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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2nd International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management. The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency and Council are delighted to have all of you attend this very important conference, again featuring renowned international and local experts in asbestos management, public health, advocacy and governance to challenge you into thinking what is best practice in managing the dangers of asbestos in our community and abroad.

This conference will also be focusing on how Australia can play an influential role in reducing the reliance on asbestos in South East Asia where asbestos-containing materials continue to be manufactured and produced, putting the workers and their families in those countries at greater risk of exposure and asbestos-related disease.

There has been significant attention paid in the media and the general public to the issues around asbestos management, removal and disposal and it is incumbent on us to work with industry, unions, advocacy groups and the community to develop best practice approaches in all aspects of asbestos management to minimise the risk of exposure and asbestos-related disease.

Clearly, exposure to asbestos remains a big problem for Australia; for all governments, local, state and national, for our health care sector and more importantly for the families of asbestos-related disease sufferers who live with the consequences of asbestos exposure every day of their lives.

The agency has been fortunate in bringing together all states and territories in endorsing the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness; the first time a plan of this type has been endorsed by all jurisdictions. This conference will be a great opportunity for all stakeholders to come together and assist the agency in delivering the goals and outcomes of the plan.

This event will provide important networking opportunities and a stimulating, thought provoking environment to discuss the big issues facing workplaces, stakeholders and the general community in raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos and how it can be managed into the future. This event will again highlight the important role the agency plays in advocating for change on the ground, in Australia and internationally.

We hope you enjoy this conference.



Peter Tighe
Chief Executive Officer

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OVERVIEW

Welcome to Australia's second International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management being held at the world class Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This conference plays a very important role in the agency delivering the goals and outcomes of the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness in highlighting the risks posed by asbestos in the community and the impact asbestos-related diseases have on public and worker health.

The theme for the 2015 conference is around best practice and international leadership in managing the risks of and preventing exposure to deadly asbestos. The conference will look at what is best practice in asbestos management, hearing from those companies that have tailored their business and safety practices specifically to dealing with the potential of asbestos exposure and the protection of their employees.

The event will bring together renowned local and international experts in asbestos management, health, advocacy and governance to look at what is best practice in managing the dangers of asbestos in our community and abroad. The conference will feature a focus on how Australia can play an influential role in reducing the reliance on asbestos in South East Asia, with a spotlight on Vietnam.

Topics to be examined at this conference include:

- global burden of asbestos and impact on developing countries, particularly in South East Asia
- threat of asbestos imports
- case studies highlighting best practice in asbestos management and eradication held up as examples for other organisations to follow
- emerging trends and projections in non-occupational or third wave exposure to asbestos in the community, particularly as a result of DIY home renovations
- the legacy issues surrounding asbestos materials in aboriginal communities
- current research and challenges for the agency.

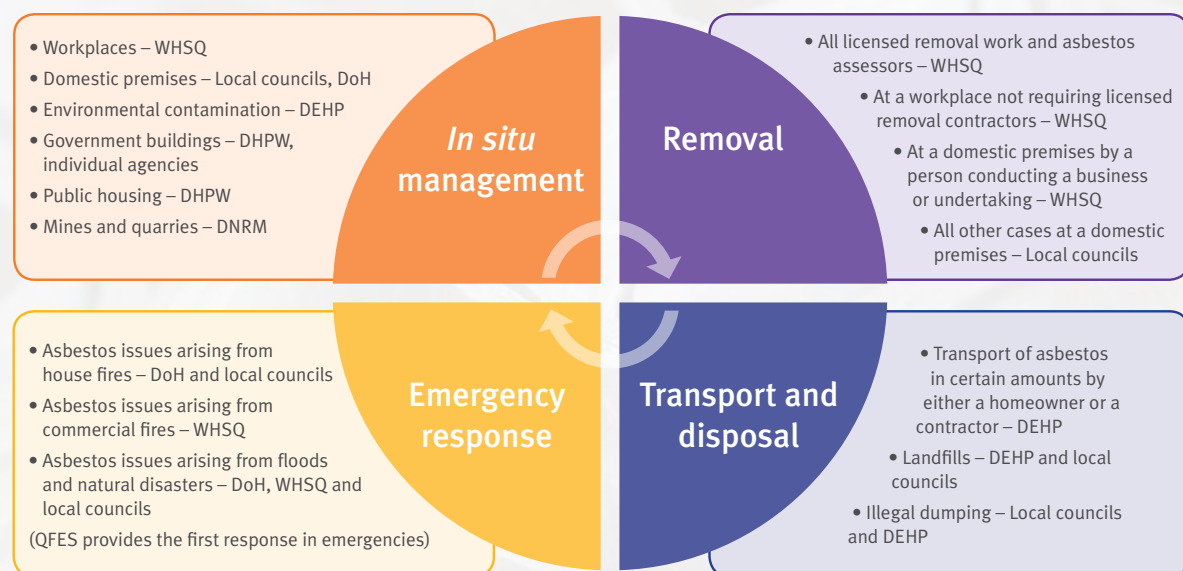
The conference will also be an important event during National Asbestos Awareness Month in November where government, community and advocacy groups highlight the important work they do to raise awareness about the risks posed by exposure to asbestos and the support they provide to sufferers of asbestos-related diseases and their families.

Management of asbestos in Queensland

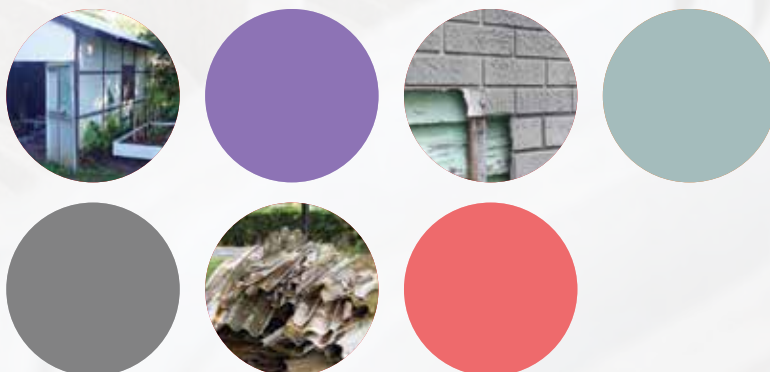
The Queensland Government is committed to:

- a strategic and integrated approach to regulate and manage asbestos
- minimising the risk of exposure to asbestos
- community education and awareness about asbestos.

