



7 November 2014

Dear Members and Friends



**OVER 35 YEARS CARE AND  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

## 1. CHRISTMAS PICNIC – SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2014

As mentioned earlier in previous Newsletters, we cordially invite our members and friends including their families to our Christmas Picnic. The picnic will take place at **Whiteman Park on Sunday, 7th December from 9:30am until about 4:30pm. Please see the back of this Newsletter for a detailed map of Whiteman Park** showing the location of the ADSA Christmas Picnic in the Mussel Pool Complex between the Shelters Q and W. A delicious lunch of roast beef and roast pork will be cooked on site including barbecue sausages with gourmet salad and fruit will be provided. Non-alcoholic refreshments i.e., coke, lemonade, water, etc will be available, a can/bottle per person only. We would respectfully suggest that everyone bring additional drinks. COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A SELF-SERVE BASIS AT THE FOOD SERVICE SHELTER W. This year desserts will be replaced by ice cream and icy poles, however you may wish to bring your own desserts to share with your family and friends. **Entertainment will be provided by Rhythm n Groove with music for all ages including well known Christmas carols for everyone to join in singing.** Father Christmas (Santa) will make his long awaited yearly appearance to charm the junior brigade and parents. There will be plenty of sweets for the children. Parents can bring a present for their child or children (with first and last name clearly labelled) to be placed under the Christmas tree and Father Christmas will be pleased to present the gifts. Kidz 'n Sport will provide fun activities and entertainment for the children. **To assist our caring volunteers with the catering arrangements please ring our office and advise the exact number of adults and children attending the picnic.** Vouchers will be issued at the picnic for the lunch and cool drinks. Please collect your food and cool drink vouchers from '**Table A**' as soon as you arrive at the picnic. '**TABLE A**' is marked on the map of the park (see back page).

 **Please don't forget to bring your own blankets, chairs, tables, sunscreen, hats, caps or any other items that may provide you with comfort to enjoy the day in beautiful Whiteman Park.**

**Our Christmas Stocking** is very popular and assists our organisation with fundraising. Please let us know if you can contribute in any way towards the Christmas stocking. Proceeds from the stocking will contribute to our fund raising for asbestos diseases medical research.

## 2. JAMES HARDIE (KILLER COMPANY)

On the 15th September this year, James Hardie and the NSW Government were advised by the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF) that its Board has determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that a shortfall of funding James Hardie claims will arise in 2017 and that consequently AICF would like to enter into discussions with James Hardie and the NSW Government concerning an approval payment scheme (APS). Technically speaking, James Hardie are attempting to weasel out of paying lump sum compensatory damages to victims of asbestos diseases and their families but rather they would prefer to pay periodically i.e. weekly or fortnightly. It would appear James Hardie made a comment that lump sum payments are usually spent by victims '**wanting a trip to Vegas**'. An appalling comment of that nature by the 'Killer Company' which has maimed, crippled and has sent to a premature death, thousands of their workers and those who used the toxic asbestos products, should surely be condemned by the Australian people. Those unfortunate asbestos disease victims and their struggling families are again being targeted by the 'Killer Company' by denying them the right on how to make use of their full compensation in their much shortened lifetime. In contrast, James Hardie have splurged \$11 million per year on their Chief Executive, Louis Gries and moreover, it was revealed in the Sydney Morning Herald on 29th September that James Hardie paid an average corporate tax rate of 0 percent. Dear members and friends, would you please consider the James Hardie systematic cover up and unconscionable behaviour towards asbestos victims and their families and indeed our Australian public which for years have been duped about the carcinogenic substance of their asbestos building products. Indeed they have taken advantage in the marketplace competing against other safer building materials but not disclosing the potential social cost of their carcinogenic asbestos products. **On 7th December this year, a meeting will be held in Melbourne by asbestos groups and the Australian Council of Unions to consider what action can be taken to prevent James Hardie from exploiting dying asbestos diseases victims and their families.**



### 3. ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK - 24th November to 28th November 2014

This year as a part of Asbestos Awareness Week, our organisation will join Royal Perth Hospital nursing staff on the main concourse, to make an information display regarding risks of asbestos exposure and its consequences. Also our organisation will take part in the combined asbestos awareness week with a number of stakeholders by making a presentation at the Department of Health Seminar on the 26th November 2014 at Grace Vaughan House, Shenton Park. Anyone contemplating attending the seminar, please ring the Environmental Health Directorate.

### 4. CHANGES TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The ADSA made its submission by the 7th February 2014. The changes will be made sometime next year. It is proposed that the new statute clarifies the asbestos diseases lump sum to workers suffering pneumoconiosis, mesothelioma, lung cancer and diffuse pleural fibrosis. Schedule 5 lump sum payments will be abolished and will be replaced with a payment reflecting 30% of the prescribed amount. Also the recipients of such payments will be able to pursue common law entitlements subject to the relevant level of impairment ie, from 15% restricted and 25% unrestricted.

