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"There For Our Members Whenever and Wherever They Need Us"

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Welcome to this addition of our newsletter. the year is rapidly passing and the issues continue to surface, with James Hardie again saying how tough business is.

James Hardie Industries says it will cut its asbestos fund contribution by up to \$US11 million (\$A10.42 million) in 2012 after it carries out further internal restructuring. The building materials maker, which shifted its domicile from the Netherlands to Ireland last year, says it expects to book a \$32.6 million tax charge due to a 'simplification' of its corporate structure.

James Hardie said the \$32.6 million tax charge associated with its restructuring would be included in the fiscal 2011 accounts and payable in fiscal 2012.

'This charge will not impact the contribution to the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF) in July 2011, although it is likely to reduce the contribution to the AICF in July 2012 by up to \$US11.4 million,' James Hardie said (sourced from Sky News)

Another concern is a recent decision handed down, in NSW, regarding Asbestos Related Nervous Shock. it appears that James Hardie is the only defendant in Australia which is now absolved of liability in relation to those claims. AVA is working with others to try and have this anomaly rectified.

Abestos Awareness Workshops

Ava is still working hard doing many community information workshops and we have been pleased with the responses to date in both country and suburban venues. We have also been invited to do talks with some medical groups which is encouraging.

Quite a few more venues have been locked in for the rest of 2011, along with organising the annual Asbestos Victims Memorial Day on the Last Friday of November each year.

We are also working with SafeWork SA, Asbestos Advisory Committee, SA Asbestos Coalition and others preparing for Asbestos Awareness Week which will be undertaken the last week of November 2011.

Membership Reminder

The time of year has arrived again where we need your help to keep going. Our membership has not increased and we are asking our members to continue to help us help you and others. Membership dues are still capped at \$10.00 per year and this does help us greatly, particularly with postage and phone. Special thanks to those members who include a donation with their renewal.

Please continue to help us help you.

Something to Ponder?

**A DIPLOMAT IS SOMEONE WHO CAN TELL YOU TO GO TO HELL IN SUCH A WAY
THAT YOU WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE TRIP**

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WHYALLA SUB BRANCH**John Arthur reports**

John reports that the branch is going along quite nicely and many people drop in for a coffee and chat also for information about asbestos.

They are still working hard in Whyalla and surrounds to get the message about asbestos into the community.

Meeting Dates:

Third Thursday of each month

Venue:

Shop 5 87-89 Essington Lewis Ave,
Whyalla Playford Ph:8645 0555

PORT AUGUSTA SUB BRANCH**Geoff Maul reports**

This year seems to be moving very quickly and, by and large, we at Port Augusta had reasonable attendances at our monthly meetings. We would like to see more people attend and raise any concerns or issues that you may have. These meetings are held for you and, by all means, bring along partners and friends.

If any one knows of any group who would like an asbestos information talk please contact Geoff and he will arrange for this to happen. Geoff ran an info workshop last month for the Probus Club and it was very well attended

Monthly Meetings are held on the FIRST Friday of each month, so come along - bring your partner and friends.

Venue Port Augusta Bowling Club, Corner Marryatt & Jervois Street. You can contact Geoff on 8642 2884.
Or Peter Benbow on 8642 2138

Remember Asbestos Awareness Saves Lives**Nanna Shirley's Kitchen****POTATO WHACKS****INGREDIENTS AND METHOD**

5-6 Medium Potatoes **Peeled and Grated**

2 Eggs, 2 Tablespoons Flour, Salt and Pepper

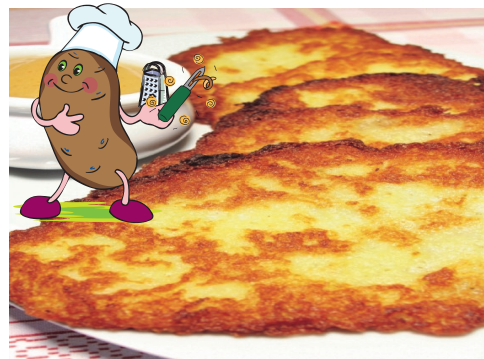
Put potatoes in a bowl and squeeze the juice out

Add Eggs and Flour, Salt and Pepper.

Mix Thoroughly

Put Tablespoon into Hot Oil

Cook until golden brown DRAIN on a paper towel





KATZ_KORNER

Lawyers have successfully obtained compensation on behalf of widows of former Commonwealth employees. In each case the former Commonwealth employee died of Mesothelioma. Compensation was payable to these widows as dependants of their husband at the time of their death.

A dependant is classified as a spouse who is living with a former Commonwealth employee at the time of their death. Children are also dependants if they are living with the Commonwealth employee and are financially dependent in any way.

The compensation paid included a payment for out of pocket expenses and funeral expenses. The claims on behalf of these widows were made following their husbands death.

If you have a loved one WHO has died of an asbestos disease as a result of employment with the Commonwealth, it is important to obtain legal advice as to your rights to compensation.

For more information and advice please call us (08) 8212 6008.

AVA is on Face Book, we are also on SKYPE which is a free video link. all you need is a cam and a mic on your PC.

REMEMBER - "ASBESTOS IS DEADLY SERIOUS"



DATES TO REMEMBER

YOUR SOCIAL MORNINGS



These mornings are held in our rooms at Level 3 60 Waymouth Street Adelaide on the SECOND Wednesday of every month, starting at 10am, but early birds are welcome and you can stay as long or as little as suits you.

They are not formal meetings so that gives each of you an opportunity to meet with and talk to others who may be in a similar situation. Remember you are not alone

Dates for 2011 Social Mornings

July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th.

Please Put This IMPORTANT Date in Your Diary NOW

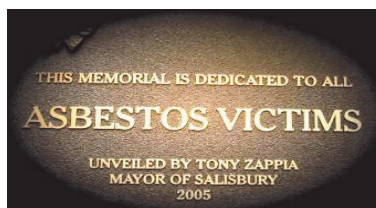
Asbestos Victims Memorial Day

DATE: Friday November 25th 2011

VENUE: Pitman Park SALISBURY

TIME: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Speakers TBA



**Recent local events**

Workers Memorial Day this year was well attended and generated a lot of media attention.



Candle-lighting during the service



Part of the crowd releasing balloons at the end of the ceremony

AVA thanks Bluesky Healthcare <http://blueskyhealthcare.rtrk.com.au> for their generous donation which resulted from purchases made after AVA included Bluesky's flyer with our last Newsletter.



Terry receiving a cheque from Wayne McNamara of Bluesky Healthcare.

Bluesky will be added to our list of Sponsors on the AVA website. Our website is currently undergoing changes to modernise it..

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