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> PROGRAMME

Welcome reception – Sunday 22 November 2015

6.00pm – 8.00pm, Exhibition/trade area, Boulevard level, BCEC

Day 1 – Monday 23 November 2015

8.30am – 9.00am

Arrival and registration

9.00am – 9.15am

Welcome to Country

Songwoman Maroochy

Turball Aboriginal Nation

Facilitator welcome

Matt Peacock

Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

9.15am – 09.45 am

Ministerial and opening address

Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (video message)

Minister for Employment, Minister for Women, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service

The Hon Curtis Pitt MP

Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Asbestos safety and awareness, building the evidence

Peter Tighe

Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

09.45am – 10.30am

Plenary Speaker

Australian stories – the impact of asbestos-related diseases on our community

Jonathan Walsh

Senior Associate, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

10.30am – 11.00am

Morning tea – Exhibition trade area

11.00am – 11.30am

International Keynote

Plenary

Judith Hackitt

Chair, Health and Safety Executive, United Kingdom

11.30am – 12.00pm

Plenary Speaker

From removal to renewal: eradicating Mr Fluffy from the Canberra community

Andrew Kefford

Head of the ACT Asbestos Response Taskforce, ACT Government

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Lunch – Exhibition trade area

Concurrent Sessions

1.00pm – 1.45pm

Global burden of Asbestos

The global impact of asbestos-related disease is worsening caused by continued mining, manufacturing and production of asbestos-containing materials, specifically is South East Asia. This has major implications for the workers and their families who are at greater risk of exposure to deadly asbestos.

Speakers:

Linda Reinstein

President and CEO,
Asbestos Disease
Awareness Organization, US

Tim Driscoll

Professor, Epidemiology
and Occupational Medicine,
the University of Sydney

In focus: Best practice case studies

A look into 3 x best practise case studies led by **Rod McDonald** from the Ithaca Group across the following:

Asbestos Training

Shayne La Combre
CEO, Plumbing Industry
Climate Action Centre

Asbestos removal

**Roger Gordon and
Samuel Jackson**
Thuroona Services, WA

Asbestos management from a small business perspective

Lawrie O'Shea
O'Shea Plumbing

Looking at the third wave - emerging trends and projections

Australia has one of the world's highest incidences of mesothelioma. This session will look at the projected third wave of mesothelioma with a focus on identifying the emerging trends, projections and issues of legal liability.

Speakers:

Brett Riley

Principal, Finity

Martin Rogalski

Senior Associate,
Slater & Gordon Lawyers

2.00pm – 2.45pm

Asbestos disposal – the national picture and the local perspective

Removal of asbestos will eliminate the risk of exposure but the risks can then move to disposal practices as asbestos enters the waste stream. This session will look at what we can learn from looking at national waste flows, and then consider what we can learn from looking at the challenges of asbestos disposal in Queensland.

Speakers:

Joe Pickin

Director, Blue Environment P/L

Paul Goldsbrough

Executive Director, Policy &
Workers' Compensation Services,
Office of Industrial Relations,
Queensland Government

Asbestos identification in the residential sector

This session provides an overview of recent research examining the current use of asbestos-assessment reports in the residential sector and looks at the practical experiences of an industry professional in conducting assessments.

Speakers:

Stuart Atwood

Associate Director, EY Sweeney

Brian Sketcher

Director and Manager,
Asbestos Audits Queensland

Remote Australia and asbestos – identification and awareness of asbestos in Indigenous communities

Remote communities present specific challenges in the management and removal of asbestos. Examples of approaches to asbestos management, communication and removal in partnership with communities will be highlighted in this session.

Speakers:

Stuart Sturgess

Senior Project Officer, Infrastructure
and Municipal Services on
Aboriginal Lands, Information and
Strategy Directorate, Department
of Planning, Transport and
Infrastructure, South Australian
Government

Michael Davis and Kasman Spencer

Central Desert Regional Council,
Northern Territory

2.45pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon tea – Exhibition trade area
3.15pm – 4.00pm	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Sharing experiences of managing asbestos following a natural disaster</p> <p>WorkSafe New Zealand and New South Wales Response and Recovery sharing experiences of managing asbestos following a natural disaster. The session will present an update on the disaster recovery from the Canterbury earth quakes and recent emergency recovery events in NSW. The session will also focus on the lessons learnt and how the management of asbestos can be improved during the recovery process.</p> <p>Facilitator: Matt Peacock</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Nadine Hulme Principal Project Manager Response and Recovery, Office of Emergency Management, NSW Government</p> <p>Steve Moran Assessment Manager, Canterbury Rebuild Health and Safety Programme, WorkSafe New Zealand</p>
4.00pm – 4.15pm	<p>Day one wrap up</p> <p>Geoff Fary Chairman, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council</p>
6.30pm – 11.00pm	<p>Conference gala dinner</p> <p>Venue: Ballroom, Boulevard level, BCEC Brisbane</p>



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Day 2 – Tuesday 24 November 2015

7.30am – 9.00am	Special Event – Industry Breakfast Boulevard level, BCEC
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival and registration
9.30am – 9.45am	Facilitator welcome to day two Acknowledgement to lives lost
9.45am – 10.45am	Opening international keynote Plenary Threat of asbestos imports Luong Mai Anh Deputy Director of Health Environment Management Agency (HEMA), Ministry of Health, Vietnam Tran Tuan Director of Research and Training, Center for Community Development (RTCCD), Vietnam Barry Castleman Environmental Consultant, United States of America

