Feb – Dec)
Robina Community Centre, 196 Robina Town Centre Dr

Sunnybank

3rd Thursday of the month from 9.30am (Feb – Dec)
Sunnybank Hills Library, Shopping Centre

Ipswich

1st Friday of the month from 10 – 11.30am (Feb – Dec)
Auditorium, QLD Health Plaza Centre, Bell St, Ipswich

Toowoomba

4th Friday of the month 10 – 12pm (Jan – Nov)
Gallipoli Room, Toowoomba R.S.L



****Phone call the office **1800 776 412** or email
asbestoshelp@westnet.com.au for further details
or to confirm attendance.****

National Companion Card Launch

Ditching suit and tie in favour of sneakers, Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, Bill Shorten and Victorian Parliamentary Secretary for Human Services, Telmo Languiller, launched Australia's new National Companion Card with a hit of tennis with champion wheelchair tennis player, Ms Danni Di Torro.

The National Companion Card enables eligible Australians with disability to attend sporting events, cultural events and many other activities without incurring the cost of an extra ticket for their carer.

The \$1.8 million Australian Government scheme enables eligible people with lifelong disability to receive the same entitlements for a Companion Card across all states and territories.

The launch was one of several hundred events held around the country celebrating International Day of People with Disability on Thursday 3 December 2009.

Speaking at the launch, Mr Shorten addressed National Companion Card holders, carers, representatives of peak organisations, affiliate organisations and government agencies, explaining the value of a Companion Card for people with disability.

"Some 32,000 card holders now enjoy increased participation in the community" he said.

"People with disability have the same right to get out and enjoy a concert or a football game as the rest of the community and this scheme removes one of the obstacles in their way."

The support from the business community is critical to the success of the National Companion Card Scheme. As an example, without the Companion Card, a person with lifelong disability requiring an attendant carer could pay up to \$310 for two premium adult tickets to attend a performance by The Australian Ballet in Sydney. Now, with the support of The Australian Ballet, the price is halved. This significant difference helps to improve social inclusion for people with disability.

The Companion Card has already received positive feedback from cardholders and their carers.

"It is such a wonderful scheme, always works well and makes such a difference to us as a family," said one carer whose daughter is a Companion Card holder.

More than 2700 businesses have provided support to the Companion Card Scheme, with a number of big name national businesses recently joining, including:

- The Australian Football League (AFL)
- Basketball Australia
- Tennis Australia
- The Australian Chamber Orchestra
- Reading Cinemas
- Circus Oz
- Fitness First Australia
- Circus Royale
- Event Cinemas
- Greater Union Cinemas
- Birch Carrol and Coyle Cinemas
- The Australian Ballet
- Musica Viva
- The Australian Rugby Union



For more information please visit www.companioncard.gov.au

*There's a lot to be gained
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We have been helping local families since 1941 and understand that taking care of things now, saves your family the unexpected expense and difficulty in their time of grief.

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www.metropolitanfunerals.com.au

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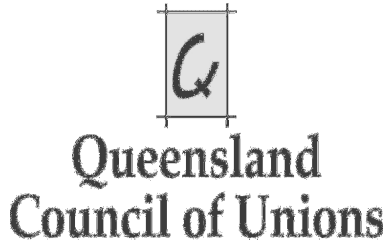
Metropolitan Community Support have come onboard as a major sponsor. Their aim is to not only offer the best of service and care to our members in their time of need but to also assist the society in promoting a greater awareness of asbestos and the dangers it poses. To do this they are sponsoring three super sized billboards in prime locations within South East Queensland. The first of these will be located at: **Osborne Road, Mitchelton, QLD**, with the other two locations to be advised.

The society is **delighted** with this support as it has the potential to -

Save the lives of innocent people.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY

Corporate Sponsors



Your consideration of these organisations would be greatly appreciated - their assistance is invaluable.

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The contact details for all of our corporate sponsors and corporate members are available by ringing the QARDSS office on 1800 776 412.

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