



Newsletter

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

Welcome to this edition

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Asbestos and natural disasters

Natural disasters like floods, cyclones and bushfires can cause major damage to property - this is particularly concerning when there is asbestos-containing materials in the property which is damaged causing release of asbestos fibres. The disaster recovery planning prepared by your state and territory government regularly includes contingencies and funding to clean up asbestos following an emergency.

It is very important that you follow instructions issued by the disaster recovery agencies in your state, territory or local government area as they are developed specifically to prevent unnecessary exposure to asbestos fibres caused by damaged asbestos materials. The safe removal and disposal of asbestos from a damaged property is critical. Contacting your local council and state emergency services is a good place to start if faced with building damage from a fire, flood or other natural disaster.

See the links to the contacts for your state or territory below

Who to contact about asbestos issues

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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If the issue relates to a workplace or relates to work being conducted contact the work health and safety regulator in your state or territory.

If the issue relates to contamination of environment or the disposal and transportation of asbestos, contact the Environmental Protection Agency in your state or territory.

If you are concerned about non-work related issues such as a neighbour removing asbestos themselves, contact your local council. Links to your state or territory Department of Local Government have been provided - links to individual councils can be accessed through these departmental sites.

If the issue relates to public health issues, contact the Department of Health in your state or territory.

Members if you have not yet paid your membership this is a reminder your \$10.00 per year helps with postage.

If you no longer wish to continue with your membership can you please notify us in writing and we can remove from our mailing list.

**DON'T FORGET THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT PITMAN PARK IS ON
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25th 2016 10.30am to 11.30 pm**

John Arthur reports

WHYALLA SUB BRANCH

Hi all,

Here in Whyalla things have been going along steadily and we are still getting a few new members also quite a few enquiries, we would like to see a lot more people there and listen to anything they have to talk about.

Whyalla AVA again had our stand at the Whyalla Show and had many enquiries, and information bags available to everyone

We are here to help you where ever we can, it was women who became exposed when doing the washing of work clothes as well as the workers themselves

If You know someone who may have been exposed tell them about us and bring them to one of our meetings.

John

Meeting Dates:

Third Thursday of each month

Venue:

87 Essington Lewis Ave, Whyalla. Phone: 8645 0555

PORT AUGUSTA SUB BRANCH

Dear Members

Geoff Maul reports

G'day all

We had an A.V.A stand at the Whyalla Show Saturday thanks to Gary Smith for his help, and to my wife Colleen gave me a hand on the Sunday, We were alongside the Whyalla group we both went to the Quorn Show and set up the A . V . A. stand, we had a significant number of enquiries at both events. One of the tools we used was the continuous running of our Power Point on the monitor showing the ongoing dangers of the asbestos. And the Do's and Don'ts if you must handle it.

Port Augusta Expo

The expo held at the new central oval complex went off quite well. Colleen Gary and myself all attended and worked the A V A site it was a good display from all the sites that were there with good response throughout the day.

To the AVA members from up this way

If you want to send your annual renewal membership money of \$10 could you pass it on to us at home or the meetings so it can be sent to Adelaide and Colleen can send all fees in one post to A V A you WILL receive your Receipt? Please come along and support your social monthly morning at the Port Augusta Bowling Club held on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10 am.

Who to contact about asbestos issues

SA Environmental Protection Authority

SafeWork SA

Government of South Australian - Asbestos website

SA State Emergency Services

Some friable products were also used in houses and may still be found in houses built before **1990**. In Australia, asbestos cement materials were first manufactured in the **1920s** and were commonly used in the manufacture of residential building materials from the mid-**1940s** until the late **1980s**.