10.30am – 11.00am **Morning tea – Exhibition trade area**

Concurrent Sessions

11.15am – 12.15pm	Communicating asbestos risks with a community approach Everyone knows asbestos is dangerous, but the way this is communicated can impact what people do next. This session will present a review of asbestos communication and look at the role support groups have in raising awareness about the risks of asbestos. Speakers: Renae Desai Lecturer in Public Relations, Murdoch University, Project Manager, Australian Asbestos Network Amanda Richards Secretary/General Manager, Asbestos Disease Support Society	Where are the current and future exposure risks in Australia? Building a collective understanding of asbestos risks presents a significant challenge. What are the areas that should be considered a priority? This session will present research that identifies the common areas identified in literature, public information and the experience industry professionals. Speakers: Alison Reid Associate Professor, School of Public Health, Curtin University Geza Benke Senior Research Fellow, Monash Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health	Innovations and the use of asbestos registers Asbestos registers are a rich source of data and an important step to reduce asbestos risks. Users can make the most of their asbestos registers to develop comprehensive asbestos management plans to mitigate the risk of exposure to asbestos. Speakers: Bret Baker Managing Director, Beasy P/L Mick Grisinski OH&S Manager & RTW Coordinator, CDC Plumbing & Drainage Greg Deitch Director, Lupin Systems Ltd Rohan Pigott Director, Inca Consulting
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12.15pm – 1.15pm **Lunch – Exhibition trade area**

Concurrent Sessions	
<div>1.15pm – 2.00pm</div> <div> Working to stop asbestos imports to Australia <p>The importance of working to stop asbestos imports to Australia and campaigning to achieve a worldwide ban on asbestos mining and manufacturing.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Jack McGrath Inspector, Compliance Division, Department of Immigration and Border Protection</p> <p>Michael Shepherd Principal Occupational Hygienist, COHLABS</p> </div>	<div> Australian trials and treatments <p>An update on key treatment studies in Australia to support people with asbestos-related diseases.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Tanya Segelov Partner, Turner Freeman Lawyers</p> <p>Lou (Louise) Williams Peritoneal and pleural Mesothelioma survivor; Social Media Voice (ADFA); Australian National Director (GBAN) Global Ban Asbestos Network</p> </div>
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Afternoon tea – Exhibition trade area
2.30pm – 3.15pm	<div> Plenary Session Research directions – Panel discussion <p>Innovative research is a collaborative effort. Bringing together expert researchers with representatives of asbestos supports groups and industry from across Australia, speakers will discuss their perspectives on current research priorities and future challenges. This session will look at how partnerships and different ways of thinking can support new and emerging research to reduce the risks posed by asbestos. We will also hear from the chair of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency's Research Advisory Committee on the agency's research agenda.</p> <p>The discussion will focus on the role all stakeholders can play to contribute to research which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identify the risks posed by asbestos in the built environment ➤ Assess information for action to reduce risks ➤ Evaluate the impact of asbestos and asbestos-related disease in the Australian community. <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Tanya Segelov Member of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council, Chair of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Research Advisory Committee</p> <p>Tim Driscoll Professor, Epidemiology and Occupational Medicine, the University of Sydney</p> <p>Alison Reid Associate Professor, School of Public Health, Curtin University</p> <p>David Clement President, Asbestoswise</p> <p>Brett Baker Managing Director, Beasy P/L, President of the Asbestos Removal Contractors Association (ARCA) of NSW</p> </div>
3.15pm – 3.30pm	<div> Day two wrap up and conference close <p>Geoff Fary Chairman, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council</p> </div>



Matt Peacock Conference facilitator

Award winning Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Matt Peacock is an award-winning journalist and also the staff-appointed director currently with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, where he has worked for a wide range of TV and radio news and programs. He has been chief political correspondent for current affairs radio in Canberra, as well as foreign correspondent in London (2001-2003), Washington (1990-1992) and New York (1993).

For many years Matt worked for the prime-time radio current affairs radio programs AM, The World Today and PM, specialising in politics, environment and science. For seven years he also reported from outback Australia, specialising in rural and remote issues including Aboriginal affairs, founding the TV production house Remote Area Media.

More recently he authored a book on the former Australian asbestos manufacturer James Hardie, Killer Company (HarperCollins, 2009), which is now a dramatic mini-series Devil's Dust.

Matt has contributed articles for a range of newspapers, magazines and books and is Adjunct Professor of Journalism with Sydney's University of Technology (UTS).

HISTORIC VERDICT GIVES HOPE TO THOUSANDS OF ASBESTOS SUFFERERS

A recent decision in the High Court has defined the law and entitlements of asbestos victims in the Northern Territory ensuring they now have access to fair and proper compensation.

On 4th August 2015, Shine Lawyers Partner Roger Singh and his team secured a High Court judgment in favour of their client Zorko Zabic, who was diagnosed with Mesothelioma in early 2014 after being exposed to asbestos while working in the Alcan Gove alumina refinery in the 1970s.

In the landmark victory, Shine successfully defended a High Court appeal by Rio Tinto which had previously been ordered by the NT Court of Appeal to pay \$425,000 in compensation to Mr Zabic, for the devastating injuries he now suffers.

Thanks to the resilience and courage of Mr Zabic and his family, a precedent has now been set which will pave the way for other victims of asbestos disease in the Northern Territory to seek compensation which they, until now, would have been ineligible for.



Zorko Zabic with his wife Nannay Zabic

To learn more about this landmark case, visit Roger and his team of asbestos experts at the International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management. Shine Lawyers is located at Booth 13, right next to the coffee booth.



Luong Mai Anh

Deputy Director of Health Environment Management Agency (HEMA), Ministry of Health, Vietnam

Luong Mai Anh is the Deputy Director General of Health Environment Management

Agency (HEMA) of Ministry of Health of Vietnam who has been officially tasked with state management of occupational health and injury prevention.

She has worked for nearly 20 years in occupational health and 14 years in injury prevention and is in charge of developing the National Action Plan on Elimination of Asbestos related diseases in Vietnam and focal point of Ministry of Health on this issue.

