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'ROD TRIPLETT TRIBUTE BREAKFAST' AUSTRALIND

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

The ADSA 'Rod Triplett Tribute Breakfast' in Australind, arranged and prepared by family, friends, and volunteers marks the middle point the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia 'Rod Triplett Tribute Walk' for Research and Awareness from Pemberton to Perth 15 September 2014 to 19 September 2014 (ADSA Walk 2014).

The ADSA Walk 2014 shines the spotlight on a well-respected pillar of the Australind community, builder Rod Triplett. Like so many other builders, carpenters, plumbers, trades assistants, and apprentices, Rod was exposed to asbestos cement products that were commonly used to build houses in Western Australia. Tragically Rod succumbed to mesothelioma in March this year as a result of his exposure to asbestos.

Mr Robert Vojakovic AM, JP, President of ADSA said, "The 'Rod Triplett Tribute Breakfast' is an occasion for everyone to get together and remember Rod and we are very grateful that the Australind Community has got behind this important event to raise lifesaving funds for medical research towards a cure for asbestos caused cancers."

The worsening epidemic of asbestos diseases in Western Australia is affecting members of the community from all walks of life in greater numbers as each year passes. In 2013 the ADSA recorded 305 asbestos caused deaths. Asbestos diseases sufferers can include anyone who has had only a minimal asbestos exposure in a domestic setting to workers who have been exposed to asbestos in their occupations.

The asbestos epidemic requires a strong and consistent approach to the funding of medical research towards a cure and treatment for asbestos caused cancers. The ADSA 'Rod Triplett Tribute Walk' for Research and Awareness and the 'Rod Triplett Tribute Breakfast' will raise lifesaving funds for this vital medical research. All money raised goes directly to the eminent Prof Anna Nowak's world leading medical research team at the QEII Medical Centre.

Mr Vojakovic continues, "It is important that people understand the hazards of asbestos. As there is no way the circumstances that led to past exposures can be changed it is essential that people understand what they need to do to reduce the risks now and for future generations."

The ADSA Walk 2014 team of dedicated walkers will attend the breakfast at 7:30am to buy some breakfast and enjoy a well-earned break all be it brief before they start day three of their walk to Perth.

The ADSA 'Rod Triplett Tribute Breakfast' is on Wednesday 17 September 2014 from 7:00am to 10:30am at the Ridley Place Foreshore, Australind. The ADSA 'Rod Triplett Tribute Walk' 2014 Pemberton to Perth starts 9:00am on Monday 15 September 2014 and ends at Parliament House at noon on Friday 19 September 2014.

People wanting to make donations can do so by telephone: 9344 4077 or 1800646690, at www.asbestosdiseases.org.au, Direct Debit: BSB: 066 140 Acct: 1035 1900, or cheque (make payable to ADSA Walk 2014) and post to: ADSA, PO Box 1394, OSBORNE PARK WA 6916.

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