### 5. ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2014

As already mentioned in our previous newsletter the 2014 Ecumenical Memorial Service will be held at the Redemptorist Monastery 190 Vincent Street, North Perth on **Friday 28th November**, commencing at **9:30am**. The purpose of the Memorial Service is to remember and pay respect to the many men and women from all walks of life that have tragically passed away as a consequence of exposure to asbestos and reflect upon the thousands of Australians who are presently experiencing pain and suffering from asbestos caused diseases and facing an uncertain future.

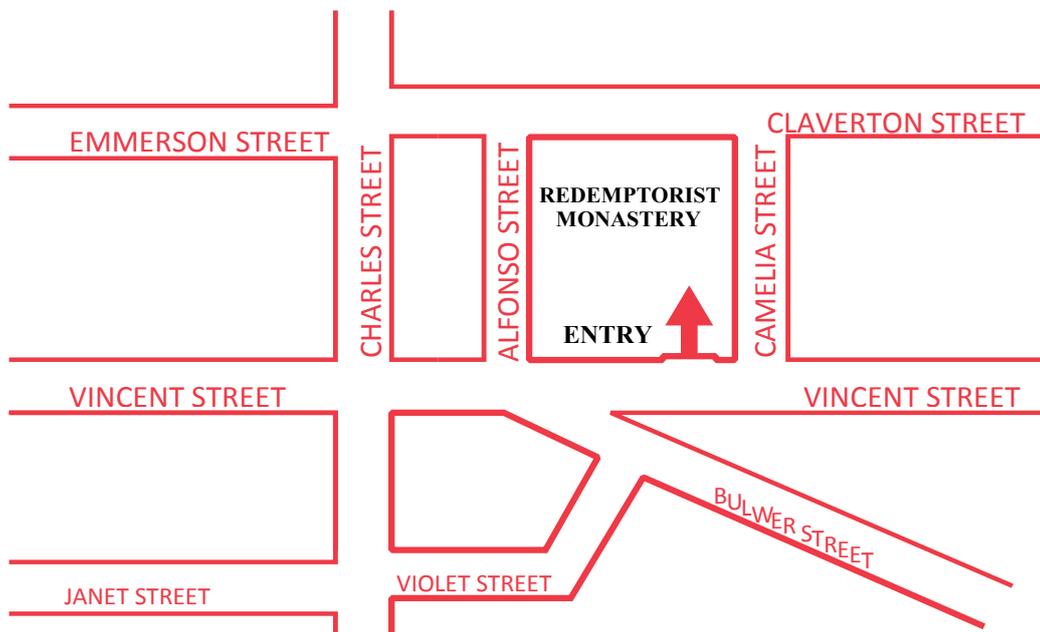
*This year's theme is **Grace and Generosity**. **There but for the Grace of God go I**, but if by God's grace, we've been spared, perhaps it was for a reason: so that we may devote ourselves to helping those suffering asbestos caused diseases and their families. To quote the words of our Lord Jesus, "Inasmuch as you did it for them, you did it for me." People of a generous spirit will find many ways of doing this. It may be in the field of caring, medical research and working to find a cure for asbestos related diseases, such a noble task is always well supported by the caring Australian community. Indeed our organisation takes pride to support all endeavours which will provide care and medical treatments for asbestos victims and indeed support for their grieving families.*

**We urge you to attend the 2014 Ecumenical Memorial Service which will give comfort to many grieving families and assure them that we care and will continue to support them. Your attendance to the Memorial Service at the Redemptorist Monastery in remembrance of the thousands of Australians who have sadly died from asbestos caused diseases will be greatly appreciated.**

**We look forward to meeting and welcoming you at the Redemptorist Monastery on the 28th November and after the service, respectfully invite you to light a candle in memory of a loved one or friend and the brave Australian men and women who have died from asbestos caused diseases.**

**There is plenty of parking available in the Redemptorist Monastery grounds car park. For assistance with transport please call our office on (08) 9344 4077.**

## REDEMPTORIST MONASTERY LOCATION MAP:



## 6. **ADSA WALK FOR RESEARCH AND AWARENESS 2014**

The 2014 walk concluded on the 19th September at Solidarity Park near Parliament House. 40 walkers travelled to Manjimup to commence the walk and a large number of volunteers from various south-western communities joined us at various locations to walk and fundraise for medical research.

## 7. **FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY SUN 28 SEPTEMBER 2014 (MEADOW SPRINGS GOLF COURSE)**

The attendance at the Tournament was great and full marks to the Vice President Dave and his family in organising such a special event to raise funds for medical research and treatments of Mesothelioma. Also special thanks to the staff and management at Meadow Springs Country Golf Club for their support and care to accommodate the fundraising Ambrose 4 Golf Fundraising Tournament.