She has a Master Degree in Medicine in Occupational Health and a PhD in Occupational Health at National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology.



Judith Hackitt

Chair of Health and Safety Executive, United Kingdom

Judith was appointed on 1 October 2007 for a term of five years and was reappointed as Chair of HSE for a further

three years from October 2012. Judith previously served as a Commissioner between 2002 and 2005 and was awarded her CBE for services to health and safety in 2006.

Graduating from Imperial College in 1975 as a chemical engineer, Judith worked in the chemicals manufacturing industry for 23 years before joining the Chemical Industries Association (CIA) in 1998. She became Director General of CIA (from 2002-2005) and then worked in Brussels for the European Chemical Industry Association (CEFIC).

Judith is a Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and a member of council. She was President of IChemE from May 2013 to May 2014. She was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in July 2010.

Judith is also a senior non-executive director and trustee of the Energy Saving Trust and a non-Exec director of the High Value Manufacturing Catapult.



Barry Castleman

ScD, Environmental Consultant, the United States

Barry has been an independent consultant since 1975, working for numerous U.S. governmental

agencies, international organisations, environmental non-governmental organizations, and attorneys in compensation suits over occupational and environmental illness from asbestos.

His special areas of research and activity as a public interest scientist have been: the history, regulation, and global aspects of asbestos as a public health and environmental hazard; the historic involvement of corporations and regulatory use of Threshold Limit Values as occupational exposure limits; corporate influence, undisclosed conflicts of interest, and development of guidelines in the selection of expert panels by international scientific organisations; the export of hazardous industries, products and wastes to developing countries; and the "double standards" of global corporations in the transfer of technology around the world.



Linda Reinstein

President and CEO, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, the United States

Linda became a public health advocate after her husband, Alan, was diagnosed with

mesothelioma in 2003. One year later, she co-founded the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) to reach out to those who have been affected by asbestos-related diseases. During the past 11 years, ADAO has become the largest independent 501(c)(3) non-profit in the U.S. dedicated to preventing asbestos exposure, eliminating asbestos-caused diseases, and protecting asbestos victims' civil rights through education, advocacy, and community initiatives.

Serving as President and CEO, Linda has been a strong political voice for major local, national, and international asbestos-related issues.



Tran Tuan

Director of Research and Training,
Center for Community Development
(RTCCD), Vietnam

Tran Tuan is the Chairman of Evidence-Based Health Policy Development Coalition (EBHPD) Steering Committee, the co-founder of Vietnam Ban Asbestos Network (Vn-BAN) and

Vietnam Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance (NCD-Vietnam) and also the co-founder and Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacology, North-West University, Vietnam.

His main interests are health system reform for health equity, informal health care system development, evidence-based medical education, maternal and child mental health, NCDs control and an asbestos ban in Vietnam.

He studied medicine at Hanoi University (1986), pursued his PhD in Epidemiology and Population Health at the Newcastle University (2003), was Takemi research fellow on international health at Harvard School of Public Health (1995) and ALA research fellow on mental health in public health at Melbourne University (2007).

Australian Speakers



Stuart Attwood

Associate Director, EY
Sweeney Research

Stuart is the Head of Quantitative Research for EY Sweeney. With over 11 years of market and social research experience, Stuart specialises

in community consultation, service/policy evaluation, brand and advertising evaluation, communication strategy, segmentation, and pricing strategy.

He holds a first class BA Honours Degree in business and marketing for state and federal governments in Australia and was the project lead for the study into attitudes and perceptions of asbestos assessment reports in the residential sector.



Bret Baker

President, Asbestos
Removalist Contractors
Association of NSW

Bret has been the Managing Director of Beasy Pty Ltd, a friable asbestos removal company, for 11 years.

Bret is also the President of the Asbestos Removal Contractors Association (NSW), a member of the Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency of Australia Building, Construction and Demolition Sectors Committee and representative on the WorkSafe NSW Demolition and Asbestos Consultative Committee.

He is a qualified Civil and Environmental Engineer, holds a Diploma of Engineering Practice (UTS) and is an industry representative on Environmental Protection Authority (NSW) Wastelocate Asbestos Waste Tracking Development Team.



Geza Benke

Senior Research Fellow, Monash Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health

Geza has a BSc in Physics, a Master of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering

and a PhD in Epidemiology.

Geza is currently a chief investigator on six NHMRC funded grants and 2 industry/government grants. He is an investigator with the Australian Mesothelioma Registry and completed studies in the asbestos industry in Australia. His main interests are in occupational and environmental exposure assessment, primarily in cancer and respiratory epidemiology.

Geza is a Certified Occupational Hygienist and former president of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists. He has authored over 100 peer reviewed journal papers, book chapters and government reports.



Greg Deitch

Director, Lupin Systems Ltd

Greg has been involved in asbestos exposure minimisation since the mid-1990's with responsibilities including auditing, development of management plans and

information dissemination.

Over the past 12 years, Greg has been involved in the development of software to assist in consistent auditing practices, register/report generation and fast reliable data access. In 2010, Lupin Systems Limited was formed specifically to provide off-the-shelf software solutions for OH&S risk minimisation in two specific areas, asbestos and chemical management.



David Clement

President, Asbestoswise

David's background includes industrial relations and union education with a particular emphasis on occupational health and safety. For many years he worked in Africa,

Asia and Central / Eastern Europe on union education programs aimed at strengthening civil society and developing democracy. The right to a safe workplace was an integral part of this work. In Australia David has worked as education coordinator of the AMWU and finally national training manager of the ACTU.

David became active in ADSVIC and helped steer the merger of ADSVIC with AISS, into the new organisation Asbestoswise, which was achieved in July 2011. He has been President of Asbestoswise since then.



Renae Desai

Lecturer in Public Relations and Project Manager, Australian Asbestos Network, School of the Arts, Murdoch University, Western Australia

Renae has a background in the field of public relations, communications management, health communication and digital media for over 15 years. Her PhD project has focused on the development of an online community engagement model for Australian health issues, in particular asbestos related diseases. She is the project manager for the Australian Asbestos Network website and associated social media platforms.

