



**ASBESTOS VICTIMS ASSOCIATION**  
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# Newsletter

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

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## Dear Members

Well this year has again started with some sadness with the passing of some of our members and we extend our heart felt condolences to the families.

To the many members of AVA, may 2011 be prosperous in every way and we wish you and your loved-ones a very Happy Easter.

This year is panning out to be very busy again already we have done a number of local and regional information workshops with many more planned throughout the year.

AVA is also involved with SA Asbestos Coalition, SafeWorkSA and interested parties including asbestos removalists in trying to get the best possible National Asbestos Code of Practice, and Asbestos Regulations.

Our aim is to make sure that the harmonisation of the code and regulations for asbestos does not end up weaker than what SA already has. Recently we met at SA Unions offices and spent more than 4 hrs in fruitful discussions.

## Asbestos Claims In the District Court

As we informed members in the last newsletter, the dust cases are now being heard in the Industrial Court. AVA along with Janet Giles (SA Unions) and Connie Bonaros (who works for John Darley MLC ) met with W D Jennings, Senior Judge of Industrial Relations Court of SA, to discuss the situation and we left feeling that this may well be a whole lot better than what had been happening in the district court system.

Time will tell how this works and AVA will be monitoring proceedings to ensure victims get the earliest possible outcome. We have spoken to legal people and they seem to be happy so far. BUT it is early days yet and as I said earlier AVA will keep an eye on this.

If any of our members think they are experiencing undue or unreasonable delays, we urge them to talk with their legal representatives, and AVA, as we need to hear about it.

As many of you would be aware AVA advocates on behalf of asbestos victims, as witnessed by the success of Dust Disease Act 2005, Improved Dust Disease Regulations 2006, and then the Variation to improve the Dust Disease Regulations 2009 and, with support from SA Asbestos Coalition, the issue with hearing dates in district court.

## Something to Ponder?

**TO STEAL IDEAS FROM ONE PERSON IS PLAGIARISM**

**TO STEAL FROM MANY IS RESEARCH**

**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.

John and Marlene called into AVA office when they were down here last month. They are still working hard in Whyalla and surrounds to get the message about asbestos out 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 have reasonable attendances at our monthly meetings. We would like to see more people attend to 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 anyone knows of any group who would like an asbestos information talk, please contact Geoff and he will arrange for this to happen.

Monthly Meetings are held on the last 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.

**Remember Asbestos Awareness Saves Lives****Nanna Shirley's Kitchen****SWEET POTATO SOUP****INGREDIENTS**

500 Grams Broccoli (cut small)  
30 Grams Butter, 4 Rashers of Bacon (chopped)  
1 Onion (chopped)  
500 Grams Sweet Potato (Peel & Slice)

1 Litre Chicken Stock  
Salt & Pepper  
2 Tablespoons Rice

**IN A SAUCEPAN**

Melt Butter and sauté bacon and onion until tender  
Add Potato, Broccoli, and stir in rice  
Put in stock and salt and pepper and bring to boil  
Reduce Heat and Simmer for around 30 minutes

Puree and serve



When we started working on freshening up our web site we asked you, our members, if there was anything you would like to see on it? Do you have any more suggestions? Let us know. We have discussed quite a few of the ideas with our Web Designer, Chris Gurney at Integrinet. We hope to make the site brighter, with less buttons at the side, so that it is easier to use. We always invite anyone who has lost a loved one or friend to an asbestos related disease to commemorate them on our tribute page on the web site. Please contact us if you would like us to arrange this for you. We do NOT ask any payment for this as we consider it to be a tribute in memory and respect of victims. We will also display a named crosses at our memorial ceremony each year.



### KATZ\_KORNER

AVA is now on Face Book and we have contact with people all around the world who have the same problems as we are having with Asbestos, whether it is illness, removal, etc, seems to be the same words echoed around the world.

We have made many new friends and quite often the subject veers away from Asbestos problems so there are often tears, thinking of lost loved ones. Sometimes there are tears of laughter. Anyone is welcome to join Face Book. You need to have a photo of yourself. I am fortunate as I use the AVA logo.

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"**

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### 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 maybe in a similar situation. Remember you are not alone

### **Dates for 2011 Social Mornings**

**April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th.**

### **Please Put This IMPORTANT Date in Your Diary NOW**

#### **International Workers Memorial Day**

This ceremony is organised by Andrea Madeley to commemorate the lives of workers lost in the workplace, including asbestos.

**Andrea is the tireless advocate for  
Victims of Industrial Death (V O I D)**

**Venue: PILGRIM Uniting CHURCH  
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**

**Date: Thursday April 28th 2011**

**Time: 10:30am Service**



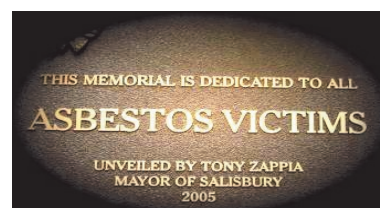
#### **Asbestos Victims Memorial Day**

**DATE: Friday November 25th 2011**

**VENUE: Pitman Park, SALISBURY**

**TIME: 10:30am to 11:30am**

**Speakers TBA**







Premier Mike Rann



Remembering loved ones



Asbestos Memorial Stone



Tony Zappia MP &amp; Patron, Gillian Aldridge Mayor Salisbury, Terry Miller

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