## 8. **PERIODICAL MEDICAL REVIEW**

This year, Dr Deleuil examined several hundred members and friends and some of them have been referred for further investigation to assist with their medical issues. I am pleased to say that our careful screening programmes have had beneficial outcomes for a number of our friends in relation to early detection of cancer and other potentially life-threatening illnesses. Therefore again, I am urging all our members and friends to continue with their annual check-ups, which no doubt will give them peace of mind and quality of life. Dr Deleuil's clinic will cease on Thursday, 18th December this year and will recommence on **Tuesday, 13th January 2015** from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please phone our office or email to arrange your appointments. However, should there be any urgent need in the meantime for any assistance, please contact our office.

## 9. **FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Drawn on December 10th in our Office**

The Christmas raffle is now in progress and there are still some tickets left to be shared with members and friends. Therefore it would be greatly appreciated should anyone be able to assist us with our fund raising raffle. Please contact our office on 1800 646 690 to request a book of 10 tickets at \$2.00 a ticket.

## 10. **THE FESTIVE SEASON OFFICE HOURS**

Our office will be closed from 12noon on Friday, 19th December 2014 and will reopen on Monday, 5th January 2015 at 9:00am. However, for all urgent enquiries please ring the following numbers: (08) 9344 4077, 0400 922 542, 0409 883 594, 0417 175 244 and 0419 931 687 or email [adsinc@iinet.net.au](mailto:adsinc@iinet.net.au)

With best wishes and kindest regards,



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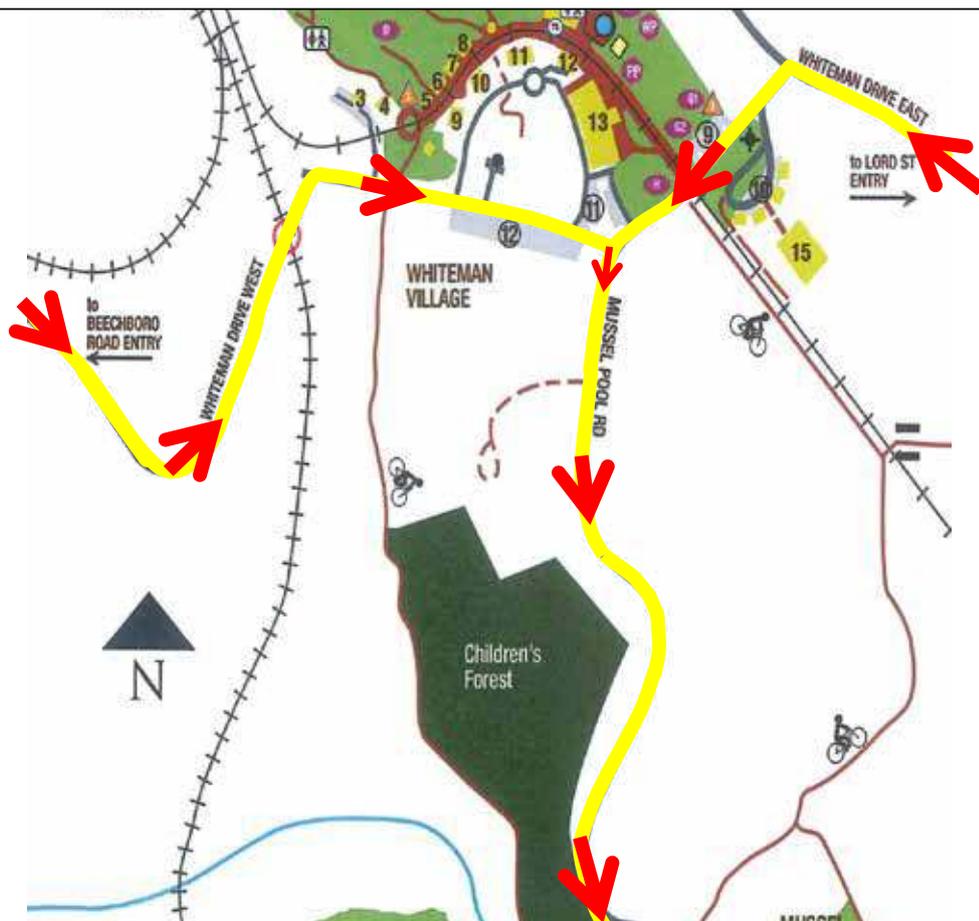
PRESIDENT

**Warmest greetings of the season with best wishes for a peaceful  
Christmas and a great New Year.**

*President, Staff and Committee.*



## Whiteman Park Map Follow the arrows to the ADSA Christmas Picnic at Mussel Pool



Whiteman Park has two entries one on Lord Street and one on Beechboro Road. Mussel Pool can be accessed from either entry.

Follow the red arrows on the map from the Lord Street entry or the Beechboro Road entry to Mussel Pool Road.

Follow the red arrows on the map along Mussel Pool Road to the ADSA Picnic area and park in the Overflow Carpark.