Renae's other research interests include issues and crisis management, health communication, digital media, creative communication and education, the application of social media in advocacy and activism communication. Renae has published her work in international journals and presented at international conferences.



Michael Davis

Regional Waste Coordinator, Central Desert Regional Council

Michael has 15 years experience in remote Local Government waste

management experience, particularly in western NSW. He is currently the Regional Waste Coordinator for the Central Australian Regional Waste Management Program.



Tim Driscoll

Professor of Epidemiology and Occupational Medicine, University of Sydney

Tim is an occupational epidemiologist and a specialist in occupational

and environmental medicine and public health medicine. He is a Professor in epidemiology and occupational medicine in the Sydney School of Public Health at the University of Sydney.

Tim's main areas of research interest are the burden of occupational disease and injury; occupational cancer and exposure to occupational carcinogens, particularly asbestos; occupational fatal injury; increasing the practical application and influence of epidemiological principles and findings; and improving the communication of epidemiological principles and findings to the general public. He leads the occupational risk factors expert working group in the Global Burden of Disease study.



Paul Goldsbrough

Executive Director, Policy and Workers Compensation Services, Office of Industrial Relations, Queensland Treasury

Paul is the Executive Director for Workers' Compensation and Policy Services which involves development of workplace health and safety, electrical and workers' compensation policy and legislation.

Paul also oversees the functions of Queensland's workers' compensation regulator.

He is chairperson of SafeWork Australia's Significant Issues Group – Work Health and Safety.

Paul has worked in the fields of occupational health and safety, workers' compensation and rehabilitation for over 25 years for both the Federal and State governments. His previous roles have included Assistant General Manager - Workplace Health and Safety Queensland and Director - Strategic Policy.



Roger Gordon

Managing Director, Thuroona Services (WA)

Roger is the only indigenous person to hold a class A unrestricted asbestos licence in Australia and has been in the asbestos removal industry for

25 years. Roger specialises in asbestos structure fires and has conducted large scale friable removal projects such as the devastating NSW Blue Mountains bushfires. Roger recently returned to the industry after spending time as a corrective services officer in NSW and has a strong interest in Aboriginal affairs and the removal of hazardous material in remote communities.



Mick Grisinski

OHS&E Manager and Return to Work Coordinator, CDC Investment Group P/L – T/A CDC Plumbing and Drainage

Mick is a licensed plumber by trade. He has been in the plumbing industry for 26. He

worked as a plumber in the domestic sector for 7 years where he first became exposed to asbestos. He has been in the commercial/construction industry for over 18 years.

He has spent 10 years building and developing CDC's Safety Management System from the ground up incorporating asbestos risk mitigation. He has had extensive experience with injury management and the Workcover System and in recent years expanded his skill set to include mental health management.



Nadine Hulme

Principal Project Manager Response and Recovery, Office of Emergency Management, NSW Government.

Nadine brings a wealth of experience in leading and

managing strategic projects after 18 years in TAFE NSW and 3 years as the Senior Training and Capability Manager with the former Ministry for Police and Emergency Services.

Nadine led a review of the NSW Multi Agency Emergency Management training which included the design and implementation of an eLearning Strategy. Nadine recently joined the Response and Recovery team after a deployment to the recovery operation in the Hunter Valley following the April Storms earlier this year.



Samuel Jackson

Director of Operations,
Thuroona Services (WA)

Samuel is accountable for the management and compliance auditing of Thuroona's externally certified Quality, Environmental, Health and Safety Management

systems along with supervising friable and bonded asbestos removal teams throughout Western Australia.

Samuel has a strong interest in safe work practices and holds a Bachelor of Policing from the University of Western Sydney. Professional memberships include Safety Institute of Australia and the Western Australian Demolition Contractors Association.



Andrew Kefford

Head of the ACT Asbestos
Response Taskforce

Andrew leads the delivery of the ACT Government's Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme.

In this role he oversees a

\$1 billion Buyback and Demolition Program for up to 1022 houses affected by 'Mr Fluffy' asbestos across 56 of Canberra's established suburbs.

Prior to this position Mr Kefford was Commissioner for Public Administration in the ACT and led reform through the Hawke Review and introduction of enhanced service values and behaviours.

Other key previous positions include Deputy Director-General of the Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate, Director of Cabinet and Intergovernmental Relations; and a Senior Adviser (Government) in the Office of Prime Minister the Hon. John Howard OM, AC.



Rod McDonald

Principal & Managing
Director, Ithaca Group

Rod McDonald is Principal and Managing Director of Ithaca Group, a consultancy firm that supports industry bodies and governments. Ithaca Group's main focus is on developing

high-level strategies, conducting reviews and evaluations, advising on significant policy issues, and developing customised materials to assist their clients. Rod was initially trained as a scientist, and is an Emeritus Professor of the University of Technology, Sydney.



Shayne Le Combre

Chief Executive Officer,
Plumbing Industry Climate
Action Centre

Shayne is the Chief Executive Officer of PICAC which is a unique facility offering world class training – in many cases

with facilities without equal anywhere else in the world. In 2011 Shayne was elected to the Board of the World Plumbing Council (WPC) and is the Deputy Chair for the 2013 – 2016 term. Prior to this Shayne was Director of the Plumbing Industry Commission (now the Victorian Building Authority), a role he held for seven years.

Shayne holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy, in addition to Degrees in Business and Law and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.



Jack McGrath

Inspector, Compliance
Branch, Department of
Immigration and Border
Protection

Jack McGrath is an Inspector in the Customs Compliance Branch within the Australian

Border Force. The branch is responsible for enabling a nationally consistent, risk-based goods and traveller compliance approach for the Department. Jack's Team is responsible for external engagement with a focus on working with industry and partner agencies to affect positive compliance outcomes.



Steve Moran

Assessment Manager,
Canterbury Rebuild Health
and Safety Programme,
WorkSafe New Zealand

Steve was on the ground working as a Health and Safety Inspector when

the catastrophic Canterbury Earthquakes occurred in September 2010 and February 2011. He led a team of inspectors and developed the regulators Canterbury Recovery Project. As an Assessment Manager for WorkSafe NZ, Steve has assisted with the development and implementation of "Canterbury Rebuild Health and Safety Programme".

Within this programme asbestos was identified as a critical risk to workers involved in the mammoth task of the demolition and the repair of Christchurch's buildings and infrastructure. Steve is actively involved in industry engagement, education and enforcement in relation to



Lawrie O'Shea

Owner and Director,
O'Shea's Plumbing

Lawrie and Barbara O'Shea started O'Shea Plumbing in 1978, mainly installing gas appliances and working out of the garage of their house

in Wantirna, Melbourne. The company has since grown to employ 9 people working mainly in plumbing maintenance and operates out of a factory in Mount Waverley.

Lawrie's son, Greg is a fellow director in the company. In 2001 Barbara was diagnosed with Mesothelioma and passed away the following year. Lawrie is the Vice President of Asbestoswise, an asbestos information and support group in Victoria.



Joe Pickin

Director, Blue Environment
Pty Ltd

Joe Pickin is a director of Blue Environment strategic environmental consultants. He is a waste specialist with a 20-year track record as a

researcher, analyst and consultant, and he has completed over 150 consultancy projects. He has a PhD was on the environmental economics of waste, and chairs the National Carbon Division of the Waste Management Association of Australia.



Rohan Pigott

Director, Inca Consulting

Rohan has spent the past 20 years conducting research and evaluation in order to provide evidence-based advice to government and non-government clients, in

fields such as the environment and sustainability, health, education and Indigenous programs.

She has specialist skills in stakeholder consultation, process and impact evaluation, strategic planning and policy review, leading a Strategic Review of Asbestos Registers in Australia for the agency, which canvassed the different approaches to managing asbestos registers by PCBUs in Australia.

She has a Masters in Policy Studies (UNSW) and is a member of the Australasian Evaluation Society and the Australian Market and Social Research Society.



Alison Reid

Associate Professor,
School of Public Health,
Curtin University

Alison Reid is an Associate Professor at Curtin University in Western Australia. She has a background in demography

and epidemiology and occupational epidemiology specifically, and has researched those areas in both England and Australia.

One focus of her research considers low-dose asbestos exposure and health outcomes among sub groups of the Australian population. In particular she has examined asbestos-related diseases among women and children exposed to blue asbestos at Wittenoom in Western Australia. She has used that knowledge to think about the risk of low-dose exposure to asbestos in the built environment to the Australian population.



Amanda Richards

Secretary / General
Manager, Asbestos Disease
Support Society

Amanda has been the Secretary of ADSS since September 2014 as well as being employed as the General

Manager. Previous to this Amanda was the Assistant General Secretary of the Queensland Council of Unions.

She holds an Associate Diploma in labour Studies, Diploma in WHS and is currently completing a Diploma in Business (Governance). Amanda has also undertaken studies through the Australian Institute of Corporate Directors; Rottman School of Management, Toronto University in Governance.

Amanda has a passion for the health and safety of workers, she has lost two family members to asbestos related disease giving her a passion in this area.



Brett Riley

Principal, Finity

Brett is a Principal of Finity Consulting. He has 16 years' experience in general insurance and accident compensation in Australia and the UK. Brett qualified as

a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia in 1998 and as a Chartered Enterprise Risk Actuary in 2012. He is the Appointed Actuary for two insurers and the Chief Risk Officer for one.

Brett has worked for several schemes, insurers and companies in projecting and advising on their asbestos related disease liabilities. He has led Finity's asbestos practice since 2010.

Outside of work he supports the Canterbury Bulldogs, the Waratahs, Liverpool Football Club and Sydney FC.



Michael Shepherd

Principal Occupational Hygienist, COHLABS

Michael is a Chartered Chemist, Certified Occupational Hygienist and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists

(AIOH). Michael has over twenty years asbestos management experience and specialises in the recognition, evaluation and control of workplace hazards.

Michael's recent and relevant involvement in the industry includes current Presidency of the Asbestos Industry Association Queensland. He is also a member of the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland Asbestos Safety Training Industry Reference Group; acts as society advisor to the Asbestos Related Disease Support Society QLD (ARDSSQ) and is a NATA technical assessor for asbestos identification and counting.



Martin Rogalski

Senior Associate, Slater and Gordon Lawyers

Martin is a Senior Associate with Slater and Gordon Lawyers. His current practice focus is compensation claims for asbestos disease as well

as general latent onset occupational disease. He acts for people from all walks of life who have been diagnosed with various forms of disease including mesothelioma, lung cancer, asbestosis, laryngeal cancer as well as rare malignancies. He has acted for asbestos disease litigants in landmark cases in the Supreme Court of Queensland and Court of Appeal and has pursued compensation claims throughout Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Holland.



Brian Sketcher

Director and Manager, Asbestos Audits Queensland Pty Ltd

Brian has been employed in the asbestos industry since 1988 when he started carrying out asbestos dust monitoring and fibre counting. This work

evolved into training to undertake asbestos audits, the supervision and project management of asbestos removal.

With the introduction of new Asbestos Legislation in Queensland he initially worked on large government projects such as the major Brisbane Hospital refurbishment with Q-Build. In 2000 Brian created his own Company - Asbestos Audits Queensland and is the author of two books on asbestos and lives at the northern end of the Gold Coast with his wife and two daughters.



Tanya Segelov

Partner, Turner and Freeman Lawyers

Tanya has been a Partner at Turner Freeman Lawyers since 2000 and is an expert in asbestos and legal issues. Since 1996 Tanya has represented hundreds of asbestos claimants

in courts throughout Australia including acting for the late Bernie Banton in both his claims against James Hardie.

She also acted pro bono for the unions and asbestos groups in the James Hardie Inquiry. Ms Segelov is a former member of the Asbestos Management Review Advisory Group.



Kasman Spencer

Field Officer for Central Desert Regional Council

Kasman Spencer is a Walpiri man living in Yuendumu community 300km north-west of Alice Springs. He is a traditional owner in the region

and coach of the Yuendumu Magpies football team, premiers in 2015.

For several years, Kasman has been a Field Officer for Central Desert Regional Council, working with fellow staffers on municipal service delivery in Yuendumu.

Kasman is the main keeper of the Yuendumu landfill, ensuring recyclables and hazardous wastes are separated and domestic waste covered on a regular basis. Kasman is trained in asbestos identification and basic handling.



Stuart Sturgess

Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, South Australian Government

Stuart is a Senior Project Officer with the South Australian government. Stuart currently manages the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

(APY) Lands Waste and Landfill Program. The Program aims to remediate old landfill sites, construct new landfill facilities, examine recycling programs, and raise community awareness about waste and recycling in the APY Lands.

Stuart is responsible for managing the presence of asbestos identified in some of the APY's landfill sites. Stuart has worked in the areas of health promotion, research, recreation and sport, community consultation, disability services, and housing. He has also managed funding programs for family support services.



Jonathan Walsh

Senior Associate, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

Jonathan is a Senior Associate and Accredited Specialist in Personal Injury (Dust Diseases) at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers. He has been recently appointed the new practice

group leader for Dust Diseases in Queensland.

Jonathan has committed his career to helping victims of dust diseases, especially those with asbestos related disease. He is a passionate and empathetic lawyer who prides himself on achieving the best possible results for his clients.



Peter Tighe

Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Mr Tighe was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency in August 2013 for a

period of five years. Prior to this, Mr Tighe was National Secretary of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union, a position he held from 1995 to 2013.

He was also National Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union and Executive Member of the Australian Council of Trade Unions from 1991 to 2013. During this time, Mr Tighe was also chair of EE-Oz Energy Skills Australia, E-Profiling Pty Ltd, the National Electrical and Electronic Industry Training Council and trustee/board member of CBUS Superannuation. Mr Tighe has extensive experience in workplace health and safety issues and in tackling the hazards of asbestos containing materials.



Lou Williams

Australian Director, Global Ban Asbestos Network, Social Media voice, Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia

Lou (Louise) was diagnosed in 2003 with Peritoneal

Mesothelioma and in 2009 with Pleural Mesothelioma (asbestos cancer).

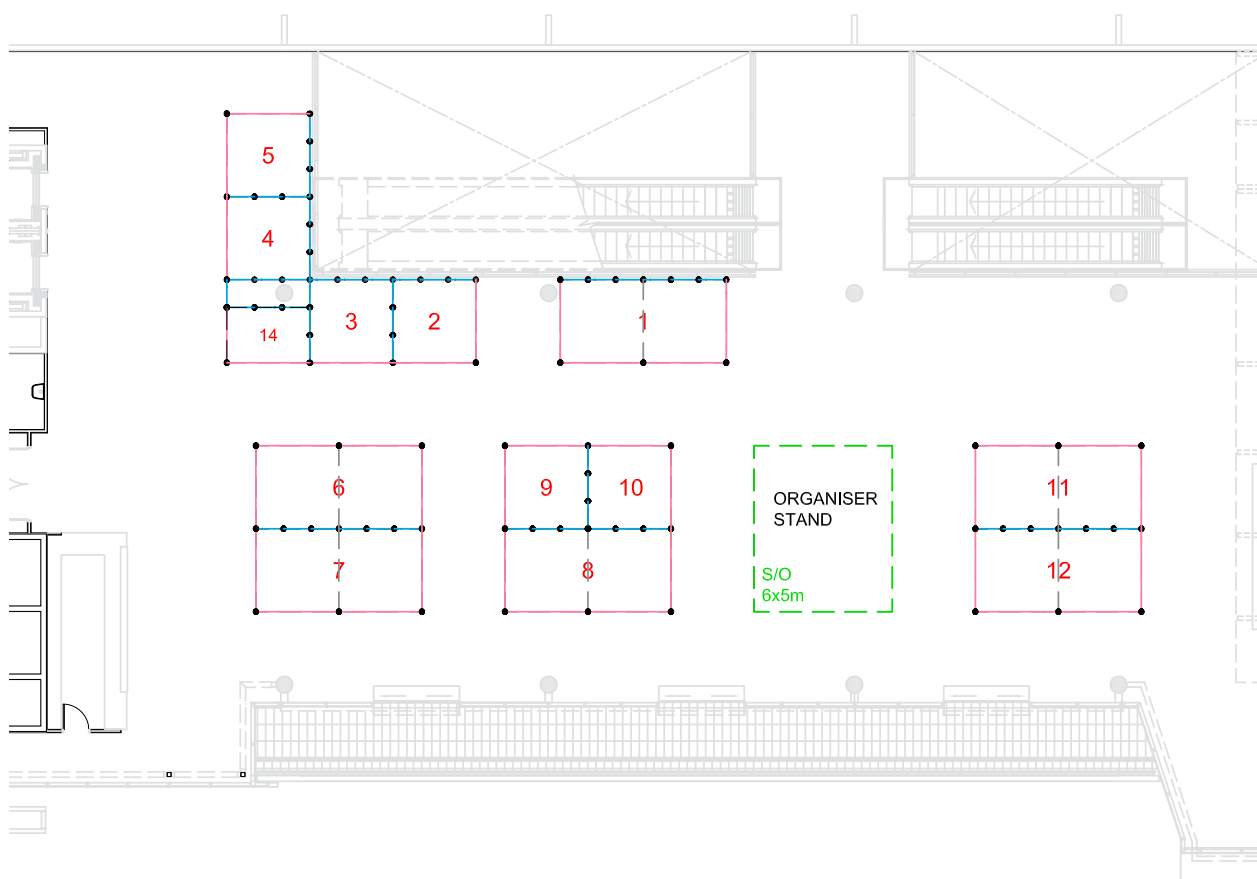
Since 1985 Lou has continued to advocate, educate and raise awareness of the deadly dangers of asbestos and for the ban of asbestos.

She received the 2014 Alan Reinstein Award for her commitment to education, advocacy and support to countless patients and families around the world.

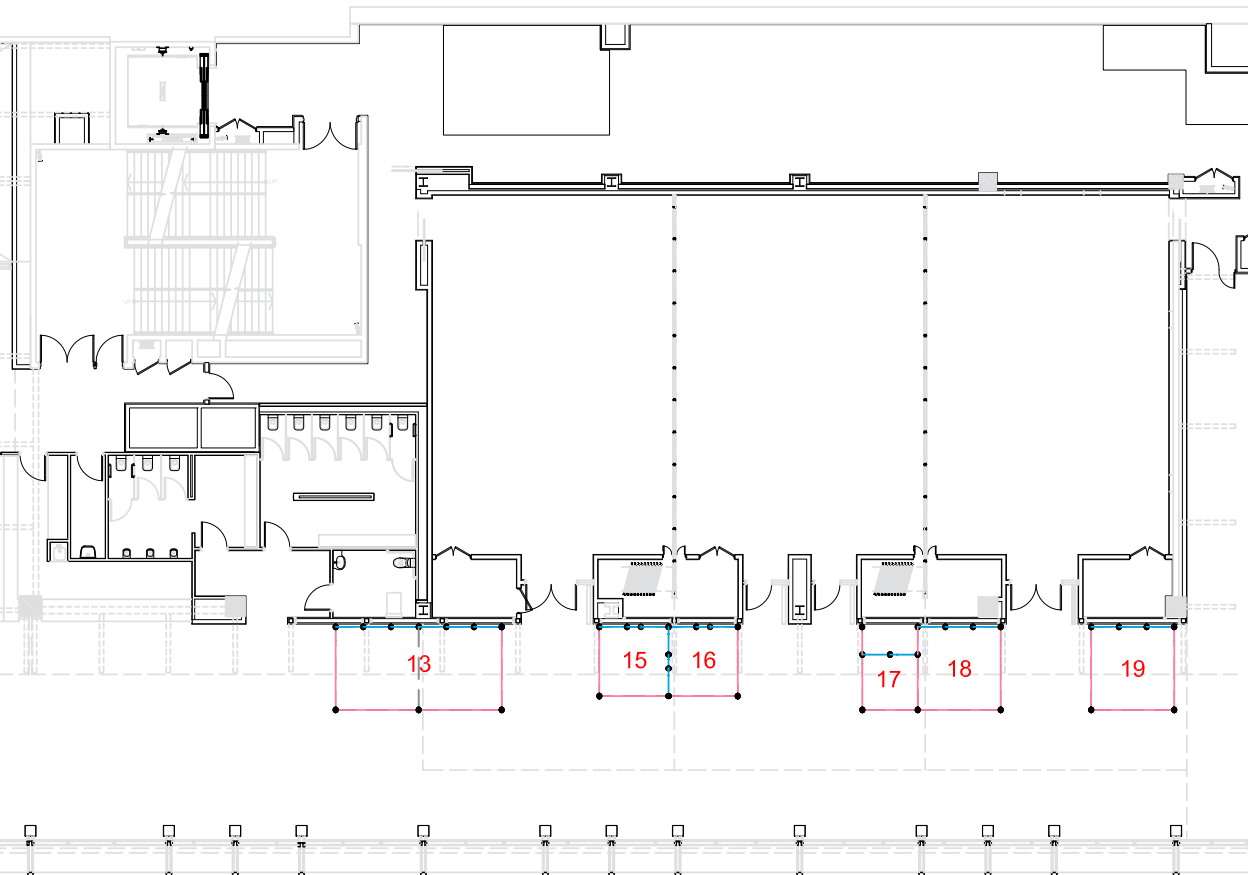
Earlier this year Lou's body was shutting down and was literally only a matter of a week away from death when she was offered the life saving drug Keytruda. Lou currently is campaigning to fast track Keytruda for Mesothelioma.

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> DINNER INFORMATION



Jean Kittson

Performer and scriptwriter for stage, television, radio, magazines and newspapers

Jean came to national attention on 'The Big Gig'. Followed by Let the Blood Run Free, Kittson Fahey, Good News Week, the Glasshouse, Flat Chat, The Einstein Factor, Media Dimensions and Strictly Speaking, Talking 'Bout Your Generation, Studio Ten. She is a regular guest on the Today Show.

She is also well known for her comedy debates for the ABC, Channel 9 and Channel ten.

She has been a regular columnist with New Weekly, Sunday Telegraph, the Sydney Morning Herald - Sydney Magazine, Inspire Magazine, the Readers Digest Health Smart magazine and The Hoopla.

She is the author of Tongue Lashing, published by Penguin.

Her film credits include Hating Alison Ashley and The Nugget.

Theatre includes Mum's the Word, Calendar Girls, Siren, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

She is a regular guest on ABC 702 radio drive programme, Thank God It's Friday.

Jean is an experienced MC, keynote speaker, panellist, debater and facilitator of conventions, conferences, award nights and other after dinner frolics, in corporate, government and community arena.

She was a founding Director of the National Cord Blood Bank, the inaugural Chair of the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation (AGCF) and a founding Ambassador for Ovarian Cancer Australia. She is currently an Ambassador for The Macular Disease Foundation, Northcott Disability Services, The Raise Foundation, Taldumande Youth Services and the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation. She is the Patron of Junction Works and most recently she has been appointed the Patron of Palliative Care Nurses Australia.

As an advocate for women's health issues, she was invited to speak about her experiences of menopause at the National Press Club.

This led to her recently published book, "You're Still Hot To Me. The Joys of Menopause." (Pan Macmillan) "Informative, accurate, funny and just so accessible. I love it and finally have the definitive book to recommend to my patients." - Dr Penny Adams, GP and medical media advocate for women's health.

Jean is married to cartoonist and political satirist Patrick Cook. And is the mother of two daughters, Victoria 22 and Charlie, 16.



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